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### Haida Indians Were Satisfied with Land Holdings Until They Were Stirred Up from Outside

By C. Harrison

The number of Indian reservations in the Province of British Columbia is very great and they cover thousands of acres in extremely well locafed districts. The Haidas of the Queen Charlotte Islands have undoubtedly all the land they can possibly use. About forty years ago Judge O'Reilly was commissioned by the Dominion Government to consult with the chiefs of the different tribes residing on the Queen Charlotte Islands in regard to the amount of land each tribe required, and, in most cases, the acreage of land asked

greatest liberality was exhibited ownership of the land, was not, by the officers of the Indian De- I am convinced, suggested by the partment and the Government is Indians themselves, and this idea setting aside these reserves. A of being the supreme owners of casual visitor around these is- he land was never once held unlands today will undoubtedly il recently by the Indians on acknowledge that the chiefs his entire coast. selected their locations where they. These strange notions were Inalives .

not farmers but fishermen and backbone of this province. hunters.

#### Whites Welcomed

We have been told frequently that in discussing the question of Indian Reservations that the Haidas were the original owners of these islands, or in other words, that when the first whites Haidas were in possession. have lived on these islands; longer than any other white man, and for many years I never heard the Haidas dispute the right of the Whites to obtain) land and locate thereon. They even desired that the Whites should make their homes on these islands and engage in busmess pursuits, so that they might have all the work they wished at home instead of having annually to pack up their

for was granted, and became the belongings and seek for work on present Haida reservations. The the mainland. This claim of

most valuable land could be first suggested to the Indians by swift's Premium Hams, per I found and the soil is generally a few white people who wished to Local New Laid Eggs, per duce. These facts go to prove who knew really nothing regard-BC. Fresh Eggs, doz. 60c sulted knew what they required read in books and newspapers. oure Plum Jam, reg. 90c. for the members of their tribes, These people cry out for justice King Oscar, Sardines. Spe- I ways the best that could pos- justice to the White man? What pear's Soap, 12 doz. left. On Flumerous Reservations set aside to-day if the white man had Sale at less than cost, for the Haidas, it is certainly never entered this province? As Sugar in bulk, per lb. 81/4c were highly satisfied with the would still have been fishermen Strawberries, 2's, special acreage they secured, and it was for their daily food, and hunters ... ... ... 25c not for many years after that the in order to obtain the skins of Pineapple, sliced, 2's . . 25c plea of ownership of all the land the fur-bearing animals for became the watchword of the clothing, and would have been engaged from time to time in I have heard it reported sev-tribal warfare. The Haidas are eral times that in laying off today a thousand times better off these Reservations as the com- and provided for than were their missioner coasted along with the ancestors a century ago, and why chiefs in their canoes, whenever is this change? It is solely due they came to a place that had in from the advantages and lany sense been used by the In- tuition they derived from the dians it was put down in the whites. Therefore, if the commissioner's note book as a Indians are to be encouraged site to be reserved. I do not the Indians are to be encouraged desire to deal unjustly with the by certain parties in Toronto and Haidas regarding their Reser- elsewhere in their idea that they vations, but I am thoroughly are the owners of these islands, convinced from personal know- I would like to ask these parties ledge that they have now under if the whites have no rights to the existing reservation laws and be protected? Justice to the Inbylaws more land than they will dian must not stand in the way ever use for many years to come, of justice to the settlers who as the present race of Haidas are really are the makers and the

### Rights of Indians

These settlers are men who leave family and friends behind} them in countries that are already civilized. They leave all their social ties behind them to hew out new homes in this province, yet we are told that they had discovered these islands the really have no right to occupy any of these lands without first obtaining permission of the Indians to do so. The Indians tion. They did not make or Indian begins to work? create these lands. These is- Justice to the Indians does not lands existed thousands of years stand in the way of railroad before the Haidas located there- companies and big corporations on. If it be true that the an- getting what part of their Resercestors of the Haidas came from vations, they desire by purchase Japan and located on these is- for their own business pursuits. ands of their own free-will as being the most suitable for their requirements, the question nat-leighth of a series of articles on Ernest Love, superintendent of urally arises who gave them the Queen Charlotte Islands by utilities, submitted to the city permission to do so and by what means do they assume proprietary rights over this vast territory? Of course, being the first lindividuals as far as we know to ilocate on these islands, they are certainly justfied in retaining all the land they desire for their own purposes, and this was granted to them when Judge O'-Reilly gave their former chiefs all the land they asked for for their own particular and exclusive use.

### Subject to Change

A certain writer has said that when we began the discussion of Reservations by assuming that the Indians who were living in British Columbia a century ago lowned in the sense that ownership is understood by the white races, we import into the case a feature that colors all other con-Isiderations. All that has ever! been done in regard to the tenure of lands, so far as the Inlians are concerned is that agreements have been reached whereby they may, if they see fit, accupy certain areas without interference from white people. Even this agreement so far as British Columbia is concerned is subject to change as the number of Indians decreases. Note also that the obligation is all on one side, namely on that of the whites. An Indian is not obliged

### CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF UTILITIES FOR YEAR REPORTED ON

In compliance with a request! (Editor's Note.— This is the made at last week's meeting, council last night statementsil covering capital expenditure in the light and telephone departments during the year 1924 and authorization for such.

In the light department, expenditures totalling \$21,881.80 had been duly authorized council and, up to December 15. 826,720.04 had actually been spent. In explanation of these figures, Mr. Love stated that, as the requirements could not always be foreseen, it was impossible for the council to actually; authorize all expenditures. Work had to be done as the necessity! arose but all expenditures had been made with the authorization of the committee.

The report for the telephone department showed that \$15,-016:74 had been authorized by council and \$15,241.04 actually expended.

The reports were laid on the table for a week on motion of Ald. McMordie, at whose instance they were called for.

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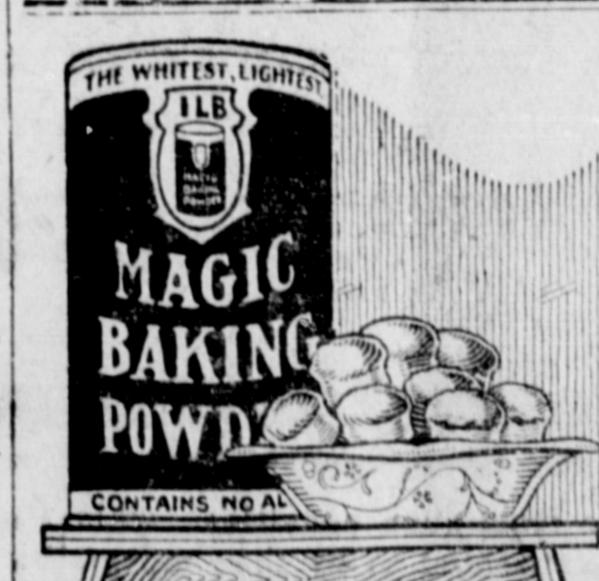
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