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Witchcraft Belief Is Still Extant in Colorful Indian Com-

chief, who was charged with murder in connection with the death of another member of the tribe, Silas Brown, but who was eventually convicted only of manslaughter. Named fittingly enough owing to its location in the narrow valley of the Kitwancool River with towering mountains on either side. "Kitwancool" means "The Narrow Thursday, May 14, 1931 Place' and the "Kit-shans" are "The Feople of the Narrow Place." When nearing the modern village of Kitwancool, with its population of some 200 souls, one comes first into the view of the great ancient village now in ruins among which may still be found the remains of the massive houses of another day built out of huge cedar logs of such size that would make one wonder how ever they could be handled in those primitive days. Here along the banks of the Kitwancool are to be seen thirty of the most beautiful totem poles which are to be found in British Columbia. Covering these

trial of Samuel Douse, old Kit-shan

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munity-Have Never Stopped Blaming White Man For Former Leader's Death

totems are striking examples of the old carving talent which is fast becoming a lost art.

New illage's Contrast

Nestled between a range of mountains in a narrow, more civilized village of Kitwanlittle valley of exceptional beauty lies the historic old In- cool, established some twelve years dian village of Kitwancool, the headquarters of the Kit- ago, with its modern and up-toshan tribe of Indians. Kitwancool is somewhat of an ex- date houses and church indicating ceptional Indian village because, although it is situated that Kitwancool, like the other vil-but eighteen miles up the Kitwancool Diver wellow from lages of the country, is beginning but eighteen miles up the Kitwancool River valley from to leave the old way of living for Kitwanga railway station on the main line of the Canadian National amount of mystery is attached to

Railway line to Prince Rupert, it their village. Accordingly, the na- still holds to many of the old heahas been little visited by white men tive folk of Kitwancool still retain because its people these many to a marked degree some of the an- practised there such as were so years have made it plain to white cient customs and beliefs, not the men that they are not welcome. The least of which is their insistent be-Kit-shans on various occasions lief in witchcraft. Now and then have obstructed and, in a way, inti- this comes forcibly to the fore, one midated the white man to prevent of the recent incidents in which notably the Nish-gas from the Naas him from entering its precincts and witchcraft belief played an apparit is because of this that a certain etly important part during the



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the new.

The new Kitwancool, despite this, then ways. Mysterious rites are still common before the arrival of the white man.

The old village of Kitwancool had many wars with neighboring tribes. River to the north. The Kit-shans were trained to be always ready for trouble. Suspicious nature has been virtually bred in them and possibly that is responsible for traces of this disposition which are still to be found today.

In 1889, the Kit-shans had their first clash with white men who attempted to reach their village of Kitwancool. The reserve commissioner for Canada, A. W. Vowell, accompanied by R. E. Loring, Indian Agent at Hazelton, and Mr. Skinner, a surveyor, came up the valley with the intention of laying out an Indian Reserve. They were nearing the conclusion of such work which they had been carrying out at other points in Central British Columbia. Nearing the village, the government party was met by a hostile enough looking band of partly dressed, painted Indians, each carrying his hatchet. In the forefront of these was to be seen Samuel Douse, one of the leading chiefs of those days. The intention of the Indians was to protect their believed rightful ownership of the land. Their belief in those days was that, when a reserve was formed, the land had been in reality taken away from them and only a small portion loaned back.





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the silky-textured, melting-smooth can-Carnation Cocoanut Cream Candydies which Carnation makes. It is the 2 cups sugar, 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar, finer cream particles-broken up by 1 tbsp. butter, 1/3 cup of Carnation "homogenization" and distributed uni- Milk, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1 formly all through the milk, so that cup shredded cocoanut. Mix sugar, every drop shares in this creamy fine- cream of tartar, and Carnation diluted ness of texture. with the water; cook to the soft ball

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A Grim Demonstration

After Messrs. Vowell and Loring had explained the purpose of their visit, the tribesmen finally agreed o listen to a meeting with the officials who decided to make camp at one end of the village. Meantime the matives went about preparing one of their large houses for the meeting. The place was decorated ound about with carved wooder bears while in the middle of the room, with a blanket wrappe around it, was a wooden image of a pallid-faced human mounted on box. In one hand of the image was a rifle and in the other was a bullet. It wore a stiff white shirt and on the breast was a hole with another hole in the back as though a bullet had gone through. Around the hole on the breast were the representations of spatters of blood. The bullet in the hand was to represent the missile with which the figure had been killed. Nailed to the lap was a glass frame over a letter containing this message: "Dear Mr. Government: When you pay \$100 ransom and erect a monument to Kitwancool Jim, we will let the government and the white man enter our vil-Mr. Vowell was highly incensed on seeing this and poked the image with a stick. He refused to have anything further to do with the Kitwancool Indians and left forthwith, telling the natives that they would have to apologize for this performance before they would be allowed to have any reserve. Consequently, the village went for years without an official reserve. In more recent years, settlers have come into the Kitwancool Valley and taken up land and a few years ago the Indian Department decided that a reservation had better be established for the Indians so surveyors, accompanied by Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers,

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what they believed to be their leading up to the events chronicled Co. store. The Indians thus planned "I haven't finished with your famrights. Samuel Douse was again above, is one of much interest, revenge upon the white men. ily. Do not blame the whites for the among the foremost of them. The About the year 1884, the Indians of Two daughters of Kitwancool Jim epidemic. It is I who has caused it." Indians actually took possession of this district were reported to be had been among those who had died. So angered was Kitwancool Jim the surveyors' instruments, not planning an uprising with the in- of the measles. Soon after, Kitwan- with this disclosure that he shot his knowing at first that Mounted Pol- tention of killing all the white men. cool Jim was going along the road wife' uncle on the spot and killed ice Officers were in the party. When There had been an outbreak of between Kitwanga and Kitwancool, him. He thereupon ran to Kitwanthe officers, at first wearing plain measles, not only at Kitwancool, but crying out loud in a usual native fa- cool and confessed to his father clothes, donned their red tunics, the at Hazelton, Kitzegucla and Kit- shion. While travelling along the what he had done. The father said Indians dropped the instruments in wanga villages. Many had died and road, he came upon his wife's uncle to him: "I do not want you and your the road and fled precipitately, the the Indians, with typical supersti- who was accused of being a witch- trouble. You had better go back to survey being finally carried out. tion, thought that the measles had crafter. "If I were you, I would save Kitwanga, your wife's home." Story of Kitwancool Jim been sold to them in sugar which some of my crying for the rest of Meantime, news of the impending The story of Kitwancool Jim, they bought from the Hudson Bay your family," the uncle told him. (continued on page 5)



RADIO TO-NIGHT Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett Prime Minister of Canada will speak to-night, Thursday, May 14th, at 6:50 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, on the Subject of the DOMINION OF CANADA **1931 CONVERSION LOAN** During the C.N.R. TRANS-CANADA BROADCAST

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