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

(By G. Harrison)
The number of Indian reservations in the Province of British Columbia is very great and they cover thousands of acres in extremely well located 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

for was granted, and became the present Haida reservations. The greatest liberality was exhibited by the officers of the Indian Department and the Government in setting aside these reserves. A casual visitor around these islands today will undoubtedly acknowledge that the chiefs selected their locations where the most valuable land could be found and the soil is generally the best these islands can produce. These facts go to prove that the old chiefs when consulted knew what they required for the members of their tribes, and the selections made were always the best that could possibly be obtained. From the numerous Reservations set aside for the Haidas, it is certainly evident that the former Chiefs were highly satisfied with the acreage they secured, and it was not for many years after that the plea of ownership of all the land became the watchword of the natives.

I have heard it reported several times that in laying off these Reservations as the commissioner coasted along with the chiefs in their canoes, whenever they came to a place that had in any sense been used by the Indians it was put down in the commissioner's note book as a site to be reserved. I do not desire to deal unjustly with the Haidas regarding their Reservations, but I am thoroughly convinced from personal knowledge that they have now under the existing reservation laws and bylaws more land than they will ever use for many years to come, as the present race of Haidas are not farmers but fishermen and 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 had discovered these islands the Haidas were in possession. I 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 business pursuits, so that they might have all the work they wished at home instead of having annually to pack up their

belongings and seek for work on the mainland. This claim of ownership of the land, was not, I am convinced, suggested by the Indians themselves, and this idea of being the supreme owners of the land was never once held until recently by the Indians on his entire coast.

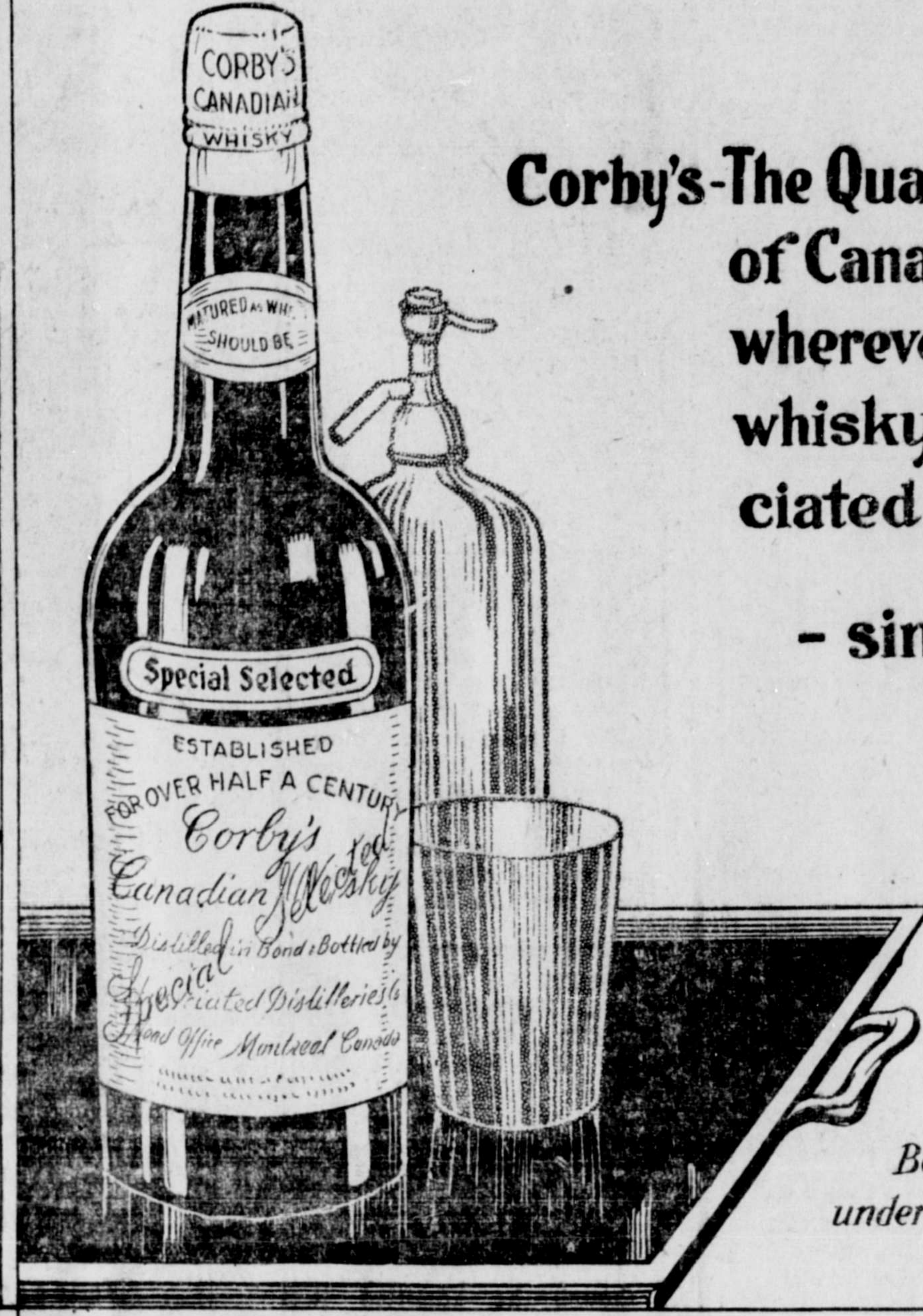
These strange notions were first suggested to the Indians by a few white people who wished to stir up strife and discord and who knew really nothing regarding the Natives but what they read in books and newspapers. These people cry out for justice to the Indian, but what about justice to the White man? What value would the islands be worth to-day if the white man had never entered this province? As in the olden days the Indians would still have been fishermen for their daily food, and hunters in order to obtain the skins of the fur-bearing animals for clothing, and would have been engaged from time to time in tribal warfare. The Haidas are today a thousand times better off and provided for than were their ancestors a century ago, and why is this change? It is solely due from the advantages and tuition they derived from the whites. Therefore, if the Indians are to be encouraged by certain parties in Toronto and elsewhere in their idea that they are the owners of these islands, I would like to ask these parties if the whites have no rights to be protected? Justice to the Indian must not stand in the way of justice to the settlers who really are the makers and the backbone of this province.

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 really have no right to occupy any of these lands without first obtaining permission of the Indians to do so. The Indians never had any legal title to these lands, therefore they can give none. The only title the Indians seem to have is one of occupation. They did not make or create these lands. These islands existed thousands of years before the Haidas located thereon. If it be true that the ancestors of the Haidas came from Japan and located on these islands of their own free-will as being the most suitable for their requirements, the question naturally arises who gave them permission to do so and by what means do they assume proprietary rights over this vast territory? Of course, being the first individuals as far as we know to locate on these islands, they are certainly justified 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 owned in the sense that ownership is understood by the white races, we import into the case a feature that colors all other considerations. All that has ever been done in regard to the tenure of lands, so far as the Indians are concerned is that agreements have been reached whereby they may, if they see fit, occupy 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 to live on a Reservation. He may at any time leave it and make his home elsewhere. Will those

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who have suggested the ownership of the land to the Indians kindly define at what stage the eternal principle of justice to the Indian begins to work? Justice to the Indians does not stand in the way of railroad companies and big corporations getting what part of their Reservations they desire by purchase for their own business pursuits.

(Editor's Note.—This is the eighth of a series of articles on the Queen Charlotte Islands by



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Mr. Harrison. The next, also dealing with the Indians and their land contentions, will appear in an early issue.)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF UTILITIES FOR YEAR REPORTED ON

In compliance with a request made at last week's meeting, Ernest Love, superintendent of utilities, submitted to the city council last night statements covering capital expenditure in the light and telephone departments during the year 1924 and authorization for such.

In the light department, expenditures totaling \$21,881.80 had been duly authorized by council and, up to December 15, \$26,720.04 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. McMorris, at whose instance they were called for.

INSTALLS SUBWAYS

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan. 6.—Barcelona's first subway is to be inaugurated next month. The motive power is to be electricity, and the cars and stations are to be equipped with all modern improvements. Elevators will carry passengers to the street level at points where the tracks are far under ground.

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WATER BYLAW IS PRESENTED

Two Principal Features of Amendments Explained to Council by Ald. Macdonald

The two main features of the amended Water Bylaw which was set before the city council last night are a minimum charge of \$1 for any water service in the city and an increase in the rate for water measured by meter from 13c to 20c per 3,000 cubic feet.

The new \$1 minimum, Ald. Macdonald explained, would apply to offices and apartments particularly. In the past, the latter in some cases had been measured by meter and often had been charged less than \$1.

The new meter rate of 20c per 3,000 cubic feet had been decided upon when it had been found that other cities were charging more than 13c. In New Westminster, the charge was 30c. The low charge here was perhaps one reason why the water department had been go-

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Play in the recently organized Prince Rupert Cribbage League will start next Monday it was decided at a meeting of the executive and delegates held last evening in the Great War Veterans' rooms. It is expected that ten teams will be entered—St. Andrew's (two), Sons of Canada, Moose, Drydock, Elks, Great War Veterans' Association, Regiment, Grotto and Loyal Orange Lodge. The schedule of games, providing for each team to meet each other once, will be issued this week.

A committee was detailed by the executive to obtain quarters this week in which to play the games.

CITY WANTS TO KNOW WHY LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT IS CHARGED AGAINST CITY WHEN NO PROSECUTIONS HERE

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should be obtained.

The mayor was still resolute in his opinion that there was nothing to be gained by an explanation though he admitted it would do no harm to ask for one, last year protests along the same line had been made by other municipalities but they had met with no results.

Ald. Colliart

Ald. Colliart felt that the mayor might be condemning the government before the facts were known. An explanation should be sought. He was of the opinion that fair play could be obtained from the government.

In reply to Ald. Colliart, Mayor Newton stated that he had based his remarks in the light of past experiences. Last year large amounts had been deducted from this city and from other municipalities. No complaint had been made here but other places had protested against what they considered a hold-up. There had been nothing gained, however, and this had been his reason in stating that no good could be hoped for in protesting.

Ald. Casey desired that an addition should be made to the motion inquiring from the provincial government as to what it expected the city to do to be im-

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8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Cloudy, light southeast wind; barometer, 30.09; temperature, 38; sea smooth; 10 p.m. spoke tug Anyox towing Granby, 50 miles from Anyox, southbound.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 27; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR.—Cloudy, calm, barometer 30.00; temperature, 39; heavy swell; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Griffco towing Riverdale, southbound; 7.30 a.m. spoke steamer Alaska, 234 miles from Juneau.

Noon

DIGBY ISLAND.—Passing

showers, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 30.08; temperature, 40; sea moderate.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.86; temperature, 31; sea smooth.

BULL HARBOR.—Overcast, fresh southwest wind; barometer 30.00; temperature, 40; heavy swell; 10:50 a.m. spoke steamer Prince John left Allison Harbor southbound.

GIRLS SURPRISED

Miss Hitchin and Miss Long were surprised by some 25 of their friends who came uninvited to their flat last night in the Carlbort Block, 330 Third Avenue. The occasion was the birthday of the former. A very happy evening was spent in the course of which Miss Hitchin was presented on behalf of the company with a pair of white fur moccasins as well as a number of individual gifts.

SURPRISE PARTY

Some twenty friends last night formed a surprise on Walter McLeod who returned on Sunday night last from a trip to the Old Country. The affair, which was a jolly one, took place at the home of Mrs. Bert Green, 814 Borden Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clothier returned from the Gardena this afternoon from Stewart where Mr. Clothier has been making a final check of mining activities preparatory to making his annual report as resident mining engineer for the provincial government.

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