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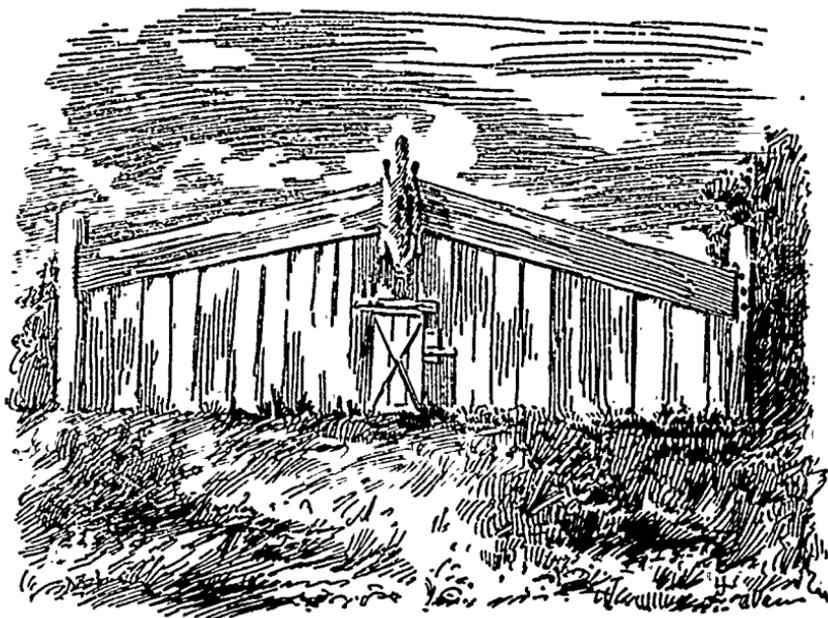
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DAWN OF THE NORTHWEST COAST.

No. 10.

KITAMAAT B. C.

APRIL, 1900



CHIEF JESSEA'S OLD TRIBAL HOUSE.

There are two Kitamaat villages, the old and the new, the summer and winter. The new or winter village the houses are neat, modern, built of lumber. The old village is four miles distant from the mission and one mile up from the mouth of the Kitamaat river, there the houses are all of the above type, they are all of cedar, varying in size.

Chief Jessea's house was built 30 years ago by Walter (Lahdoh) of the beaver crest. The friendly totemic clans were engaged preparing the material and building.

The women leveled the ground and dug the post holes. When all was completed the men were paid from 10 to

15 blankets, according to work done, and the women received for their labor print and calico from Towahwhisilax sister of Lahdoh. After occupying the house for two years, according to ancient usage he deeded it to Jessea the chief of the beavers who is also head chief of all the Kitamaats. Chief Jessea has another house more recently built and of modern appearance, which was built by Mark Morrison (Nokamoih) who also occupied it then deeded it according to the custom of the people to head chief Jessea. Jeremiah (Weyarkey) is the son of Mark Morrison and successor to the chieftainship of Jessea.