

improvements is met by a direct equal assessment. Each male in the community pays \$3 per year for this purpose. Sidewalks are built out of the public fund, for instance the government of the village rests with a council of 20 men, elected annually by public vote. Among other functions exercised by this council, it assigns to each applicant an allotment of land for a residence site, which then becomes his individual property, and may be disposed of subject to the approval of the council. The peace of the community is looked after by two constables, who are government employees, but so well behaved are the people that their office is practically a sinecure."

"Many of the village improvements and expenses have been put in and are maintained out of Mr. Duncan's private resources. He built the waterworks at a cost of \$3,000, as well as the town hall and school house. He provides a teacher without expense to the people, and also a doctor. He alone owns the principal store of the village, which carries a general stock well up in the thousands; but it is understood that the profits are gauged to cover only the cost of maintenance. The manager of the store is a pleasant-faced, fine old native, who was one of Mr. Duncan's most reliable supporters in the early days, and is so still. He talks English fluently, and I am indebted to him for much interesting and valuable information."

"The social side of life is not lost sight of, and among the sources of entertainment for the people is a well trained brass band, which discourses very excellent music on all public occasions. This season there was being erected for its accommodation a handsome building on one of the most sightly locations in the town. The view from the point is very fine across the harbor and in front of the mountains opposite.

"A splendid wharf, supplied by water-pipes, is one of the improvements which most commends itself to the public. It is apparently free for vessels that wish to use it, and no charge is made for water taken by them. That this is a pure act of courtesy on the part of Mr. Duncan, is evidently not always borne in mind, for during my stay there a ship made fast, filled her tanks and steamed

away, without saying as much as—'By your leave.'

"Liquor and tobacco are tabooed in Metlakatla. Sabbath observance is a matter of course. The people are deeply religious, not in outward showing, but in conscience and conviction. The church services are absolutely non-sectarian, are well attended, and the spirit of devotion unmistakable. The organ is played by a native, and the singing is congregational. Mr. Duncan preaches in the Indian dialect, although all of his people understand, and most of them speak English. Hymns are given out and sung in the latter, and well trained musical voices are to be heard. The Tsimpsian is a musical tongue, and has been studied so thoroughly, and used so long by Mr. Duncan, that his people told me that none of them could put so much meaning into it as he. He says it is so much his own that he thinks in it, and prefers to use it in the pulpit as much on his own account as theirs.

"Mr. Duncan is in every sense but the physical one, the father of this people, and they love and respect him as such. His word is law, but it is the law of kindness. If, perchance, one of the natives should momentarily rebel or dispute the righteousness of his judgments, he is sure to ask afterwards pardon for his ill-nature, and accept the decision with implicit confidence and perfect good feeling.

"It is to be remembered that all these people are Northwest Indians, and have been redeemed from densest savagery. The oldest of them can recall the days when cannibalism played a part in their barbarous rites. To-day they are par excellence, the most peaceable, religious, moral, industrious and prosperous native community to be found between Puget Sound and the Arctic Ocean. William Duncan has worked this miracle not only by his sole efforts, but in the face of interference and embarrassment that must have crushed and paralysed the effort of any other than a man of heroic mould."

Mr. Duncan's success in establishing a second colony on lines similar to the former, is evidence of the skill, ability, foresight and perseverance which he possesses. He had prepared an elabor-

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