



SETTLERS' EFFECTS ARRIVING AT GRAHAM ISLAND

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In 1859 a nugget weighing $14\frac{1}{2}$ ounces and valued at \$250 was exhibited at Victoria, and an expedition was sent out under Mr. Downie, an old California miner and explorer. Captain Torrens followed the same year. All of those expeditions encountered much hostility from the Indians. In April, 1862, Francis Poole, C.E., a mining engineer, set out from Kingston, Ont., and having immediately secured employment at Victoria, was sent to the Queen Charlotte Islands, where he spent the greater part of the next two years in the employ of the Queen Charlotte Islands Mining Company.

At this time the Indians had become very hostile, and Sir James Douglas advised the party to take plenty of arms. Poole was, however, received with considerable ceremony by Chief Klue, who invited him to spend the night in the family hut, and to occupy the place of honor between the chief and his daughter under the same blanket. From the trophy pole at his head dangled 100 scalps.

The Queen Charlotte Islands having come into considerable prominence on account of their prospective mineral wealth, it was decided to make a careful geological survey of the territory, and accordingly Dr. G. M. Dawson was detailed for the work. His report is to be found in the publications of the Geological Survey, 1878-9. This report was extended and

amplified by R. W. Ells in his report on the geology of Queen Charlotte Islands.

About this time, owing to the hostility of the Indians, the Government forbade the entry of white settlers to the islands, and it was not till a few years ago, when Prince Rupert came into prominence as the outlet port of the Grand Trunk Pacific, that this restriction was removed. Owing to their proximity to Prince Rupert and to the fact that Graham Island contains the largest areas of agricultural land in the northern coast of British Columbia, they are now coming again into prominence.



GRAHAM ISLAND WATERS ARE PLENTIFULLY STOCKED WITH BIG FISH

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