

art, Jacob Duncan, Moses Duncan, Silas Nico, Richard Williams, Chris Adam, John Adam, Ruth Wood, Lewis Wood, Eddio Nico. The one on the South side was composed of - Chief Jesse Morrison, Chief Moses Macmillan and his wife Margaret, Chief John Bolton and his wife Gracie, Chief Herbert Memillan, Thomas Stewart, Dan Morrison, Arthur McKay, Jane McKay, Job Bolton, Mr Dunn (a white man), and the Missionary.

[Fire Company III A fire hall and brass band are excellent in their way, but they are not of much service in case of fire; without pails, ladders, ropes, and axes, a Fire Company is as a broken reed.]

LOCAL NOTES.

During the quarter just ended, there have been:-

5 births.

6 deaths.

La grippe is in the village, coughs and aches are the order of the day.

Prospectors have staked mineral claims in the vicinity of Kitamaat.

The Str. "Boscowitz" has been here three times since August. Str. Nell has also put in an appearance.

The return from the cannery was on Thursday Aug. the 18th.; David Shaw's canoe came in ahead.

The village council is in session most of the time framing new by-laws; and passing judgment on all evil doers.

This is the season for the beaver trapping, several of the villagers are away. Moses Memillan the Home watchman has returned with four.

Carpenter work is being done at the Home, the girls' room is being lined and ceiled with tongued and grooved dressed lumber, which will make it quite comfortable for the winter.

The young men of the Kitamaat village above school age, some of whom are married, have organized into a night school. It is always opened and closed with devotional exercises.

Kitamaat Council thanks Mr. Wilkin-son O. E. for doing a little surveying on the reserve gratuitously.

Settlers are already beginning to come into the Kitamaat Valley. During the past month, two have come to make homes for themselves. Messrs. Williams and Baldwin have preempted land, and built a house.

Chief Paul Tato (Hymasakkah.) is building a house, and moving from the site of his old one, which has been the scene of many heathen practices. We hope none of the old customs will be taken into the new house. Young Paul (Kunwhahks) has taken his stand as a christian.

Measles are epidemic in this village, they were brought from the cannery at the head of Rivers Inlet. An epidemic of this character is of much graver consequence here, than amongst the whites; because of scrofula and bad hygienic surroundings. A few babies have died, two or three are still seriously ill. While the missionary is not a doctor, yet it devolves upon him to dispense drugs, and do his best to relieve all kinds of suffering; many a young doctor would be glad of similar practice if attached to pecuniary remuneration.

For two months the weather was all one could desire - warm and dry. While we are now having steady rains on the sea level, we can see that the snow line, on the mountain is gradually getting lower. The first fresh snow of the season fell on a high mountain opposite Kitamaat in the afternoon of Sept. 30 th.

The village council is taking precautions to prevent bush fire devastating the village, by clearing a strip of forest to the rear, one half mile long, and 800 feet wide. While 100 men were ruthlessly chopping and slashing behind the mission premises Mrs. Raley kept saying mentally -

"Woodman spare that tree".

We had a few saved around the buildings, they not only add to the picturesqueness of the place but also act as a wind break. This is a good work, we hope the council will make it complete by clearing away the fallen trees and brush.

Kitamaat canoes are now much in demand, Adam, Enoch, Sam Amos, and John Thompson each sold a canoe to our neighbours, the Kwagwiltsh. The ordinary travelling canoe, which is a picturesque adjunct of native life, is a slender graceful gondola like affair, 20 to 30 feet long; 4