

# LAST OF FLAT-HEAD INDIANS SUCCUMBS

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## North Shore Native Had Long Memory.

While white men were celebrating the Christmas season, British Columbia's last flat-headed Indian died at his home on North Vancouver Indian Reserve. His native name was Yahmas, but he was better known as Tim Moody.

By incidents which he recalled in conversation with his friends, his age has been computed by Major J. S. Matthews, city archivist, as about eighty-five.

One of the few survivors of the days of Shaman and Haida raid, Yahmas spoke English poorly, confining himself for the most part to his own tongue.

One of his memories was of a white warship cruising down Burrard Inlet to Barnet. According to Major Matthews, the ship was probably H. M. S. Plumper, commanded by Captain George Richards, who, with Walter Moberley, Royal Engineer, conducted a survey of the Inlet.

The custom of binding the heads of children in order to give them the flat, slanting forehead considered distinguished by many Coast tribes, died after the white man had taken root in the country.

An arrangement of padded boards bound with thongs was fitted to the child's head when he was two years old or thereabouts, and the flattening process continued for several years.

Only boys were so treated, as with a few individual exceptions, women were judged inferior by Pacific coast tribes.

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