

## LOCALS.

May was a rainy month.

Gardening commenced at the mission on the 6th of April.

There are 200 Norwegian settlers in the Bella Coola Valley.

Large numbers of Japanese are being imported and brought up the coast.

The other day, Frank Wilson shot a very large wolf in the grave-yard near the village.

Good catches of spring salmon were made in the Kitamaat River during the past month.

Some of the Hartley Bay people are hunting the fur seal with considerable success this season.

Mails arrived April 7th, May 3rd, 12th, and 20th, and were despatched May 5th, 21st, and 28th.

The Str. "Queen City" Capt. McCraic, brought passengers and freight, on the 20th. of May at midnight.

Nearly all the Kitamaats and some of the Kitlopes expect to find employment at the River's Inlet Canneries this season.

Good run of small fish at Kildalah. The people there took up a collection of 24 baskets full and sent them to the Home.

The Georgetown Sawmill Coy. has chartered the "Glad Tidings" for a few months to take the place of the "Nell" which owing to an accident needs a new boiler.

Foot prints of bear are seen every where up the valley; tho' because of dull rainy weather during the hunt comparatively very few skins have been brought in.

On April 9th. the sea along the shore had a peculiar appearance, owing to the presence of immense deposits of herring spawn, it assumed a milky white hue.

The Str. "Glad Tidings" Capt. Noel called at Kitamaat on the 28th. of May. And from a cove a short distance from here, towed a boom of logs to George town saw-mill.

A most unwelcome visitor made its appearance at Kitamaat early in June in the form of la grippe, this disease has been epidemic in the North and more than usually severe.

The 24th. of May was celebrated at Kitamaat in right loyal style, flags flying, fire crackers were used; a picnic was held and our one ordnance piece boomed again and again.

Oolachan ran up the Kitamaat river from the sea in an immense quantity on the 16th. April, unfortunately the run was of very short duration, for on the 17th. the small fish had vanished.

## PERSONALS.

Messrs Cuppage and Mansell left for the North early in May.

Mr Anderson expects to bring in stock for his farm this summer.

Albert McMillan a chief from Port Simpson visited here in April.

Robert Shaw a bright, young man of Kitamaat has been appointed to Kitlope in the capacity of native agent (or teacher).

Miss Markland, late of Picton Ontario, has just been appointed teacher of the Kitamaat school. She succeeds Miss Walker who leaves at the end of the term.

Andrew Smith and his wife are here from Kitlope. He reports a plentiful supply of Oolachan. Very little trapping has been done on account of the heavy and constant rain.

C. Todd Esq. in going the round of his agency, paid an official visit to the village on the 30th. May. His stout little boat D.G.S. Vigilant had safely returned from a trip to Queen Charlotte Ids.