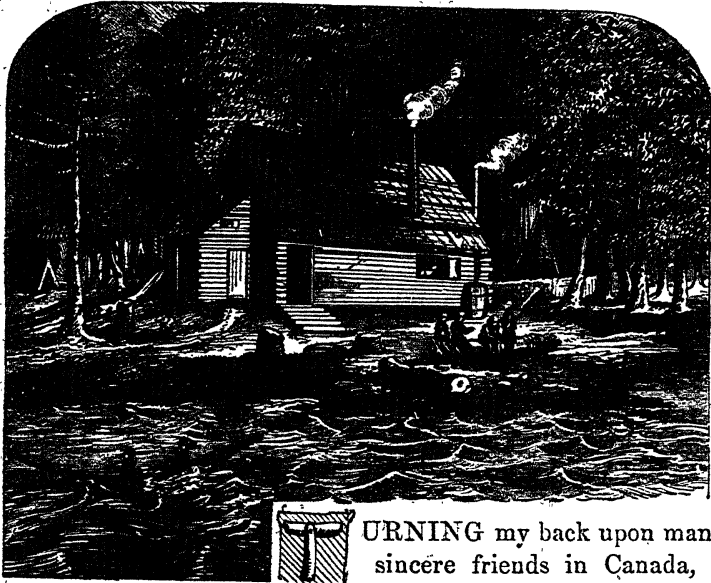


TWO YEARS AMONGST THE INDIANS OF  
QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S ISLAND.

(By A. F. POOLE, Mining Engineer.)



**T**URNING my back upon many sincere friends in Canada, I hastened to catch the first steamer from New York to Aspinwall, not without considerable difficulty, owing to the great rush of gold hunters for Cariboo. I secured a berth by paying a premium. The steamer was an old one, of about 1500 tons register, and carried over 2000 passengers. Under British laws, I may mention, such a steamer would not have been allowed to carry more than 800. With this great crowd on board we obtained very slight comfort or accommodation; huddled together for eight days and twenty hours, we at last reached Aspinwall (2338 miles).

Glad we were indeed to get on shore for a few hours. At Aspinwall we had now to pass over to the Pacific by crossing the isthmus to Panama by railway, a distance of about forty-seven miles. When this railway was constructed some years