

and thus while extinguishing it not direct attention to it. I believe it to be quite practicable to frame such a policy, and I feel sure that every right-minded citizen will agree with me in saying, that if such is possible now is the time to make the attempt, and if the government will meet in a fair and friendly spirit those who know these Indians and who have thought the matter over in all its bearings they will find them ready to give them such information as will enable them to satisfy the Indians, maintain the interests of the province, and support the honor of the government.

ROBERT TOMLINSON.

METLAKAHTLA, November 26, 1886.

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From the *Daily Colonist*, Victoria, B. C., December 19, 1886.

BELOW will be found a letter from J. W. Powell, Indian Superintendent, to Mr. Duncan, which speaks for itself :

BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, August, 1879.

SIR : Referring to my recent visit to the village of Metlakahtla, may I beg to convey to you my acknowledgments for the kindness, courtesy, and co-operation with official duties you were good enough to extend to me while at the mission. I cannot conclude without heartily congratulating you on the wonderful effects of your arduous mission labors among the Tsimshians for the last twenty years. I consider that you have performed a great and noble work in reclaiming from ignorance and barbarism a most *useful, contented*, and law-abiding community, the effects of which are not confined to your own locality, but is felt and highly appreciated by all the Northern tribes.

At Queen Charlotte's Island, . . . I found your