

Nahwitti Indians.

Ksui la das, the most southwesterly island of the Plumper group contains about 70 acres. It is a well sheltered spot with a good gravel beach. Some five or six acres might be made into gardens, the remainder of the island is rocky. The Indians say they carry the timber to Alert Bay for firewood, but its principal use is as a fishing station.

Kul de kduana, situated about 4 miles east of Alert Bay, is the most northeasterly island of the Pearse group. It contains about 60 acres, the whole of which is rock. With the exception of a small cove on the southern shore the waterfront is steep, and on the northern portion precipitous. The timber is small and principally hemlock, though there is a limited quantity of fir which the Indians use for fuel. One dilapidated house is the only sign of Indian occupation; it is used when halibut or coho fishing.

Nudhana, on Compton Island, is claimed by the Mahmil-illikullah (Village Island) tribe. The eastern portion of the island containing about 60 acres is all that is necessary for the Indians, the remainder is absolutely worthless, but as the survey would cost far more than the value of the land it is a question whether it would not be better to make the whole island, about 155 acres, a reserve. With the exception of a few old gardens the land is high and rocky and there is no timber of commercial value upon it. The village consists of four houses with a good clam beach in front of it; it is said to be a favorite fishing station.

On the 16th October I surveyed a fishing station of 7.5 acres at I gis ba lis on Baronet Passage. The land is very broken and densely covered with small straight hemlock that