

INDIAN AGENT'S VISIT.

C. Todd Esq. made an official visit to Kitamaat on his Steamer Vigilant, early in June. He held a council with the people, suggested improvements that could be made upon the reserve, and urged on the natives the necessity of vaccination. He spent a day in connection with school matters, and informed us that the day school would henceforth receive government grant, if the conditions are complied with. He visited the Home and expressed his pleasure at the work done by Miss Long, and also stated he entirely approved of homes for Indian girls, believing them to be a powerful lever for elevating the people, he so intimated that when the government would be in a position to assist, our Home would obtain help.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

We have plenty of daylight now. It lasts from 2 A. M. to 10 P. M. but in December we have to be satisfied with but 10 or 11 hours. St. Muriel of Lowe's Inlet Cannery was here on the 13th. June on cannery business. Mr Curtis the manager, kindly brought our mail.

Owing to an unusually backward season, circulation is slow. The weather has been showery with strong south winds, even at the present time the house is chilly without fire.

The run of "small fish" commenced 17th. April, but was unusually short owing to the state of the river. However we are thankful our limited collection for the Home was not short, the annual amount of six large barrels being given.

The town is in a measure deserted, every able bodied man having left. Three men and their families have gone logging, the other people are at the cannery. A number of old people are at home, a few invalids, and two or three women with young children.

Captain Whiteley and Rev. W. H. Pierce cut some time ashore while the "Biscovitz" was unloading freight. They visited points of interest at the mission, and sympathized with us in the large amount of work to be done here.

Rev. J. C. Spencer M. D. accompanied by his wife and daughter are at River's Inlet. Dr. Spencer has charge of the hospital at Wannuck during the coming season; he is assisted by the Messrs. Lawrence of Port Simpson. Dr. Spencer was appointed to the Bella C. oia mission.

Miss L. G. Matron of the Home, left on 2. th. June by the Str. "Edith" to enjoy a well earned holiday. She expects to visit Victoria, Vancouver, and Port Simpson before her return. This is the first time Miss Long has left the mission since coming to the Coast, hitherto she has spent her annual holidays at Kitamaat.

We welcome to the Coast Mrs. (Dr.) Large whom we were pleased to meet in Victoria. Dr. and Mrs. Large will spend the summer at Steveston on the Fraser River, where large numbers of Indians, Japanese, and Chinamen gather for the Salmon fishing.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Pierce wife of our devoted missionary Rev. W. H. Pierce of the Upper Skeena, who went East a year ago, is much improved in health, we are pleased also to hear Mr. Pierce is going East for a holiday, the first in 15 years. We know Bro. Pierce will be much in demand, he is a very entertaining speaker.

Sir. "Cutch" called here on the 13th. June on her way from Skagway with two prospectors Messrs. Linnin and Davis who have claims in the Buckle Valley. They had been informed of a good trail in from here, however decided there was too much snow in the mountains; so left in a few days to take the Skeena Route to their claims, intending to return this way in the Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland and Miss Olga spent a couple of days at the Mission, they came on the Str. Edith from Rivers Inlet. Arriving early on Sunday, they attended the church services and were particularly pleased both with the Sunday School, (the attendance at which was over 20), and the singing at evening service. As Missionaries in an isolated Indian village we have enjoyed the passing visits of these white people, who are as yet almost a novelty here; especially do the ladies appreciate a visitor like Mrs. Kirkland, and we hope that another year we may again have the pleasure of seeing her.

Joseph Williams (Gaelhastough) while at camp this spring caught cold in a cut finger; a friend of his had a bottle containing carbolic acid, which she suggested would be good to use. Instead of diluting the acid he poured a quantity on the finger with the result that it became like a charred stick. He came to Kitamaat to see the Missionary about it, and was advised to lose no time in going to Dr. Bolton. Joseph heroically wished to sever the offending member himself with a sharp axe, but was persuaded to go to P. H. Simpson where the Doctor performed the operation with finer instruments and less serious consequence, Joseph returned in May with his hand well healed.

A CURIOUS FRIENDSHIP.

An amusing sight is to be seen at Metlakahla; which is, one of the canine race followed by a feathered creature, the mannik may go where she will, but close at her heels there will always be observed a wild goose.

VACCINATE!!!

By small pox, in the United States this year; says the New York Medical Record, tribes of Indians in Indian Territory and Arizona have been wiped out. It would be well for all the Kitamaats to be vaccinated at once.

John Arnes our oldest boy has done the work of a monitor amongst the boys; in the Home his influence has been excellent.