

This year there is a wonderful supply of mangoes. I wonder if you would like a mango? It is about the size of a large pear, and something like a plum, and something like an apple and very much like pine gum. It has a large stone in the middle to which the fruit clings; the skin is thick, tough and green.

On Christmas Eve we went into the town, which is represented by a row of shops facing the sea. The Indian shops were lighted with Chinese lanterns and decorated with great fronds of cocoanut palms. The shop-keepers generally sit cross-legged in their doorways; they always wear handsome gold or red turbans. The wives of these men are very gaily clothed. Let me describe one I saw in town, and she is a type of all the rest.

On her bare arms she wore as many silver bracelets as there was room for between shoulder and wrist. Her hair was parted in the middle and surmounted by a silver fillet with a pendant hanging low on her forehead. Her earrings were about five inches long. A necklace of golden sovereigns, very large and heavy, fell over her bosom. Her blouse was orange coloured, cut low in the neck and without sleeves. She wore a black velvet jacket edged round with silver filagree, her blue skirt was short, and round her bare feet she wore three great silver anklets. Thrown over all this grandeur was a thin, pale green veil spangled with silver or gold. No wonder her husband seemed very proud of her, but I believe these women are rather shrewish and like to have the last word.

What a long letter I have written, I must close out of pity for you.

Yours.....

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All Hallows' Indian School.

All Hallows Indian School was established in Yale, British Columbia, in 1885, by the Sisters of All Hallows Community, under Bishop Sillitoe, the first Bishop of the Diocese.

The Dominion Government of Canada provides a frugal maintenance for 35 pupils, which is paid under an annuity allowance of \$5.00 per month for each child.

This sum is supplemented by an annual grant of \$240.00 from the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge" in England.

Clothing is most kindly provided for the children by various branches of the Women's Auxiliary in Eastern Canada.

Childrens' parents or Indian guardians are required to supply them with boots and shoes (moccasins not being desirable), and also with journey money for the holidays.

Salaries do not form a heavy item in the Indian School expenditure, as nearly all the work for it is done voluntarily.

A Sisters and three teachers take part in the educational work.

A matron has charge of the house work and clothing.