



TOTEM POLES IN FRONT OF CHIEF'S HOUSE, MASSET, Q. C. ISLAND.

their chiefs. We now numbered between three and four hundred souls, and our evening meetings became truly delightful."

They had to start at the very beginning. There was the forest to clear, houses, a church and a school to build, roads to lay out and industries to organize. It required a great deal of persuasion to induce the Indians to go back from the beach and build their houses in a row, leaving a roadway between. They liked to have their houses on piles, on the shore, partly to enable them to get

their luggage in and out of their canoes easily, and partly because they enjoyed the noise of the waves. The first church was built of logs, and would seat about six hundred people. It had a place in the middle for a fire, and a hole in the roof for the escape of the smoke. There were no lamps. So impatient were the Indians to see and use it that, although it was not finished until eight o'clock in the evening, they insisted upon having a meeting there that night.

To pay the cost of public works, Mr. Dumeau instituted a system of taxation.

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