

ordinary circumstances is not seen by naval officers or indeed by any one else. I had also on a previous occasion (1864) visited the inland waters north of Vancouver as far as Bella-Coola village in north Bentink Arm.

These channels much resemble those already described on the West Coast of Patagonia, but are much more thickly populated; indeed some very large villages exist in Bentink Arm, notably that of Bella-Coola the population of which was estimated at about two thousand when I was there. The village is about four miles up the river of the same name, which is both broad and rapid, and across which the natives have built a very perfect salmon weir. In the season they take enormous quantities of salmon, which they cure and dry in the sun for their winter supply of provisions.

Further to the north is the well-known mission station and village of Metla-Katla, whose missionary Mr. Duncan, has been doing a noble work for over twenty years amongst these tribes. All honor is due to this noble and accomplished gentleman for the zealous and faithful manner in which he has performed his work. He can now call together no less than six tribes, two of whom were formerly considered the most warlike and savage on that part of the coast, amongst whom his word, if not absolutely law, at least goes a long way towards swaying them in the right direction. The village is now entirely modelled on the English principle, containing many neat little wooden cottages with gardens surrounding them, a really handsome wooden church, and a large school-house, all built by the Indians under the able direction of Mr. Duncan himself, who is not only their parson, law-giver and doctor, but architect and builder also. One of the most