

lesson. I enjoy teaching them sowing.

The herring season is just over, the run being short this year. During the time, the girls were very busy getting herrings ready to smoke, and gathering the eggs to dry. We all went down on the beach to get them, and found the seaweed white with eggs. Most of the people were also down, busy gathering and eating the eggs. They eat a great many and consider them a treat. We have dried some, and put away in sacks for future use.

I have not said anything about the house work; in another issue I will tell you how they are advancing in that line. *E. E. Long*

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. A. S. Going C. E. has returned, and is surveying for a Syndicate on the shore opposite this village.

Mr. Ed. Wilkinson C. E. has been engaged at the inner harbour, surveying and taking soundings. He reports a good harbour, a mile long by half a mile wide, deep water, and good anchorage.

The Dominion Government steamer "Quadra" Captain Walbran, arrived here 1st inst. On board were the Honorable Mr. Coste of Ottawa, Deputy Minister of Railways, with Mr. Maitland-Kersey and others. The "Quadra" anchored at Chlo Bay. The whole party visited the mission on a launch, and were very much pleased with the signs of advancement in the village.

Mr. A. H. Bolton C.E. representing Sir Charles Ross arrived here on the 7th inst by the Str. "Princess Louise". Having obtained some of our people as guides and packers, he started on a two-months trip for the Skeena, Hazelton, and probably as far as the Stikcen. He has instructions to take barometrical elevations, and certain observations prior to starting a railway survey.

The Chairman of the District, Revd. Thos. Crosby, paid us a pleasant visit last month on the Str. "Glad Tidings", and from here went to Kitlope, accompanied by Mr. Raley and Mr. Robinson. The Kitlopes were in good spirits, and seemed to appreciate the visit. Two children were baptized, and a man and woman, who had gone through some old marriage form

under the Council's orders, were lawfully united in marriage.

LOCAL NOTES.

During the quarter just ended, there have been:-

6 births.

2 marriages.

8 deaths.

The Temperance Society and Firemen are doing good work in their own particular lines.

Snow to the depth of nearly six feet fell during February; this being an exceptionally heavy fall. However it soon disappeared, as the weather has continued very mild.

We hear three Charters have already been granted by the Government for a railroad, with terminus at Kitamaat. We presume it is a matter of subsidy as to the Company which will go ahead now. From all reports, there is but little doubt Kitamaat will be, as stated in our last issue of Nanakwa, the key to the Omineca and the Klondike.

Our old friend "Buff", the Mission watch dog, held out with his "bull-dog" tenacity for two months, seriously ill. We thought it humane to relieve his sufferings by a dose of lead.

The Kitamaat Indians form a part of the great Kwakwiltz nation. Though the largest tribe numerically, it is one of the least known, probably because it is the most northerly, and its home is at the head of a deep fiord, called Douglas Inlet, out of the ordinary route of the Coast and Alaskan steamers.

In our next issue, we will endeavour to continue "Dawn at Kitamaat, giving an account of the baptism of Wahukagumala-you, and the Revd. T. Crosby's first visit to Kitamaat.

We shall be very glad to receive a donation of Bibles and Methodist Hymn Books for the Kitamaat Home.

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