

From Maggie Hudson Kispiox July 3

Re Feelings about Poles:

Whenever a pole falls down, the owners have to give a ^{feast} party to tell about the pole, its story, its history, etc, and what they are going to do.

Eg: Pole of Whale tribe (No 3) between two houses.

When it fell down, the Whale tribe gave a party. Sam Wesley's brother (now dead) said that he was going to build a shelter over it and keep it so that it could be seen. But he died and nothing was done. Sam Wesley "owns" it now.

Eg 2: No 7. (Sawn into lengths) When it fell last fall the Owl (Whale) tribe had a party.

Poles in ball park at Kispiox:

1st was put there about 10 years ago (Mrs H. thinks this was before any put in Hazelton ball park.) Why? because they wanted it in a place where everyone could see it.

Other put there later, a new one, carved 1945

1 restored - to Ballpark
2 new ones - Ballpark
Mary Ann Jack's
3 fell down - Joe Morrison
Wesley's

Damla' mat

1 Wolf tribe One man on top. Taken from Nas because in was they had kidnapped girl. Old, fair

2 Saw it put up as shield. Used to be half black bear and eagle on top. Uncle was 2nd to Xl'cm la xa at the time. Carved by Edyn from Nas River. Old but carving clear

3 When it fell, they (Whale tribe) gave a party. Sam Wesley's too (now dead) said he was going to build a shed over it so people could look at it. Sammy Wesley owns it now 45' long. Bottom is whale with big dorsal fin 2 holes, Prob too badly gone to copy

4 Whale

5 } belonged to Xl'cm la xa'
6 } (Wolf chief)

5 Wolf on top - space - wolf.
w'c na' a'q - 'bearden'

6 got w'ik x'm gi b'u' "fighting wolf" - has man on bottom - had wolf above it

9 Owl pole, belongs to Whale clan 4 owls

One with canoe in ballpark is Frog

8 Owl (Whale)

7 Fell last fall - party - put up same time as 2 - Had party when it falls Always did. Owl (Whale) Owl on bottom only figure - seven or 7' lengths