

forty-four. At the time of our visit, an old woman was having a new post erected in memory of a daughter who had died some years before in Victoria..." (p. 169B). Once again, Dawson's excellent photographs reveal better than any words how the village looked at the time.

Twenty-five people were living there in 1882, and they expressed to Reserve Commissioner O'Reilly their intention of moving to Skidegate (O'R). In 1883 Swan visited it and found the chief still there: "Koona village, the residence of Captain Skedance, the chief of the Klue District" (p. 145). In 1884 Chittenden counted 25 houses and 30 poles, but only 12 people. (p. 24) In 1887 the reserve surveyor found only Chief Skedance and very few Indians. In the graveyard of New Clew are two headstones close together. One says: CAPTAIN SKDANCE Died December 21, 1888 Aged 55 years". The other: "CAPT SKEDANS Died January 1890 Aged 60 years HE TRIED TO BE A CHRISTIAN"

In 1953 I found traces of 21 houses and remnants of about 30 carved posts. Two of the houses had excavations; the largest of these two houses was 55 x 48 feet. In 1954 we removed three totem poles from this village, the last which were in condition to be moved. The site of Skedans has little in the way of archaeological deposits, and seems to be recent.