

Yatza

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The site to which Edenshaw and his people moved from Kung was Yatza, just east of Klashwun Point (IR 13, Yatze). Dawson 1878 met and photographed Edenshaw there, and wrote of "the Ya-tza, or knife village":

This village site is quite new, having been occupied only a few years. There are at present eight or ten roughly built houses, with few and poorly carved posts. The people who formerly lived at the entrance to Virago Sound are abandoning that place for this, because, as was explained to me by their chief, Edensaw, they can get more trade here, as the Indians come across from the north.... At the time of our visit, in August 1878, a great part of the population of the northern portion of the Queen Charlotte Islands was collected here preparatory to the erection of carved posts and giving away of property, for which the arrival of the Kai-ga-ni Haidas was waited,... (p.162B)

O'Reilly, in 1882, marked out the reserve here, recording that it was a new village, and Edensaw was the chief. The original reserve survey shows 3 houses and some graves. A photograph taken in 1913 shows a single house with a well kept garden, and a massive totem pole. The pole was sent to Rupert . Chittenden in 1884 found 3 houses and a single pole there, and the site was no longer more than "the occasional stopping place of parties of Indians en route to and from the west coast." (p. 23).

It was only intermittently occupied thereafter, a 1913 photo, for example,

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