

Kitwanaga

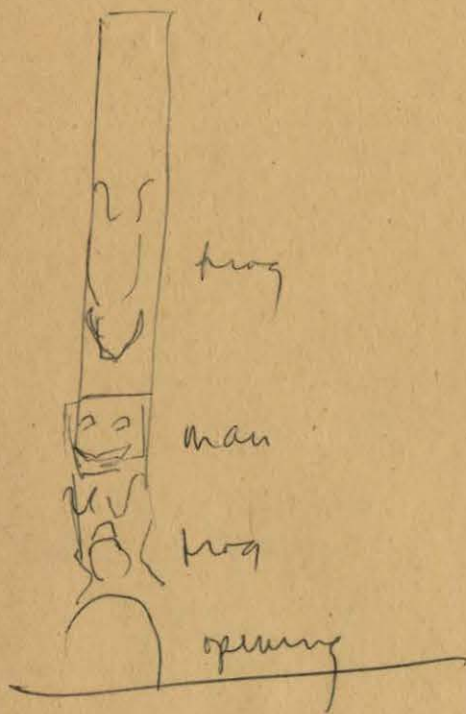
Laxse'

- (3) Pole of T-keku (alla-ist or Kwawdyebarh)
Paul Bensen
and Ha'ku (John Fowler)

"Supernatural Frog"
(Pl. VII, Fig. 1)

1. Hanging Frog
2. Man cut in two (staquet)
3. Frog on man's body
4. Round opening

Pole served as ceremonial entrance to Ha'ku's house
one of oldest in Kitwanaga.
carved by Nassk. Iawer (MB)



on ground, rotted
beyond repair

ca. 1860-70

Kutwanga Pole of Ha'ku and T-heku

(axse')

④ People-in-the-Copper-Shield (Tugeegyodem-hayoets)
Pl. VII, Fig. 2

1. Haku holding Bear-club (smax)
2. Hanging frog
3. Supernatural frog (hanging down)
4. People-in-the-copper-shield - human sitting on shield
5. Face rep. Hlaerem-raenerh
or
Half-way-out
6. Hanging frog on man's body
7. Face rep. Kwaw-amaon

~~erected about 1920~~

~~carved by Harkpegawtu, qing'ast, q. tsequkta~~
Noo R. carver "remarkable monument" MB

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ca: 1880

Kitwanga

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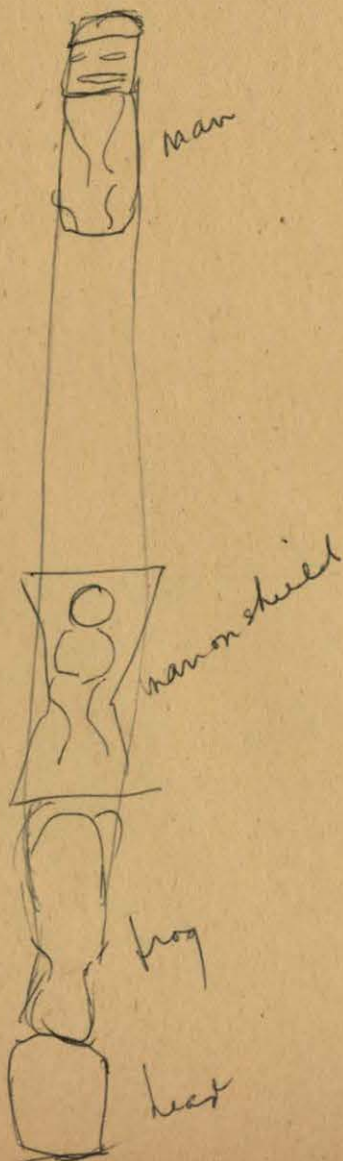
③ Pole of Haku and T-haku
'People-of-the-Copper Shield' (new)

Pl. VII, Fig. 3

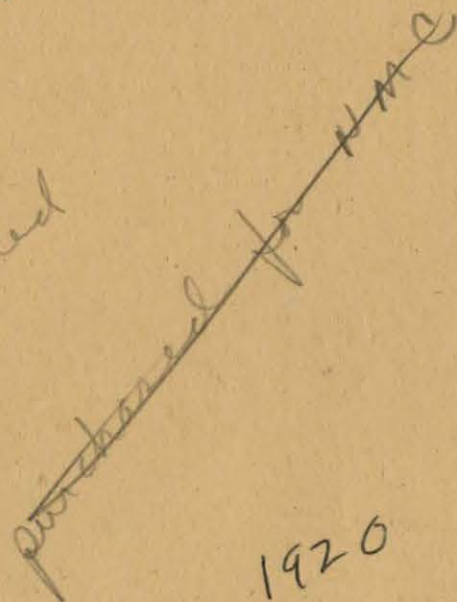
1. Man-in-the-copper (gyadem-haysets)
2. Uncamed shaft
3. Man-in-the-copper shield
4. Hanging frog
5. Human face (T-haku)

erected about 1920

erected by Haxpegwaute, gys. rst, Ketsegukler
haxpegwaute



restored



ca. 1920

Kitwanga

laxse'

⑥ Pole of Hlengwak - belongs to family of Arkkawt
"Man-crushing-log" (Qoenugyet) (ced)
or "Trap-for-people"
Pl. VII, Fig. 4

1. Whole-Being or all-one-Person (mar kyaw)
2. large human face - Half-way-out?
3. 6 small figures, rep. Kitimat + other coast people who attacked the Fortress and were crushed by log.
4. whole-Being
5. Half-way out

carved by Ya Kh ya q, laxse', gitwentkul

pole lying on ground, only 6 small figures can be seen in photo

ca. 1880

rotted

⑦ Kitiwanga - Pole of Hlengwah

ca. 1905

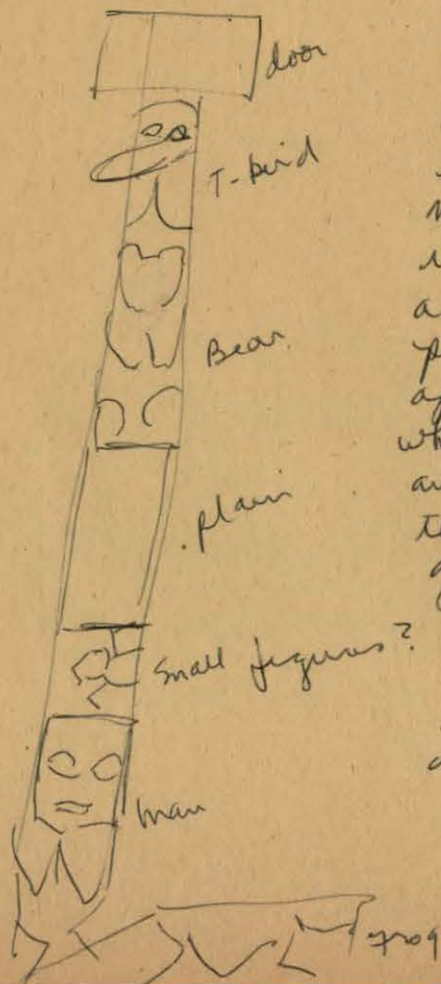
"Man-crushing-log" (new)

Pl. VII, Fig. 5, VIII, Fig. 1)

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1. the Door (Plaw') on the fortress door, formerly covered w/ deer hoofs - rep. door of Fortress when attacked by Kitiimat
2. Thunderbird (geeladal) g'il.ada'
3. negt in grizzly-bear armor, holding gye lakht (stake just once) in his hand
4. Man-crushing log (Aaenuget)
5. 2 Kitiimat warriors tall hats called hagwə & 2. 1: of stick ^{made}
6. Whole-Being (markkyaw) 'max k>. 1
7. Toad (uakh'as) or Flying-Frog (geepoeligam-ranae'o)

see account of its erection p. 53 TPG
 carver: Kaldihget (Tom Campbell), laxse', Hazelton



"The use of the Thunderbird (geeladal) as a crest in the Kitiimat phratry is exceptional, even though it appears here under a special name not known elsewhere... It was also used, quite legitimately, in this household as a mask (nakhawk), to accompany a dramatic performance in the feast house. A performer appeared with a bird mask, the long beak of which, cut in sections and mounted on strings and a metal spring, was curved back and then released to the accompaniment of gun-shots, to represent thunder. The regular crest (ayok) may thus have been derived from the mask (nakhawk), as sometimes happened in other ~~cases~~ instances." p. 51 TPG

Footnote: "This mask is now at The Nat Mus. of C., Ottawa."

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(axse')

⑧ Kitwanga

Pole of Hlengwah

1920

Raven-sailing-through-the-air (Qamsil or Ksitem-gag)

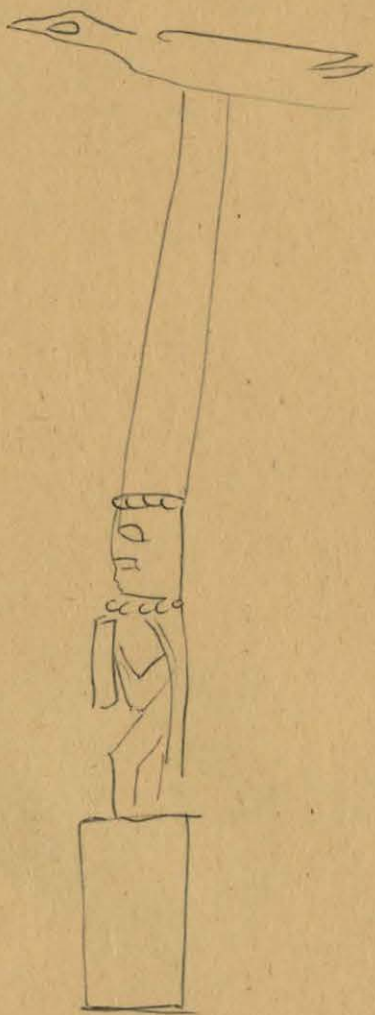
Pl. VII, Fig. 6; Pl. VIII, Fig. 2

- ① Raven-sailing-through-the-air
② Chief Arhkawt, wearing bearskin & cedarbark head ring
with copper slab under his arm and neck

See account p. 54 TPG

carved by Harhpegawawtu, gis, ast, gitaigukla

restored



(axse')

9. Kitwanga

Pole of Hlenqwah (Jin Lachnitz)

"neqt" pole

Pl. VIII, Fig. 3 (in Nat. Mus. C.) Section only

Carved by gitrhawn, laxskik, Kitsalas



~~that is pole~~

purchased for NMC

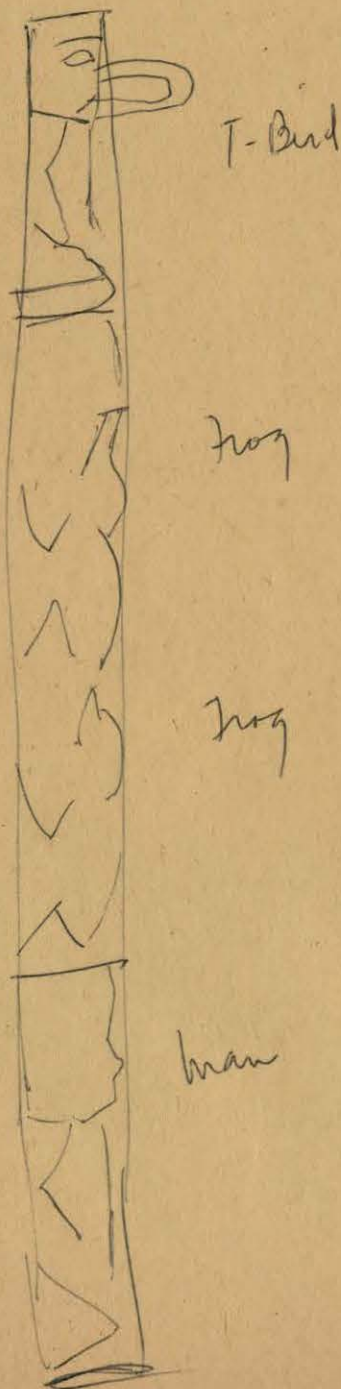
(10) Kitiwanga
Pole of ~~Mengwah~~ Halus

(axse)

geeladal (Thunderbird)
Pl. IX, Fig. 1

1907

1. Thunderbird, geeladal
2. two Toads (Wark'as) or mythical Flying Frogs
3. Whole - Person (Marhkyaw)



restored

laxkibu

(11)
~~2011~~

Kitwanga

Pole of Achtech

1870

"Pole of the Mountain-Lion" (Kenem-hawaa)

Pl. XXVII, Fig. 1

(Some informants identified top figure as Bear)

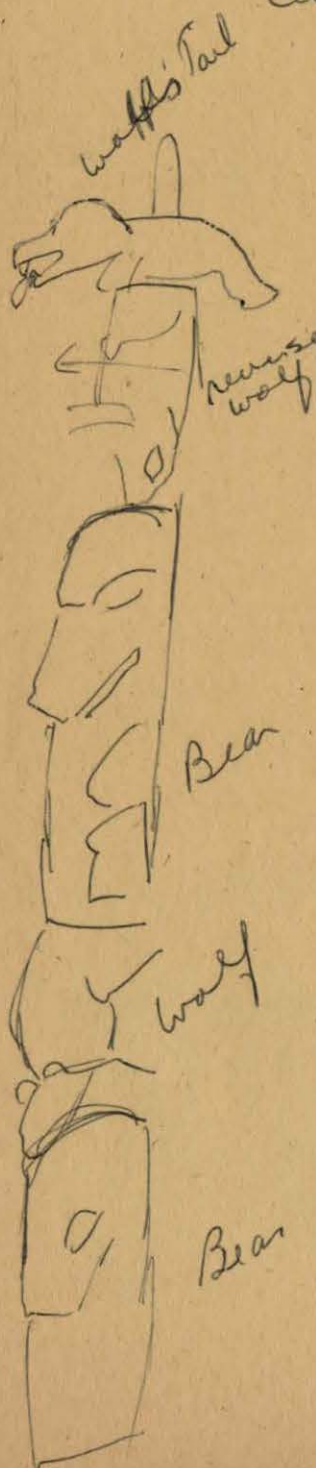
Carvers: Haesem-hliyawn, laxse', gitwintkul

(family of Wotarkayaets)

carved top horizontal fig.

Nees-awelp, Eagle, gispaxlawts (Tsm)
carved shaft.

1. Mtn Lion (Hawaa)
2. wolf, head down
3. Bear - Enraged Bear (Tsiphum-smaih)
4. wolf
5. Bear w/ opening thru body



restored
Wilson has studied

(12) Kitwanga
Pole of Akteek

~~laxskik~~
laxkibu

"Ensnared-Bear" (Tsiptom-smaih)

1880

Pl. XXVII, Fig. 2

1. wolf

2. Hrpeesunt, holding

3. 2 Bear cubs, sitting on

4. chest

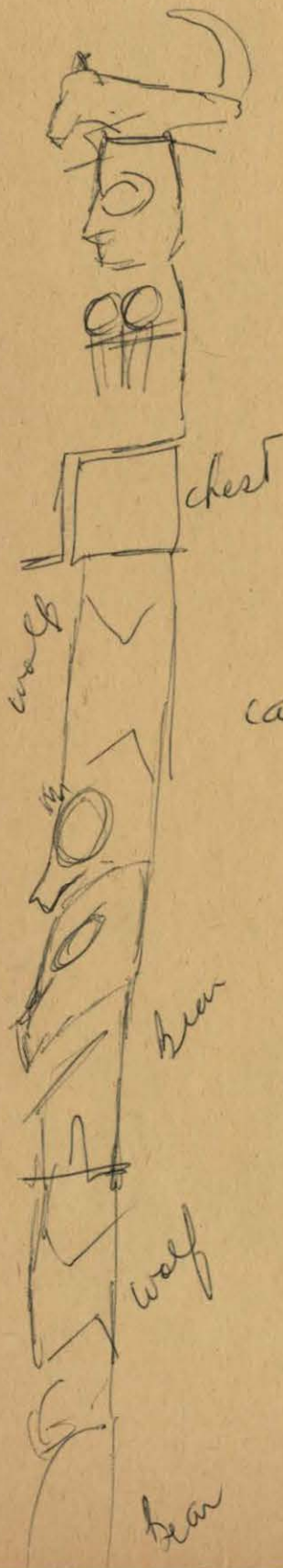
5. wolf

6. Ensnared-Bear

7. wolf

8. Ensnared Bear

cover: either Hlamee, laxseel, gitwintkul
or
Tewalasa, laxskik, Kitwanga



restained
in front of HBC

⑬ Kutwanga
Pole of Arhtech

laxkebu

"Pole of the Wolf" (Kanem-keebu)

1900

Pl. XXVII, Fig. 3

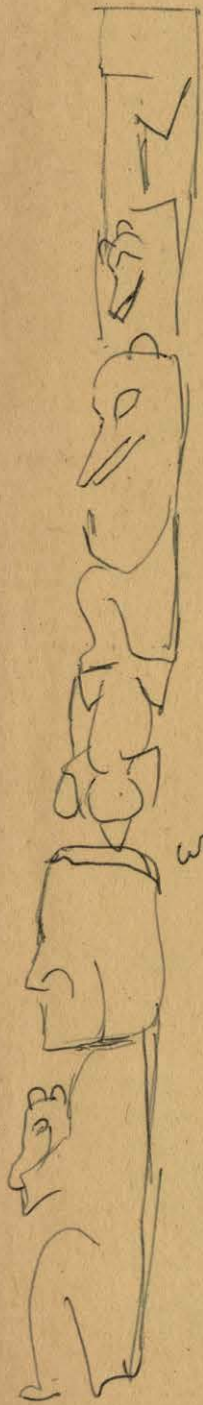
1. Wolf

2. Ensnared-Bear

3. Bear-cubs (Seeawathu)

4. Hyeesunt w/ Bear cub

canon: Hlamee, laxseil, gitwintkul



woman's hands

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wolf has colored slide

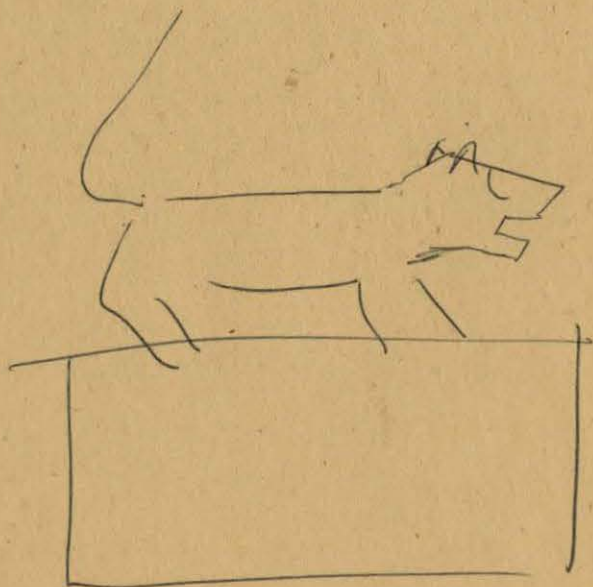
(14) Kitwanga

Pole of Akhtech

Mountain Lion

Laxhibu

1910



Free standing Figure

carver: Alengwah (Jim Larahmby)
Laxsel, Kitwanga

(15)

Kitwanga

laxskik
1885

Pole of Qawq
"The Bears Den" (Rhpε-sœmih)

Pl. I, fig. 1, [Pl. XXVII, Fig. 2]

restored - in front of ABC

1. Person-wah-serum gedom'ant
2. Split-Person or Half-Man (Rhpεstagnet)
3. The Bears Den, holding isstagnet
4. Two rabbits
5. Split-Eagle
6. Person with Drum, holding a mask or H-D, possibly "Indakawt" to nurse a child or weasel, Bear, or White-marten H-D.

Carver: Gēsaxk'is
Geesakhkyees, (axse'), Kitwanga
(bro. of Telt)

3rd pole (fallen and destroyed, ~~over~~)

1. xskε-k
2. xpεε'mix
3. stagnet
4. naxnaq. on txaax
5. xpεε'mix: hole through which guests entered



①6 Kutwanga

Lashek

Pole of Qawq

1914

Drum-hang-on (Hane'e'anih) hani'ani' (hanging onto, drum)

1. Eagle XXV/1/2 Fig. 3

2. Claw marks of the Bear (Kahlags)

3. Halibut t x o i x

4. Split-eagle patxum xskex

5. The Bears - Den puam w/ hole xpsse'mi

6. Drum or Drum Person attached to right side of pole gedam'anut

carver: Qaghl, laxse'l, gitwintku/
gagt

carver: gagt, gitwintku, laxse'l

restored



laxskuk

~~19~~ 20 Kitiwanga
Pole of Sgayaen

1880

The Bear's Den (newer)

XXIX, Fig. 3

1. Eagle holding
2. white marten ('nasha't)
3. Human w/ hole (Bear's Den) xpsse'mi
4. Eagle - Palxum-hrskyack palxumshick
"opened ears"
5. Beaver tsame'lix
6. Human w/ hole (Bear's Den) spsse'mi
7. Split Beaver, head down
8. Human fig.

causer: Nagwetsq.e'il
laxse'il, Kitiwanga
taku



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① Kitwanga Pole of Tewalasu Iavskik
 "On-Top-sits-the-Squirrel" (Haneedochl-tsenhlik)
 Plate 1, Fig. 2, Pl. XXIX, Fig. 2; Pl. XXVII, Fig. 4

- ① Squirrel tssnti'ik
- ② Human, holding
- ③ Marten ('a'tku) 'a'tku
- ④ ~~Eagle-nest (Antohkcht-haskyok) or~~
 Small-eagle-on-beams (Haskyogem-ratp-ran)
 xskEq. am q. alp. an
 (used on beams)
- ⑤ Starfish gamats
- ⑥ Human w/ starfish on his hands

1900-1905



caver: Kweenu, ^{gwinhu} g. twinthu

person: either sta'get (split person)
 sp 75E'mi (bear's hole)

marten?

xskEq. am q. alp. an
 "small eagle of pole"

sesumskε.k - small eagle

g. amats (The caver was related paternally
 to this house and he carved his
 crest on pole)

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19 Kitiwanga
Pole of Tewatasu

taxshuk

1870

Dog-Salmon (Qanees)

(Pl. I, Fig. 2; Pl. XXIX, Fig. 1)

1. human holding fish spear
2. Dog Salmon *ganis*
3. human
4. Dog Salmon
5. human being swallowed

carver: unknown

" we are inclined to think that he was from Naas river, possibly from one of the two upper villages (gitlarhdams or gitbinksekk), where this family has relatives and allies. The character of the carving inevitably reminds one of three other fish poles, one of which still stands at Angvedae, on the Naas, another at Kitsalas, and a third formerly standing at Gitlarhdams (for note, photos of which are available). These four poles seem to be approximately of the same age and technique.... The sculptural quality of these monuments is so high and the treatment so happy that one is apt to forget the strict limitations of the medium—a straight and slender cedar pole. The unity of treatment and design and the decorative sense are hardly surpassed in any other pole on the Skeena, with the possible exception of the other Dog-salmon pole at Kitsalas—which in some ways at least is the better of the two. p. 141

restored

Col. Wilson has



21) Kstuwanga
Pole of Hlengwah

laxsel

1920

Fallen pole carried by Taesuh, laxkibu, gitwintkul

22) Fallen pole

23) house posts

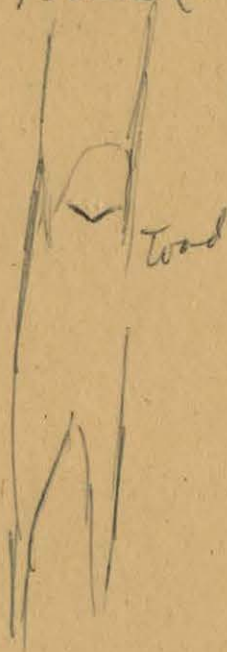
24) "soul-put-on" (Kuh'awdzentuh)
near left. Pl. VIII, Fig. 4

25)
26)

23



24) "Toad" (wark'ao) Pl. VIII, Fig. 5



25) "Whole-Being" (mah kyaw) Pl. VIII, Fig. 6



26) Kitemat warrior?
wearing conical
root hat used on
waist



Kitwanga poles recently restored
under government and railway auspices
photos available?

MB - about 525 nests on
109 poles

gutenmako	8
Lagwilget	4
Kergagas	3
Qaldo	3
gutenkel	28

46 now

as of 1952 - 17 new poles

17 - Wungoko