

Robt. Brown "On the Physical Geography of the Queen Charlotte
Islands" Roy. Geog. Soc. Jour. 1867

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Visit in 1866

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Mentions slate - "extensively used" - "elaborately ornamented pebbles,
flutes, statuettes, platters, Ec...."

Mentions prostitution - as far south as Columbia R & west to Cascoo gulf.
"In the summer they go north to recruit, spreading disease among
their people and directly leading to the rapid extermination of their
race." p 388

Mentions Wackers - a carver who did portraits in ivory. One Indian did a
bust of AG Dallas in ivory. They also copy Egyptian sculptures from Illustr.
London News. See also Brown's "The Race of Manikind"

Hydaks divided into seven tribes

1. Skidegate
2. Lacheke "Claw in their chief" p 390
3. Claws - southern moiety
4. Kung-at-ade, on St. Anthony's Island Munsters is their chief
Claw up to Casco
5. Skitons - told Hb Indians, claw up to C Knox. There was
once a powerful tribe on W. C. Graham. since extinct
6. Macceta - Edensaw Capt John killed in visit in 1860 was father
of young chief of Kaigani
7. Kumsachaws

Popn "In 1839 the Hudson's Bay Company estimated the number of
Indians on these islands at about 8500, but as these are
derived from what they call their "trading lists", which generally,
I have found, under-estimate the number, the population at that
date may be taken at 10,000." p 390

At present not more than 5000 - 3000 per on islands p 391.

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" Small-pox has also destroyed numbers, but not to the same extent as in other tribes - their insular position protecting them. In 1862, when this disease broke out among the southern tribes, the Hydaks, who were wintering in Victoria, fled north with the seeds of infection. While waiting, as is their custom, on an island off the mainland for a favourable chance to cross over, the disease broke out in all its violence. Not one survived. A trader described to me, coming upon their bodies in the ensuing spring, that a more terrible sight no man ever looked on than these ghastly skeletons, surrounded with their rotting canoes and treasures." p 391

Vice, accomp diseases
debauchery

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