

is unable to quit the surface, and is finally captured. All those whose seal-skins are attached, now divide the booty: those who are entitled to a share are easily known, for each float has a different pattern painted upon it. The number of whales taken is reported at about *twenty during the season, and a quantity of oil is obtained from them* by the Cadborough, a schooner belonging to the Hudson Bay Company in exchange for articles of little value.

The Classet tribe of Indians is one of the most numerous on the coast that I had an opportunity of seeing, and seems the most intelligent. These Indians wore small pieces of an iridescent mussel-shell, attached to the cartilage of their nose, which was, in some, of the size of a ten cents piece, and triangular in shape. It is generally kept in motion by their breathing. They had seldom any clothing excepting a blanket; but a few who have contrived to make friends with the visitors, have obtained some old clothes: while others seem to be in the pay of the Hudson Bay Company. The principal articles of trade are tobacco, powder ("paulalee"), and leaden balls. These are preferred to most other merchandise, although more can be obtained for spirits than for any other article. This shows very conclusively, to my mind, the sort of trade that was carried on when the Boston ships entered into rivalry with the Northwest Company for the purchase of furs.

At the period of our visit, the Classet were at peace with the other tribe.

I deem this a good position for a missionary, for these Indians appear to be quite ignorant of any religious notions. I was informed, while at Vancouver, by one of the Catholic priests, that it was their intention to make a visit to them the next year, for the purpose of establishing their religion among them.

On the 3d, we were engaged in the survey of the harbour, besides obtaining fifteen hundred gallons of water. Its position (the north point of Neah Island) was found to be in latitude $48^{\circ} 24' 40''$ N., longitude $124^{\circ} 36' 46''$ W.; variation $21^{\circ} 08' 14''$ easterly.

We had as many as forty canoes alongside on the 3d, with various articles for sale, including fish, venison, &c. Some of the canoes had as many as twenty persons in them. They were generally a stout, athletic race; and it was observed that the women were much better looking than those of the other tribes. Some of them, indeed, had quite fair complexions and rosy cheeks. They are not as much exposed to the weather as those we had previously seen, being provided with a conical hut, made of grass, and plaited so tight as to be impervious to water, which both protects them from the rain and sun.

It is said that this tribe can muster one thousand warriors, and they