

Colonist June 12 1862 "Good Bye to the Northwesterners

Pemberton & police went to Cad. B. and supervised the embarkation for this home of about three hundred Northwestern Indians

26 canoes in all - they protected feebly

"Eameah, chief of the Hydahs, reported only one sick man in the tribe.

Twenty of the canoes were nearly filled with Hydahs, 5 w. B. C.

Islanders, 1 Atukens. The gunboat, at the urgent request of the chief, will accompany and protect the Indians until they have passed Nanaimo - - -

How have the mighty fallen! Four short years ago, numbering their braves by thousands, they were the scourge and terror of the coast; today, broken-spirited and effeminate, with scarce a corporate guard of warriors remaining alive, they are proceeding northward, bearing with them the seeds of a loathsome disease that will take root and bring forth a plentiful crop of ruin and destruction to the friends who have remained at home. At the present rate of mortality, not many months can elapse ere the Northwestern Indians of this coast will exist only in story.

(almost exterminated but Silet & Lemrahmo tribes)

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