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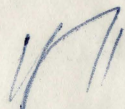
Dr. J.A. Macdonald
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Dear Dr. Macdonald:

You have been very patient with us and I wish that I could report that we had raised the purchase price of your collection. We have not done so, and I can see no likelihood that we shall be able to do so in the very near future. It was good of you to offer the collection, and to wait for us to see if we could finance the purchase.

Professor Duff and I have discussed the matter and also talked with Peter Mac Nair, Ethnologist at the Provincial Museum. We all join you in the hoping that the collection can remain in British Columbia where I think its value will be most appreciated. I am assured that the Provincial Museum can find the money and I hope that you will be willing to have it lodged in their very good hands.

Yours sincerely,



H.B. Hawthorn
Professor of Anthropology
and Director
Museum of Anthropology

cc: Wilson Duff, UBC

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Provincial Museum
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LIST OF INDIAN ARTEFACTS PART OF W.H. COLLISON COLLECTION
AND OTHER ARTICLES COLLECTED BY MYSELF

17th
Sat pm
Call on
13th

* I. CHILKAT BLANKET WITH MATCHING LEGGINGS This was owned by Chief Kitex the last of the Nass Chiefs to accept Christianity. This is in mint condition and was sought after by Marius Barbeau on several occasions but the old man held on to it until in his eighties he offered it to my father as he was in desperate need of money and neglected by his family.

other
one is
one piece

"2. Chiefs head dresses. One went with the Chilkat robe the other from the Collison collection. These have carved face pieces inlaid with abalone and with sea lion whiskers in the crown.

I Haida spruce root woven hat (good condition) ^{wash?} Painted Design & Abalone decoration

* I Raven Rattle (painted carved wood, good condition) ^{pebbles missing}

I Raven Rattle (beaten copper, same model as above)

I. Medicine mans Rattle (Large round without carving)

* I. Whale bone club (21 ins long and extensive carving)

I. Ceremonial spoon (carved wood 18 ins)

I. Model canoe (Haida, painted design and seats)

2. Ceremonial masks (2 with movable eyes, some repair needed)

I. Double ended dagger with beadwork scabbard.

I. Beaten copper club 20 ins

I. Beaten Copper Mask (Tsimpshean)

I. Set Lahal Gambling sticks in Buckskin pouch (mint cond.)

I Wooden halibut hook. ^{and another complete}

2. Bear claw caps, one complete with stripped wing feathers.

I Eagle apron (Blanket cloth with beadwork, fringe with coins, hoofs, and puffin beaks.

* I Hide apron with fringe, bone carved charms, bone rings, teeth and hoof decorations.

I Wooden spoon with carved loop handle 13 ins.

I. Wooden spoon carved Eagle.

4. Small wooden spoons (plain)

I. Mountain goat horn spoon (plain)

I Carved smoking pipe bowl.

I Pr Moose hide gloves with beadwork. ^{given to Dr M by a Nass R man}

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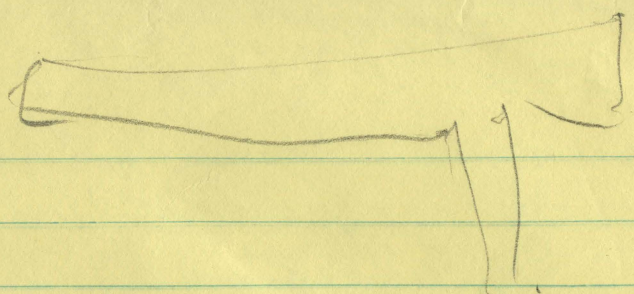
- I Slate ^{wood} hide scraper
- I Walking cane with handle carved from animal rib
- I Carved wooden salmon articulated and extensible.
- I Eagle and whale carved piece (22 ins high, spread wings with abalone insets. contemporary.)
- I TOTEM POLE - 5 ft approx. (Collison Collection)

1 painted box

1st snowshoe given to Dr Mc at age 8 by Chief Gladux

1.	Chukot, leggings, and amhalait	15,000	
2.	Amhalait	10,000	
3.	Raven rattle	5,000	
4.	5 masks	10,000	
5.	Copper raven rattle	1,000	
6.	Carved bone club	1,500	
7.	Spruce root hat	1,000	
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8.	Dagger & sheath	500	
9.	Hide apron with charms	500	
10.	Painted box	500	
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11.	Round rattle	300	
12.	Copper club	200	
13.	Gambling sticks	300	
14.	Cloth apron	100	
15.	Slate mirror	100	
16.	Pipe bowl	100	
17.	2 bearclaw headdresses	100	
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| 10 | 10 | { 1. Chukkat | } | 10 |
| | | 2. Leggings | | |
| 10 | 15? | { 3. Amhalait | } | 10 |
| 5 | | 4. Amhalait | | |
| 10 | 5 | { 5. Raven rattle | } | 5 |
| 1500 | | 6. " " of Copper | | |
| 1500 | 7 | Carved bone club | | 1.5 |
| 850+ | 8 | Spence root hat, painted (whale) & abalone decorative intl. | | |
| 15000 | | 9. Mask | } | 10. |
| | | 10. Mask | | |
| | | 11. Mask | | |
| | | 12. Mask | | |
| 650+ | 13 | Copper mask | | |
| | 14 | Dagger with beadwork sheath | | .5 |
| 7200 | 15 | Plain shaman's round rattle | | |
| | 16 | Copper club | | |
| 9200? | 17 | Set gambling sticks | | |
| 500 | 18 | Hide apron | | .5 |
| | 19 | Cloth apron | | |
| | 20 | Slate mirror | | |
| | 21 | Pipe bowl | | |
| | 22 | 2 bear claw headpieces | | |
| | 23 | 18" spoon OK | | .5 |
| | 24 | Spoon | Painted box w/ lid | |
| | 25 | Spoon | Salmon | |
| | 26 | Habbit hook | Cane | |
| | | | 5' pole | |

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12,000 CE mark

48,000

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Dec 19/73.

Mr Wilson Huff.
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Dear Mr Huff.

Thank you for your letter of 12th Inst. re the Indian artifacts. I consider your evaluation of the value of these artifacts quite satisfactory. I would like to proceed with further negotiations.

I am forced by reasons of health to retire and have set Dec 31st as the date.

I hope after that to set down on paper some of my early impressions of the Indians of the Neas whom I knew. I have hunted and fished with these people and would hope to be able to develop some character sketches etc. I also have some photos which might be of value to you.

I thoroughly enjoyed your visit here and found it all too short.

With best wishes to you for an enjoyable & blessed Christmas season.

Yours sincerely

J. Macdonald.