

would like this set. The Skisegate collection is not yet here.

A consignment from Massel was forwarded to you by my direction. During my absence, I hope, has now reached you. I was only about four days at home, when I was invited to go off again at once to Massel on the Government Steamer. It was well I did so, as the only steamer of the year was abandoned on account of the rough weather.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Charles F. Newcombe.

105 Niagara St
Victoria, B.C.

27th November 1900.

Dear Professor Culin.

Your kind letter of the 20th has just come and your telegram arrived while I was again in the Queen Charlotte Islands, superintending the removal of the two posts I wrote to you about.

lowest figure removed
I am sorry to say that the larger one was not so sound as we thought, at the base, and that it broke, so that I thought it best to remove the damaged portion consisting of the lowest figure only. This of course reduces the value of the post to you although I myself obtained no reduction from the sellers. The remaining portion is perfectly sound and in good condition and now in Victoria. Mr. Green, for many years a missionary at Massett, though now at Metlakatla, B.C., whom I saw last week, is of opinion that this is one of the best poles made by the Haidas. He is in possession of the story which it illustrates and promised to let me have it for you. *He speaks Haida fluently, & tells the story down to his hands.* The mortuary pole is all right but I shall not ship either of these until I have obtained your consent to do so.

The following is a list of the reports of the Bureau of Ethnology I have received: — 2nd report 80-81, 4th report 82-83, 5th 83-84, 6th 84-85, 7th 85-86. In this series, therefore, the first and third are missing.

I should very much like to have the report of the Hupa Indians that you spoke to me about.

at Skidegate I bought a set of gambling sticks, and got the names of the various pomps; 3 in each. I suppose

105. Niagara St., Victoria B.C. 25th July 1900.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a list of the Kwakiutl and other Indian articles I value at \$200⁰⁰. In accordance with my promise I send a memo of the collection for your approval. The things are all labelled and packed ready for shipment on receipt of a Telegram or letter from you. In nearly every case the Indian name is attached and those I am not sure of, I hope to supply later on this year.

D. F. Boas is now in the Kwakiutl buying everything in sight. After repeated visits to our rancherie here, I at last got an interview with the woman who owns the three totem poles Dr. Dorsey himself asked me

3 Salish
totems?

to buy for you, and for which you advanced \$10⁰⁰ per totem. I can not induce the lady to accept less than that figure for each. Kindly wire if possible as I shall only be in Victoria a very little time before start on a trip to the north. The following would be definite enough

|| accept (or decline) collection. (my own)

|| Take (or refuse) totems. I will act accordingly

I hope to get some good specimens from the more out. of the bay villages but will report progress.

Yours very sincerely
Charles F. Newcombe.

105. Niagara St. Victoria B.C.

Aug 4th 1900.

Prof. Culin

Univ. of Pennsylvania. - Phila.

My dear Sir,

Your very kind letter and the books were awaiting me when I returned home late last week, from a cruise and I beg to thank you very heartily for them. I shall especially treasure the Korean fables which is from every point of view artistic as well scientific one of the most delightful books I have seen.

On receiving your telegram I went again to the old lady who owns the three poles and effected a purchase & have also arranged with a carpenter to protect the carved & painted parts and to ship when ready.

I have an idea that Dr. Dorsey asked me to send to him one of the poles which he particularly wanted but as I had at the time partaken somewhat freely of your hospitality - I am sorry to say that I do not remember quite clearly his instructions. The enclosed sketch was ^{made} ~~taken~~ some years ago with the idea that this pole might be suitable for New gardens and it represents the best of the poles ... I almost think that, with your consent he asked for this specimen. Can you aid me?

3 Salween poles

The quadrupeds are said to represent lizards but I sh
try to obtain the complete story ^{full} when the chief of the
village returns from fishing on the Fraser River.

It will be a great pleasure to me to endeavor
to make a good representative collection for you
from our coast, and directly the fishing season is over
I hope to start for the north to find the Indians at
home to ready for business. It would be waste of time
to go now as I found to my cost three years ago.

At the same time I shall try to put together a
collection of basketry showing the different stages of
manufacture with their Indian names as you
suggested, whether Prof. Hason wants it or not.

It would probably be of interest to some one, as
many of the processes are dying out.

Again thanking you both for your
kind and the Troops.

I am

Yours sincerely

Charles F. Newcombe

P.S. Please return sketch.

105. Niagara St. Victoria B.C. Sunday
Sep. 3rd 1900.

My dear Professor Lubin - On my return from another
trip a days ago I found your letter awaiting me regret
that I was ignorant of the need of a consular certificate,
which I shall try to get tomorrow. Today is Labor Day a
public holiday. The totem pole will be shipped
tomorrow to by N. P. R. Tomorrow night I sail by
the Tees for the Queen Charlotte Islands there to secure
several totem poles of which I will advise you on my
return. I shall also look out for all sorts of fables
& endeavor to secure for you the facts, either originals
or copies.

Going to
BCI -
poles
look for

I am very much obliged to you for & kindly sending
the Ethnological Reports which have lately reached me
- those especially to see that on the Hupa Indians.

Please excuse a very brief note as I have a
little time to prepare for my journey.

Will send you an account of expenses
later on for packing, freighting to & from the
the cost of which is $\$2.50$ per ton.

In great haste.

Yrs very sincerely

Charles F. Newcombe

105 Niagara St. V. B.
Masset B.C.I.

20 14. 1900.

20 Sept

Dear Mr. Culing

I have been here
nearly a week & have
unearthed more things
than I expected though
the finest carved speci-
mens have long dis-
appeared. In store I have

large adzes, & sledge-
hammers, & in wood
good boxes & chests, &

3 loten poles; one of
a memorial column
one a chief's crest
the third the large

3 Masset poles:
- memorial column
- a chief's crest
- large house pole
36 feet long

house pole, 36 ft. long,
tine as a few sticks,
+ of horn some sporns.
I shot a fairly good
representation of the
ordinary objects.

I am now just starting
for St. Louis to see

Gen. Dr. Boas's work
agent will be a rival.

Dr. Boas was at Alut
Bay when I passed I hope
to see him learn to be
a representative in the
Q. Charlotte Klans though
the winter months.

Returning from the part I hope to get
some pretty good specimens in the
Kwagilt County including the
Sisimut seat about which I spoke
to you. - It will entail though, a
carve journey of about 60 miles,
passing two villages in which there
were in spring several objects
included in your Doris notes.

If you could conveniently
advance me about ~~£~~[#]150[#] or 200
I should be greatly obliged payable to
my account at the Bank of B.C.
Victoria, as my balance is getting
rather low.

On my return to Victoria I
will send you details of the
collection forward it as soon as
possible.

Yours sincerely
C. F. Newcombe.

Natural History Society of B. C.

Victoria, B. C. 5th Nov. 1900.

Professor Gulin,

My dear Professor,

Enclosed I send you two photographs. One shows a totem pole I bought for you at Massett. It is 36 feet high from the ground, and, except for the flaw you will notice near the bottom, is in perfectly sound condition. It may have to be cut in two for transmission by the cars but I will try and avoid this if possible. I am going to revisit Massett this month and hope to obtain a full story of the pole, which it was not possible to get last month.

No. 2 is a photograph of a memorial pole which I also bought for you at Massett on approval. Though somewhat covered with moss, I tested it with a knife, and found it to be sound, and the ^{3rd} photograph shows some ^{of the} detail of the lower part of this pole, but the Indian standing by it unfortunately moved.

I am also sending you list of articles also obtained at Massett which I hope to ship to you at once. Another consignment will reach you later from Skidegate.

I shall be much obliged if you can forward me another advance of about \$100. It will be about a month before I shall be able to return to Victoria and I am obliged to take all my available cash with me for new purchases.

Yours very sincerely,
Charles F. Newcombe