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"The following remarks are almost entirely from a hydrographic notice by George H. Inskip, RN, of HM Steamer Virago, 1853" p.304

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The village of Skidegate is situated in the bay, off which are the village islands, and consists of many houses fronting the beach, all of which are dirty and smell strongly of fish. The Indians are a finer race than the Vancouver islanders, and although very dirty, are much cleaner in their personal appearance. A space of ground near the village is cleared of brushwood for potatoes, which thrive exceedingly well. Plenty of wood and water can be obtained, and the natives will gladly assist if paid with tobacco, etc. for their labour. Some distance from the anchorage, and on the side of a mountain, are large quantities of coal, ... it is however in too inconvenient a position to be worked. p. 307

(Tow Hill called "Macroon") p. 307

(At Masset) "Edensaw, the chief of the neighbouring tribe, and who is a very intelligent and (when it suits him) valuable person to a stranger navigating this coast, , says, that when the Indians wish to go to Skidegate,

In 1852 the Indians belonging to this place seized, plundered, and burnt an American schooner, the master and crew being spared through the influence of the chief, Edensaw; this should place any one who may happen to visit ~~this place~~ these people on their guard. p. 308

The inner harbour of Virago sound (the native name of which is Naden,) is capacious, and sheltered from every wind.

The village is to be built inside a point on the western side the narrowest part of the entrance. Some ground near it is cleared for potatoes, which are much used by the natives, and form one of their principal articles of food. p. 309

(Parry Passage) On the south side is Edensaw's village, from which he intends removing to Virago sound. 309

(kaisun) At a short distance inside the islands, on the port side of the entrance, is a village belonging to the Kilkite tribe. 310