

(Cultivation)

Potatoes

1789. June 27 Douglas

"... Tarrant stands on a very fine spot of ground, round which was some appearance of cultivation; and in one place in particular it was evident that seed had been lately sown. In all probability Captain Gray, in the sloop Washington, had fallen in with this tribe, and employed his considerate friendship in forming this garden.... From the same benevolent spirit Captain Douglas himself planted some beans, and gave the natives a quantity for the same useful purpose." p 227

beans

[Gray had passed about June 6, but did not anchor].

1791 Hoskins July 10 saw tobacco gardens on Rose Hbr.

1825 Reuber (Oregon Hist Bu) p 191 ... cultivation of potatoes is very general among them...

1826 McKell 'Jolly Ho' Skidegate. Aug 28 bought 2 hogheads, and more next day.

1829 Green p 38 OCI "produces potatoes of a most excellent quality"

p 51 for "Some years since, a trader left a few English potatoes at Queen Charlotte's Island, and instructed the natives in the cultivation of them"

1835 Work Seary. May 11 Skidegate "They grow a considerable quantity of potatoes they have several patches under cultivation about their villages" p 40 Bought some.

May 23 J. B. Simpson: OCI Indians traded 177 bushels.

1835 Tolmie Drury Oct 22 letter from Dr. Kennedy at Simpson says Macetta brought 400 bushels of potatoes for sale

1840 Scouler: re Harda:

Scouler was around
in 1825

... their staple article is the potato, which they
sell in great quantities to the mainland tribes. -
p 219.

1845 Sumner

Mentions Harda potato gardens. An American
captain first gave them this vegetable. Has known
500 - 800 bushels a season brought to Ft Simpson
p 41

1840 Scouler

"They fabricate most of the curiosities found on the
coast"

1920 Howay

Voyage of the Hope WHO XI, 1, 3-28 p. 7

"Enay of the Columbia was the first to show the
Indians of the B C I how to cultivate
the potato." [This may not be correct - see 1789
entry by Douglas]

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