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White man's contact extremely bad in general, for Indians. Smallpox wiped out at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Indians. In some places more in a series of epidemics. Indians did not have the natural resistance white man had. Liquor was another problem. The general effect was bad, but the quality of liquor sold & deleterious substances made problem worse. Firearms, used in warfare between tribes or between Indians ~~made~~ increased mortality. Another problem was prostitution of girls & women of tribes. White man took undue advantage of loose <sup>sexual</sup> morals of Indians.

Missionaries were a good influence on general morals & economic cond. of Indians, but

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When gold was discovered in early 1850's hostility & fierceness of Haida made it very dangerous for prospectors, many disappeared. Small yield of gold made it unprofitable ~~but~~ prospecting never was never fully abandoned. (Coal, gold, copper.)

Many Haida moved south to Victoria where a gold rush was in place. Here they intermarried with Caucasians, Africans, Asiatics & Polynesians.

By 1850 the American market in Puget sound attracted Indians who sold pelts & Argillite curios ~~to~~ there.

Vanderwack says that the Indians would not have been hostile if he had been treated fairly by white men. Usually the white men



