

Bella Coola Heritage Website Cryptogram

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Cryptogram #1:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
													11	5					17						

_____ N _____ N _____ O
 22 13 16 25 22 11 19 16 6 23 22 14 10 16 11 9 26 16 2 6 5 23
 _____ N _____ N , T _____ N T - _____ O N
 14 22 11 22 19 22 8 7 13 22 11 19 17 4 16 11 17 7 21 16 14 5 11 19
 _____ O _____ , _____ O N - T _____ O _____ N _____ , _____ N
 5 2 1 18 13 7 5 11 16 17 3 5 18 21 22 11 19 21 16 12 16 11
 _____ N _____ , _____ N _____ N N T - T _____ .
 3 18 11 19 6 16 19 22 11 19 11 26 11 16 17 7 17 3 6 16 16

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Cryptogram #2:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
												25		5	12				14						

" _____ M _____ T T T _____
 3 24 10 13 3 25 10 21 3 2 23 13 14 24 10 14 14 24 23 26 10 2 10 13 3

_____ O _____ O M P _____ M _____
 10 2 20 11 24 5 10 26 26 5 25 12 10 2 3 23 13 25 23 11 23 22 23

T _____ M O T _____ P T _____ O M _____
 14 24 23 25 5 20 14 23 19 12 23 22 14 26 10 2 5 23 25 23 2 3 2

T _____ O _____ T T _____
 14 24 23 11 5 22 9 13 4 8 14 14 24 23 7 10 22 23 6 23 22 7

_____ O T O T _____ P O P [T _____
 3 2 18 23 22 3 5 22 14 5 14 24 23 20 23 12 23 5 12 9 23 14 24 23

_____], _____ T T M _____
 2 8 19 10 9 17 10 20 14 24 23 7 14 24 23 25 20 23 9 6 23 20

_____ O _____ T _____
 10 26 17 2 5 11 9 23 13 21 23 13 3 2 26 5 2 13 8 26 14 3 2 21

T O _____ " - _____ O M M _____
 14 24 5 20 23 6 23 20 20 23 9 20 18 22 5 25 25 10 26 17 23 2 1 3 23

' _____ O _____ .
 20 15 5 8 22 2 10 9

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Cryptogram Solutions:

#1: Alexander Mackenzie from Canada by land, twenty-second of July, one-thousand, seven hundred, and ninety-three.

#2: “I had imagined the Canadians who accompanied me were the most expert canoemen in the world, but they are very inferior to these people [the Nuxalk], as they themselves acknowledged, in conducting those vessels”—from Mackenzie’s journal.