~~and the field occupying the whole basin bet-~~
~~ween the~~ The first discoveries were made on
the Cowlitz & Skookum Chuck. ~~There were pro-~~
~~nounced to be only lignite but though but those~~
~~beds have never been worked. The distance to~~
The most northern point it is believed where any ~~ex-~~ dis-
~~aminations~~ coveries have been made is at Beaver Harbor or
Port Rupert, on the northern extremity of Vancouver's
Island. What was obtained here was merely sur-
face coal & was cut out by Indians with hat-
chets. The Company ~~are now mining by means~~
~~of a shaft~~ have now sunk a shaft at Ni-mo
on the eastern shore of the Island, in Lat 49°
9' Long. 123° 56', whence they obtain supplies for
their steamers. The Beaver Harbor locality was
abandoned as too inconvenient.

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