

Object Sighted Near Hazelton, BC

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UFO*BC NOTE:

On the 16th of May, 1896, the Swedish Government informed Canada that they would be sending a balloon from Sweden heading to the North Pole in the early summer of 1896. This information was requested to be widely disseminated across Canada so that any sightings could be reported back to Sweden and any assistance could be given to the explorers if needed. However, due to poor weather, the departure was delayed until the following year. Eventually the balloon set sale on July 11, 1897, but crashed on the pack ice after only 2 days (nowhere near Canada). Strangely enough, many sightings that were assumed to be this balloon were reported in Canada and the USA in 1896 and early 1987 (including this one).

However, on July 3rd, Canadian Indian agent R. E. Loring, stationed at Hazelton, British Columbia, some 450 miles north of Victoria, sent a message to the superintendent of Indian affairs, Mr. A. W. Vawell. Mr. Loring wrote that a young Indian had seen a strange object in the sky about 7:30 p.m. that day some four miles to the west of Hazelton. The youth said he had seen the object emerge from a thick, white, cloud bank, and then swerve in a semi-circular course through a rift in the overcast before entering another cloud bank. The object flew about 400 feet above the mountains and appeared dark in color. Such was the extent of details given in Mr. Loring's letter. Since the report came from a young Indian boy, agent Loring was not overly impressed but he notified his superior, Mr. Vawell, nonetheless. (37.)

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