

# Native Abodes 'Fit for Torch'

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ALERT BAY, Nov. 22—Housing for natives employed by B.C. canneries is "both unhealthy and filthy," William Beynon, Fort Simpson, northern business agent for the Native Brotherhood, charged at closing sessions of the Brotherhood's fifteenth annual convention here Monday.

"This situation has lasted for the past 20 years," Mr. Beynon said, "so scarcity of labor and building materials can hardly be accepted as a reasonable excuse for not correcting the condition."

He said that the best attempt the Indians could make to "keep the houses sanitary, would be to burn them down, as cleaning them would be impossible owing to their state of dilapidation.

"I defy the canners to try and favorably compare some of the 'best' houses provided by them for native workers with the 'very poorest' on the reserves, with the exception of one cannery."