

the New Westminster Volunteers. The Alexandria party continued to occupy the fort. Mr. Brew's men pitched their camp outside.

10. Mr. Cox had long waited at Ben-sher Lake the arrival of the Indian chief Alexis, who came not. On the day after the Governor's arrival, however, he started for Tatla Lake. The New Westminster party, now reduced in number to 10 by the departure of the detachment under Mr. Elwyn and myself, and a pack train with escort, remained in charge of the station at Ben-sher Lake. For sanitary reasons they continued encamped under the bullock on which Mr. Cox's fort stands. The occupation of this central point by so small a force was not entirely unattended with anxiety.

11. The horses had been sent away, the provisions had begun to run short, so Mr. Brew remained inactive on the spot where all the roads meet. By degrees the Indians, who had kept aloof at first, began to familiarize themselves with the presence of the white force in the centre of the country. Women first came into camp to trade, and finally Alexis, the Chilcote chief, was induced to present himself to the Governor. He came on horseback with a considerable cavalcade. There was great