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Fifth Report on the Indians of British Columbia. By FRANZ BOAS.

During the months from September to December 1894, I revisited British Columbia under instructions of the Committee, the object of the journey being to fill, so far as possible, gaps left in previous investigations. I considered four points to be of particular importance: the anthropometry of those portions of the province which were not covered by previous work; an investigation of a Tinnéh tribe on the extreme northern part of the coast of which I had heard reports, but which has never been described; a study of the customs of the Hé'iltuq, and further inquiries in regard to the Tinnéh tribe of Nicola Valley which was first described by Dr. G. M. Dawson ('Trans. Royal Soc. Canada,' vol. ix. 1891, sec. ii. p. 23).

On account of lack of time I was unable to visit the Hé'iltuq, and for the same reason I delegated the work in Nicola Valley to Mr. James Teit, of Spence's Bridge, who is thoroughly conversant with the language and the customs of the Ntlakyá'pamuq. His report will be found embodied in the following pages.

The subject matter which I collected on my journey is presented in the following manner:—

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 1. Nisk'a'.
 2. Tsetseá'ut.

I have to express my obligation for valuable help extended in the course of my work to the Rev. Mr. Collison, of Kinkolith; Mr. George Hunt, of Fort Rupert; Mr. C. O. Hastings, of Victoria, British Columbia; Mr. James Teit, of Spence's Bridge; and Rev. Father Le Jeune, of Kamloops.

The following alphabet has been used in this report:—

The vowels have their Continental sounds, namely: *a* as in *father*; *e* like *a* in *mate*; *i* as in *machine*; *o* as in *note*; *u* as in *rule*.

In addition the following are used: *ä, ö* as in German; *á=aw* in *law*; *é* as in *tell*; *î* as in *hill*; *ó* as in German *voll*; *ε=e* in *flower* (Lepsius's *g*).

Among the consonants the following additional letters have been used: *g*, velar *g*; *k*, velar *k*; *q*, the German *ch* in *bach*; *h*, the German *ch* in *ich*; *q*, between *q* and *h*; *c=sh* in *shore*; *tl*, an explosive *l*; *dl*, a palatal *l* (dorso-apical); *!*, increased stress of articulation; *'*, the mouth assumes the position for the articulation of *u*.

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