

communication by which they can transact business and give limited religious instruction.

TABLE OF TRIBES.

	No. of People.
Niskahs . . . . .	783
Tsimsheans . . . . .	1060
Kitikshans . . . . .	1113
Haultzas . . . . .	941
Bella Coolas, etc. . . . .	380
Hydahs . . . . .	693
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Bancroft says, "Early explorers spoke of those Indians as an intelligent, honest and brave race, although not slow, under European treatment, to become drunkards, gamblers and thieves." Vancouver found them keen traders, but honest, and some of them industrious, sober, cleanly and peaceable. He said the Tsimsheans were fiercer, more uncivilized than the Indians in the south of British Columbia, yet friendly. They were subject, he said, to sudden gusts of passion which were as quickly composed, and that the transition from violent irritation to the most tranquil demeanor was instantaneous. Of all