

*Rocky Mountain Indians.* Number about 160 souls,—speak a dialect of Chepewyan.

*Strong-Bow Indians.* They frequent the country from Fort Nelson to the forks of Mackenzie's River, and muster about 280 souls. They speak Chepewyan, as do all those tribes that are known in that quarter, except the Loucheux.

*Ranges of Mountains.*—The natives speak of there being eleven distinct ranges of the Rocky Mountains, which lie parallel to each other, and have a general direction from north to south.

*Edible Earth.*—An edible earth is found below the forks, which is described as unctuous clay, which the Indians eat from choice.

*Meteoric Stone.*—The Strong-Bow Indians observed a meteoric stone, several feet in diameter, to fall from the sky. It had a bad smell, and its fall was attended with a report like thunder. The year is unknown, but it was since 1795, when the traders first established themselves there.

*Petrifying Spring.*—There is a petrifying spring about forty miles above the forks. The petrifications are as white as snow, and the spring issues from a stone of a light-grey colour, which is used for grinding tools, and is supposed to be a kind of calcareous sandstone. The river cuts this bed of stone into two, and produces a small cascade.

*Flints or Calcedonies.*—Above the Montagne de Bouleau, on the Riviere aux Liards, there are many stones described as flints, but which appear, in general, rather to be varieties of calcedony; the colours are black, blue, milk-white, and veined, clouded and striped; the blackish varieties are softer than the others; and all have a thin yellowish coat or crust. Flint or calcedony is found in all parts of Mackenzie's river, and is used by the natives to tip their arrows with.