

parate stock, they are less numerous than some of the particular tribes of other families, barely 696 souls.

I am responsible for determining the number of the Déné and Salish dialects only, and I am inclined to the belief that the differentiation of the other idioms is not based on so strictly scientific grounds. Unless I am much mistaken, the would-be dialects of some stocks correspond to mere local idiomatic differences.

Ignoring minor colonies in secluded places, we may assign the following limits to the habitat of the various groups.

1 The territory of the Kootenay is co-extensive with the valleys of the Upper Columbia River and of the lake and river named after them, to which must be added a small stretch of land adjacent thereto, but situated within the United States.

2 The Salish race inhabits the country immediately west of this from 52° 30' down to, and much beyond, the boundary line, including the south-eastern part of Vancouver Island and a limited area around Dean Inlet, on the mainland. In point of numbers and geographical situation, they form the most important of all the aboriginal families to be found within the provincial frontiers.

3 Adjoining them, in the immediate north-west, is the Kwakiutl stock which is exclusively maritime in habits and habitat, from Gardner Inlet—with the exception of the above mentioned territory close to Dean Inlet—to Cape Mudge, and again on the corresponding part of Vancouver Island.

4 The Tsimpsonian country is likewise contiguous to the Pacific Ocean. It confines partly on the Kwakwuitl's territory, though the principal Tsimpsonian seats are on the Naas and Skeena rivers. 5 As to the Haidas' habitat, it consists of the Queen Charlotte Islands and part of the Prince of Wales Archipelago.

6 All the remaining land in the interior belongs to the Déné race. Its southern apex, over which roam some Tsilhkhoh'tin bands, is by 51° of latitude, and it extends, without any break or interruption, to the northern boundary of the Province and much further, while in the east it is practically limited only by the Hudson Bay and the Eskimos' territory.