

custom introduced among them. They clean their hands only, which they wash by filling their mouths with water and then squirting it over them in intermittent streams." Now, the author's mind must have run partly in the direction of this paper, for he subjoins a note: "This reminds the comparative Sociologist of a similar custom prevailing among the Tartars or Moguls of the Middle Ages. William of Rubruck (St. Louis' envoy to the great Khan, 1253), says that, 'They never wash their clothes. Cleanliness is in no more favour with the men than with their ladies; and their mode of washing their faces and hands is by filling their mouths with water and squirting it over them.' *Relation des Voyages en Tartarie, Bergeron*. Perhaps Chinese laundrymen, who sprinkle their washing in this fashion, obtained it from their rulers, the Manchus.

"Considered in their social condition and daily pursuits, a portion of the Western Dénés are nomadic, and part may be described as semi-sedentary." I do not know that Father Morice anywhere refers to the Dénés' dislike of ancient smells, save in his "The Western Dénés; their manners and customs," where he says, "The Sekanais, owing to their dislike to fish, and their need of procuring fresh supplies of meat could never remain for any length of time at the same place." And again: "Even to this day they content themselves with circular coniferous branch huts or lodges, which they construct and abandon at a moment's notice, whenever their incessant peregrinations after food and peltries call therefor." In regard to moral character, Father Morice writes: "Making due allowance for their particular ideas of propriety, they are generally modest in deportment and chaste in privacy, despite the fact that several couples live together under the same roof and without partitions in the house. Should I have to sketch rapidly our Dénés' fmoral features, I think I could, by ignoring some necessary exceptions, give them credit for relative morality, great honesty, intense fondness for their offspring, and a general gentleness of disposition, not excluding, however, occasional freaks of irascibility. But to qualify their lives and give their true portrait, I should immediately add that they are prone to lying, addicted to gambling, naturally selfish, cowardly, and at times very lazy, especially the stronger sex." But, in his notes on the Western Dénés, the author says: "Our Western Dénés, who usually prove so cowardly against a human enemy, are so courageous when matched with almost any wild beast, that among them he would not be considered a man who would be afraid of a bear."

In the same notes he writes: "The Tse'kehne are slender and bony,