

completed during the coming year with respect to other large bodies of immigrants.

The exceptional circumstances surrounding the Indians of British Columbia; the fact that it is becoming more difficult each year to obtain reliable accounts of these people; the rapid disappearance of old customs, dress, and mode of living; and also the present availability of the services of an expert and enthusiastic observer, have seemed sufficient reasons for devoting to their study a much larger share of the resources of the Committee than might otherwise appear justifiable.

The work now in progress includes :—

1. Customs and Traditions of the Huron Indians of Lorette, P.Q. Mr. Leon Gerin, Ottawa.

2. Anthropometric Studies. Dr. C. A. Hibbert, Montreal; Mr. A. F. Hunter, Barrie, Ont.; Dr. F. A. Patrick, Yorkton, N.W.T.; Dr. F. Tracey, Toronto.

3. Photographic Studies of the North-West Coast Indians. Dr. C. F. Newcombe, Victoria, B.C.

4. Studies of the Early Settlers of Canada. Mr. B. Sulte, Ottawa.

5. Ethnological Studies of the Indians of British Columbia. Mr. C. Hill-Tout.

Apart from the records of measurements previously alluded to, the completed work of the past year is represented by the two papers appended hereto.

1. The Origin of Early Canadian Settlers. Mr. B. Sulte, Ottawa.

2. Studies of the Indians of British Columbia. Mr. C. Hill-Tout, Vancouver, B.C.

The important studies of Mr. Hill-Tout have been prosecuted under considerable difficulties, but with the most painstaking care. They represent, for the most part, material which is altogether new, while those which cover ground previously worked over, embody results in such a way as to preserve their value as contributions to our knowledge of these people.

One of the principal difficulties met with by Mr. Hill-Tout has been the reluctance of the Indians to submit themselves to the process of measurement, or even, under satisfactory conditions, to the camera.

Prints, in duplicate, of a certain number of photographs already obtained by Mr. Hill-Tout accompany this report, and it is hoped that a more important contribution of this kind may be forthcoming next year.

Also accompanying this report is a series of fifteen prints, in duplicate, of photographs of the villages and totem-poles of the Haida Indians of the Queen Charlotte Islands, taken by Dr. G. M. Dawson, Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, while engaged in a survey of these islands in the year 1878. These are the first photographs taken of the villages in question, and they possess some interest as a matter of record in consequence of the fact that the objects and conditions represented by them have now almost wholly disappeared. Some of these views have been reproduced in the Report of Progress of the Geological Survey for 1878-79, to which reference may be made.

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