

As for affinity consequent upon either lawful or unlawful sexual relations, it was simply ignored. Nay, I should say that it was rather considered a powerful incentive to marriage, except when the regulations of the clan organization interfered so as to make the two relatives fellow clansmen. Thus it was, that in the case of a deceased brother's wife, the Dénés treated her conformably with the directions of the Jewish law, and the nephew considered himself in duty bound to espouse her.

It would be difficult to give here a complete table of agnates and cognates as named and ranked by the four Tribes under review, some of whom receive different names according as they are called by a male or female, or relatively to their comparative age. I shall, however, confine myself to a few remarks embodying the more characteristic peculiarities in their mode of reckoning kindred relationship.

1° A large proportion of our Dénés never go beyond the second degree in computing their progenitors or offspring, whether in a direct or collateral line, and in no instance do they go beyond the third degree—more distant relatives in either line being then called respectively grand-father and grand-mother if ascendants, or grand-children if descendants.

2° Grand-uncles and grand-aunts both maternal and paternal are also called grand-father and grand-mother.

3° Although they possess and sometimes use words meaning brother or sister without any reference to their relative age, they more generally designate them elder brother and elder sister, or younger brother and younger sister.

4° A son is called *syé* by his father and *syaz* by his mother who also calls her daughter *syatsé*, while her father when referring to her¹ always uses *stsé*.

5° Both nephews and nieces are called *stsú* by their maternal uncle and *skwaz* by their maternal aunt, while either paternal uncle or aunt will call their nephew younger brother and their niece younger sister.

¹These and the following Aboriginal terms are in the Carrier dialect. This not being a philological paper, I have deemed it superfluous to have them accompanied with their Chilixotin and Sékanais etc., equivalents.