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falls into the channel from the axial range of mountains of these islands. Professor Dawson says that everywhere in the islands we find evidence of the descent of glacier ice from the axial range to the sea, and describes a number of valleys where action of ice on their hillsides is plainly shown. He also shows from the evidence given that the final retreat of these valley glaciers would seem to have been pretty rapid. A few years ago, I took an Indian with me up the Hunnah valley, in order to see for myself the effects of glacial action. After observation, I agree with Professor Dawson, as well as with the tradition, that the retreat of the glacier down this valley from the place of its birth at the head-waters of the Hunnah must have been pretty rapid. The great glacial period lingered longer in these islands, or else a smaller glaciation must have taken place. Whether this had anything to do with the legend, may be a matter of opinion.

Up to within a few years ago, it was customary, when a bevy of girls were going to the woods or mountains, to say: *Coosó tu toggan Cowgans?* "Where are you going to Cowgans?" The mode of spinning among the Haidas was with a spindle and disk or wheel, like various tribes in other parts of America.

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