

and other Tartars to have displaced, enumerate the Tungus. This is exceedingly probable, and so far agrees with the Tinneh traditions reported by Mackenzie and Father Petitot. These state that the enemies of the Tinneh, who were very wicked men, dwelt to the west of their nation; that, fleeing from them, they crossed a shallow sea, passing from island to island in a bitterly cold climate, and at last found the sea to the west of them and their enemies to the east. Such traditions plainly indicate the northern Asiatic origin of the Tinneh, and, together with their vocabulary and grammar, limit them to an original home in the neighborhood of Siberia. Mr. Dall and other observers bear testimony to their love of a gipsy, vagabond life, which Martin Sauer, in his account of Billings's expedition, has similarly remarked upon in speaking of the Tungus. The latter stated in reference to this customary moving continually from place to place that the Tungus did so to avoid the contraction of disagreeable odours; and the traveller Hearne, in his "Voyage to Hudson's Bay," mentions a similar dislike to bad smells among the Tinneh tribes. In regard to personal appearance nothing can be said of stature, for, while some writers describe the Tungus as tall, athletic and straight, others speak of them as generally below the middle size. The same apparently contradictory statements are made regarding the Tinneh, showing that both Tungus and Tinneh present much variety in this physical characteristic, although the writers on both sides are agreed that neither in the one family nor in the other is there any tendency to corpulence. The small eyes, high cheekbones, low forehead and coarse black hair of the Tungus are alluded to by Santini and Sauer, and identical features are ascribed to the Tinneh by Hearne, Mackenzie and later writers. Although both peoples are generally in the habit of depilation, it is not universal among either the Tungus or the Tinneh. Some of the Tungus tribes, such as the Tshapojirs, tat-too their faces after the prevailing Siberian fashion with bars or straight lines on the cheeks and forehead, and so, according to many authorities, do the Chipweyans and other Tinneh tribes.

The Tungus is inclined to be demonstrative, mirth-loving, communicative, and the contrast in this respect between the undignified, fun-making and talkative Athabaskan and the reserved, grave and silent Cree, his neighbour, has escaped few travellers in the North West. The docility of the Tinneh is a frequent subject of favorable