

numbers, and put them to death, as it is a principle with them never to make prisoners. At the same time, they tamely submit to the Knisteneaux, (Creés), who are not so numerous as themselves, when they treat them as enemies."

"They do not affect that cold reserve at meeting, either among themselves or strangers, which is common with the Knisteneaux, but communicate mutually and at once, all the information of which they are possessed. Nor are they roused, like them, from an apparent torpor to a state of great activity. They are, consequently, more uniform in this respect, though they are of a very persevering disposition when their interest is concerned. \* \* \* In their quarrels with each other they very rarely proceed to the greater degree of violence than is occasioned by blows, wrestling, and pulling of the hair, while their abusive language consists in applying the name of the most offensive animal to the object of their displeasure, and adding the term ugly, and *chiay* or stillborn. This name is also applicable to the foetus of an animal, when killed, which is considered as one of the greatest delicacies. \* \* \* The country which these people claim as their land has a very small quantity of earth, and produces little or no wood or herbage. Its chief vegetable substance is the moss on which the deer feed, and a kind of rock moss, which, in times of scarcity, preserves the lives of the natives. When boiled in water, it dissolves into a clammy, glutinous substance, that affords a very sufficient nourishment. \* \* \* They are also of a querulous disposition, and are continually making complaints; which they express by a constant repetition of the word *eduiy*, "it is hard," in a whining and plaintive tone of voice."

My copy of Hearne's Voyage is a French translation, which will account for the variation of the extracts from the original. He says: "The Northern Indians are, in general, of medium stature, well proportioned, and strong; but they have little corpulence. They lack the activity and suppleness natural to the Indians whose tribes inhabit the western coast of Hudson's Bay. The color of their skin approaches that of dark copper. Their hair is black, thick and shiny, like that of other Indians. \* \* \* The features of these Indians differ entirely from those of the other neighboring tribes, for their foreheads and eyes are small, their cheek bones high, and their nose aquiline, their face pretty full and their chin, as a rule, large. Their features vary but little in the individuals of the two sexes; but it might be said that nature has submitted to fewer abnormalities in the case of the women. These natives have an exceedingly soft and even skin, and when they