

ultimate destruction of the Nazku'tenne. Both villages inhabited by them are on the Fraser River.

3. Due west of the Black-Water village and ascending the river of that name to its source, we meet with a third subdivision of the Carriers, the *Nu-tca'tenne* (probably corrupted from *Nu-tcah'tenne*, people down against the island). These people dwell in four small villages, Trout Lake, ʔus'kəz,* Pe-ʔ'ka-tcék,† and ʔ'ka-tco.‡ The latter is composed of a mixed population of Déné and Belqula descent whose first white visitor was the writer, ten years ago. The Nu-cha'tenne formerly had several other villages (Tsitsi, ʔrak, etc.), the sites of which are still discernible through small clearings in the forest. Their present total number may be a little over 135.

4. Immediately north of the Black-Water village, at the confluence of the Nutcakoh with the Fraser River, we have one village, Fort George or ʔeilli,§ the population of which forms one separate sept, the *Tano'tenne* (people a little to the north). It numbers actually 130 persons. The Fort George Indians have on the east side of the Fraser very large and productive hunting grounds as far as, and comprising, the Rocky and Caribou mountains and spurs thereof. A village of the same sept, Tcinlak at the junction of the Na'krakoh or Stuart's Lake River with the Nuchakoh had formerly a flourishing population which was, not very long ago, practically annihilated in one night by the Tsiḱkoh'tin.

5. Two villages on Fraser Lake furnish us with our fifth tribal subdivision of the Carriers. Their population goes under the common name of *Natlo'tenne* (contracted from *Nalleh-lwo'tenne* or people of Natleh.¶) About 135 persons form the population of their two villages Natleh and Stella,** one at each end of the lake.

The aggregate of the above enumerated septs constitutes what I generally designate under the collective name of Lower Carriers. Though slight linguistic peculiarities give to each of them a real individuality, yet the dialect of all contains very important characteristics common to the whole aggregate which differentiate it from that of any of the septs or subtribes which remain to review.

* "Half-ʔus," the name of a carp-like fish.

† "Wherewith one catches fat."

‡ "The Big-fattening."

§ "The Junction."

¶ "It (i.e., the salmon) comes back again."

** The Cape.