

TO ALFRED R. C. SELWYN, Esq., LL.D., F.R.S..

*Director Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada.*

SIR,—The functions of the Survey having lately been enlarged so as to render it appropriate to include Ethnological work in its publications, I beg to present herewith a series of short comparative vocabularies, embracing the various languages spoken by the Indian tribes of British Columbia, together with a map illustrating their distribution. The work, of which this is the result, was originally begun by Dr. W. F. Tolmie and myself, in 1875, as a private investigation, but we are happy to avail ourselves of your kind permission in regard to its publication.

Dr. Tolmie's long connection with the west coast, and constant intercourse with the Indian tribes, while an officer of the Hudson's Bay Company and subsequently, give special value to the results of his investigations in linguistic matters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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