

house of a gentleman named Cormack who was at that time taking a great interest in the Beothuck Indians. Here it was found that she was particularly skilful in drawing and she drew a great many pictures expressive of the life of her people. On certain of her pictures were written explanations made by Mr. Cormack who, of course, got her to explain them. Some of the pictures with Mr. Cormack's written notes on them are still in existence, and presumably they are in the care of the family of the late Mr. James P. Howley, for in his book (which has already been mentioned) are copies of them.

In the year 1829 Mr. Cormack left the country and Shanawdithit was then taken care of by the Attorney-General of that day, James Simms, Esq. Although she was a handsome woman, civilised life did not seem to agree with her health and she was never really well. During the time that she was in Mr. Simms's house, the famous Dr. Carson attended her, but in spite of every care, in the fall of 1829 she died and her burial is registered in the Register of the Cathedral Parish of the Church of England, St. John's.

From Shanawdithit a good deal of reliable information concerning the Beothucks was obtained. On the occasion of Capt. Buchan's expedition in 1811 up the Exploits River, Shanawdithit, as a little girl, was in a mamateek on the other side of the lake, and at that time the Beothucks numbered in all 72 persons. Again Shanawdithit was present at the capture of Mary March in 1818, and at this time the Beothucks were 31 in number. In 1820 she was with a party who watched Captain Buchan on his way up the river with the body of Mary March; and of course she was present when in the spring of 1823 a mother and two daughters surrendered themselves, for she was one of the daughters. On this occasion three were killed and three surrendered. This would have left 28, but Shanawdithit accounted for 15 deaths during the five years which brought their number down to 13 in that year. It seems very clear that these people gradually perished away. Personally I cannot think that there was ever migration of them to another land. In the year 1824 a small party of them was seen on the Exploits River by some Mic-mac Indians, but never since then, with the exception of Shanawdithit who died in 1829, has there been a trace of them, so that so far as is known, Shanawdithit, known as Nellie, was the last of the Beothucks.

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