

handling stone ware, and here they were probably always far second in activity to the Püiblrmiüt.

Of the still existing tribes the Aküliakattägmüüt have about the fewest natural resources—in fact, wood only, and in the sale of it they have to compete not alone with the Hanerägmüüt and Püiblrmiüt who come to gather wood at their very door, but also with all the tribes members of which habitually or occasionally visit Bear lake. They no doubt were once an important link in the commercial chain along the coast from the Gulf to Cape Parry. This traffic and the intercourse with the western (just where located?) Eskimo, whom they call Ualinermiüt, is remembered by them as well as by the Nōahōnirmüüt, Uallirymüüt, and Pällirmüüt. The westerners are disliked and feared by all, next to the Indians. There are living at Cape Bexley and elsewhere persons whose parents had their homes west along the coast well towards Cape Lyon—none of these belonged to that part of the westerners who are disliked, but we, coming from farther west, were considered to do so, and when we were found to be comparatively harmless we were said to be an improvement on our ancestors (I was by the Aküliakattägmüüt considered of the same race as my companions).

What west-going traffic there was through the hands of the Aküliakattägmüüt must have consisted almost exclusively of stoneware, as the copper needed for the district beyond Parry would come logically from Nelson head. Of course the population between Capes Parry and Bexley may have received through the Aküliakattägmüüt, copper, the ultimate source of which was either Prince Albert sound or the Coppermine river and Dismal lake. This trade may have been of some volume, for the remains indicate a considerable population along the entire coastline. What they received from the west must have been confined pretty strictly to Alaskan goods, for the country between the Colville river and Cape Bexley does not, so far as we know, produce anything which formerly or now is not as abundantly to be had east of Cape Bexley, unless it were fishnets, and of their ever having been known to the people (except by hearsay) we have found no trace.