

*The North-Western Tribes of Canada.*—Eleventh Report of the Committee, consisting of Professor E. B. TYLOR (Chairman), Mr. CUTHBERT E. PEEK (Secretary), Dr. G. M. DAWSON, Mr. R. G. HALIBURTON, and Mr. HORATIO HALE, appointed to investigate the Physical Characters, Languages, and Industrial and Social Conditions of the North-Western Tribes of the Dominion of Canada.

The Committee were originally appointed at the Montreal Meeting of the Association in 1884, and, as indicated in the Tenth Report, presented last year at the Ipswich Meeting, it had been determined that that Report should conclude the series. When, however, it was decided to hold the meeting for 1897 in Toronto, it appeared to be appropriate that the work of the Committee begun at the first Canadian Meeting should be concluded at the second, and the Committee were accordingly continued. The concluding Report of the Committee to be prepared for the Toronto Meeting may afford the occasion of pointing out to the Government and public of Canada the necessity for further and systematic investigation of the ethnology of the country.

The Report presented herewith contains a number of observations by Dr. Franz Boas, through whose agency the greater part of the work has been done, chiefly supplementary to articles contained in the Fifth and Tenth Reports. Although the result of previous journeys by Dr. Boas, these have not been heretofore published.

It is now hoped to include in the final Report of 1897 the results of further field work in contemplation and to be directed toward the filling of some gaps still existing in our general knowledge of the tribes of British Columbia, particularly in respect to the anthropometric observations, which, in Dr. Boas' hands, have already yielded results of so much interest.

*Sixth Report on the Indians of British Columbia.* By FRANZ BOAS.

The following pages contain notes that were collected by me on previous journeys to the North Pacific coast. They supplement mainly the data on the Kwakiutl Indians, given in the Fifth Report of the Committee, and those on the Nass River Indians in the Tenth Report of the Committee.

There still remain two important gaps in our general knowledge of the ethnology of the North Pacific coast. In order to fill these, further anthropometric investigations on the Haida and Hē'iltuk and ethnological and linguistic researches among the Hē'iltuk would be required. When these have been added to the data gathered heretofore, it will be possible to give a fairly satisfactory general outline of the anthropology of British Columbia.

I. NOTES ON THE KWAKIUTL.

The Kwakiutl tribes speaking the Kwakiutl dialect call themselves by the general name of *Kwā'kwakyewak'*. The following notes refer to this group, more particularly to the tribes living at Fort Rupert.