

have dwindled down in numbers, and a few only of their once populous villages are still inhabited, namely, Sātsq, at the head of Dean Inlet; Nūtl'e'l, at the mouth of Salmon River; Nuqa'lkH (which embraces five villages, at the mouth of Bella Coola River; Stū'ih, twenty-eight miles up Bella Coola River; and Tā'lio, at the head of South Bentinck Arm. The dialect of Nūtl'e'l and Sātsq differs slightly from that of the other villages. The following is a list of their ancient villages, most of which are still inhabited at certain seasons, although not regularly :—

1. Sātsq.
2. Nūtl'e'l. The tribe of this place is called SōtslemH.
3. Nuqa'lkH, embracing the villages K'ōmkō'tes and Stskē'etl on the north side, Pē'isela and Nuthē'htskōnē on the south side of the river.
4. Senqtl.
5. Tsōmō'otl.
6. Snū't'elē.
7. Nū'knits.
8. Asē'nanē.
9. Nuk-ā'aqmats.
10. Tāqoaqk-ā'nē.
11. Nū'sk-'elst.
12. Nūtlē'iq.
13. Stū'ih, twenty-eight miles from the sea.
14. Snū'tl'elatl. Nos. 4 to 14 are situated along Bella Coola River, and are given as they are met with in ascending the river.
15. Slā'aqtl, at the confluence of Bella Coola and Driver (?) Rivers.
16. Tā'liō, at the head of South Bentinck Arm, embracing K'oa'pq, Tā'lio, Nū'ik, A'sēq.
17. K'oa'tlna, at the bay of that name in the southern entrance of Bentinck Arm. On the north entrance of Bentinck Arm were the Kiltē'itl, but it is doubtful whether they belonged to the Bilqula or to the Hē'iltuk. The latter call the people of Dean Inlet K'imkuitq.

Each of these tribes is subdivided into gentes, which appear to be arranged in exogamic groups. I learnt the names of the following gentes, which bear the names of their ancestors :—

Gentes of the Nuqa'lkH :

1. Tok'ō'is (=looking down on his family).
2. Spuqpnqō'lemq; Qē'mtsioa name: Mā'lakyilatl (see p. 9).
3. Siatlqēlā'aq.
4. Kē'ltāqk'aua.
5. Pō'tlas.

Gentes of the Nusk-'ē'lstemH :

1. Tl'ak'aumō'ot.
2. K'ōoqōtlā'nē.
3. ?

Gentes of the Tālio'mH :

1. Ialo'stimōt (=making good fire); Qē'mtsioa name; T'ā't'en-tsāit (=a cave protecting from rain).
2. Spatsā'tlt.
3. Tumqōā'akyas.
4. Ha'mtsit