

was first aroused. Many lists of tribes have been published, but the scientific student, as well as the general reader, until the present time has been practically without the means of knowing any more about a given confederacy, tribe, clan or settlement of Indians than was to be gleaned from casual references to it.

The present work had its inception as early as 1873, when Prof. Otis T. Mason began the preparation of the list of the tribal names mentioned in the vast literature pertaining to the Indians. The work was continued by him until after the establishment of the Bureau, and has since passed through many hands, its scope growing and widening, until at last it has appeared in its present form. It treats of all the tribes north of Mexico, including the Eskimo, and those tribes south of the boundary more or less affiliated with those of the United States. It aims to give a brief description of every linguistic stock, confederacy, tribe, sub-tribe, or tribal division, and settlement known to history, or even to tradition, as well as the origin and derivation of every name treated, wherever such is known, and to record under each every form of the name and every other appellation that could be learned.

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The Rival Forts, or the Velvet Siege of Beausejour. By M. Amelia Fytche, Halifax. Alex. McNeil, editor The Suburban, publisher, Halifax, N. S. Paper, 8vo.

This interesting story is from the pen of a lady who, although at present a resident of Halifax, was for several years at the sister City of St. John. Her many friends in both provinces will welcome the charming bit of historical romance which is her most recent literary production.

The preface informs us that the work is "A Tale of Acadia, and its Rival Forts, with pen pictures of noted characters of the times, drawn from original manuscripts in the Archives at Halifax, and from the private letter book and journal of Richard Yolland, gentleman, and some time lieutenant of the 24th Foot, whereof General the Honorable Edward Cornwallis, Governor of His Britannic Majesty's Province of Acadia was commander."

The story is bright, of much historical accuracy, and one that should interest lovers of good fiction as well as lovers of local history.

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