

states that some of the names are not tribal. He has no other fault to find with it. Now, I am almost certain that the very first tribe he mentions, the Ahtena, is not Déné.* Again I will ask: Where are in that list my TsiKoh'tin and my Sékanais (or Tse'kéhné) and the Beavers and the Hares and the Dog-Ribs, etc.? Perhaps they are not really distinct tribes? Will venture our reviewer. Let a single circumstance be my answer. When I was stationed among the TsiKoh'tin I used to preach without an interpreter. On my coming to Stuart's Lake, my residence since the last fourteen years, I could not understand or formulate a single sentence in Carrier. Moreover, who, with even a slight tincture of Déné phonology, could recognize as Déné the foreign looking Nagailer of Powell's list? Lastly, Tahltan—which should read Thahlthan †—is not the name of a tribe; it is a local name denominative of a body of water frequented by Indians within my sphere of action.

Commenting on that list, Mr. Campbell remarks: "The Montagnais are the Chippewyans or typical Athapaskans and their true name is Déné-Dindjié, . . . while the Slaves or Dogribs are the Thing-e-hadtinne." ‡ The pre-occupation to find aboriginal names has evidently betrayed our reviewer into error and loose writing. The true name of the Montagnais or Chippewayans is not Déné-Dindjié, but simply Déné. As I have plainly noted in a monograph much quoted by Prof. Campbell, § the compound word is a name invented by Father Petitot to designate the whole of the Déné family, not any single tribe thereof. On the other hand, the Slaves or Dog-Ribs are not a single tribe, as one would seem warranted to infer from the above quoted sentence. They are two distinct tribes, though their territory is contiguous. The Dog-Ribs are well known as such in ethnographical literature, while the Slaves are called Strong-Bow or Thick-Wood Indians in Franklin's journal.

On Mr. W. Dall's classification Dr. Campbell has no criticism to offer. Indeed he almost seems to approve of it, since he therewith compares mine disparagingly. In his eyes what I wrote of the former, ten years ago, must be so much useless scribbling. To make out for his silence, I will refer the unprejudiced reader to my remarks which I deem as apposite to-day as they were then. ||

* See "Notes . . . on the Western Dénés," p. 15, foot-note, and p. 17, text.

† The water (in composition), Ahtena, lies (is stagnant, non-running). The population of that place is Nah'ape.

‡ P. 172.

§ "The Western Dénés," Proc. Can. Inst., Vol. vii., p. 110.

|| *Ibid.*, *ibid.*