

country lying between Canada and the shores of the Pacific Ocean, known as the *Sioux* or *Dacotahs*, embracing seven allied bands. There are also in the interior part of the continent the *Salteaux*, *Crees*, *Nistoneaux* and *Chippewas*. Another tribe of the Indian family, the *Esquimaux*, occupy the Arctic regions and the coast of Labrador. In some parts of the country Indian graves are the only memorials of their being. Each of the provinces have set apart large tracts of land for their use, and other means are used to assist them in their growing wants; but they are fast losing the ancient traditions of their races,—a fatal symptom in aboriginal life, of expiring vitality; they have also lost their native spirit of independence; the harmless and comparative few that now wander among the settled communities of the North American Provinces, are hanging in hopeless dependence upon the “pale faces” whose customs, laws, and language are foreign to them, and but few of them become elevated in the moral, social, and intellectual scale. Another century will probably see the last of them, and their traces will only be left in the rude stone hatchets and Indian pottery which the ploughshare of civilization from time to time turns up.