

The photograph accompanying the **The Charac-exhibit** (Plate I) shows one of the largest village sites and burial places in the area: the place where many of these specimens were collected. The locations of all the sites examined are indicated on the detail map. A

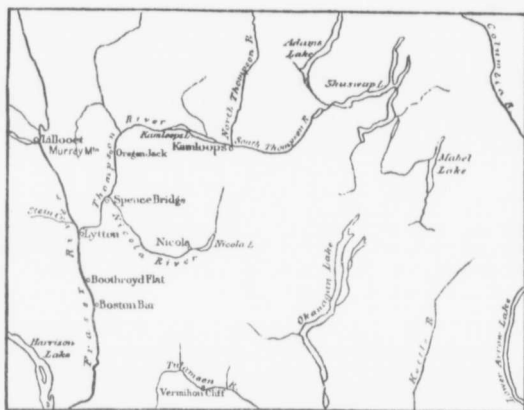


Fig. 2. Index map of the Thompson River region and vicinity.

glance at Plate I, which was taken from Lytton, looking northward up Fraser river, shows that the country has a dry or arid climate. Consequently the vegetation is very scanty, and, except on the highlands, trees are scarce. The range of temperature is extreme: the summers are hot, the winters cold.