

1st. The Siccanees are a tolerably numerous tribe. In this district they resort to Forts Liards and Selkirk for purposes of trade and inhabit the country between the Liards and the head waters of Peace River among the Rocky Mountains entering into New Caledonia. If they speak Chipewyan, their dialect is a very corrupt one. In disposition they resemble the Beaver Indians, and they are generally of good stature.

2nd. The Nahannies live to the northward of the Siccanees, about the head waters of the Liards Rivers, Francis Lake and the Pelly River and westward across the mountains to the Pacific. In appearance they resemble the Slaves.

3rd. The Loucheux are an exceedingly numerous and powerful people, if the various tribes of them inhabiting Russian America be taken into consideration. They occupy the northern waters of the McKenzie from below Fort Good Hope and Point Separation, where they meet the Esquimaux, as well as Peels River. They are found across the Rocky Mountains on the Rat River, on the Youcan or Kutchpark, and on the lower Pelly, in fact they people the greater part of the interior of Russian America.

In appearance they are bolder featured than the Slaves, as well as of larger stature. Their disposition is blood-thirsty, and independant, resembling a good deal that of the plain tribes. In the treatment of women they are harsh, and *female* infanticide is not uncommon among them. Polygamy is prevalent as well as divorce for trifling misunderstandings. The Peels River Loucheux put their dead on scaffolds, those of the westward burn them, and much property is destroyed upon the death of a chief. A strong belief in the powers of Medicine men is universal among the Youcan tribes, no Indian dies by natural death, but he is killed by the conjuration of another at some distance, and this superstition is the cause of much bloodshed among them. The Peels River branch is at war with the Esquimaux. They were formerly a very numerous people, but war and disease have sadly reduced them. Several treaties have been patched up between these hostile nations by the Hudson's Bay Company, but only to be broken, and the avenging of fresh murders keeps up an unbroken line of deadly feuds. Having had a trading intercourse for several years with the Company's Post at Peels River, these people have become milder and much more tractable than their unsophisticated brethren on the Youcan.

The dress of the Loucheux or Kutchins is a peculiar one, it