

or amended by my own further researches, or from the observations of my friends. Among these, I am especially indebted to the late George Reid, of Alberni, and to the well-known traveller and naturalist, Mr. Robert Brown, F.R.G.S., whose knowledge of the North-West American Indians is extensive and accurate.

During this singular episode in my early career, I was for five years a colonial magistrate, and also a proprietor of the settlement at Alberni in Nitinaht (or Barclay) Sound, on the west coast of Vancouver Island—the only civilized settlement on the west coast. The condition of the native tribes on that coast has, hitherto, been quite unknown.

I have stated in the two concluding chapters the opinions which I have formed from my observation and experience of these savages. Some, perhaps, will read these chapters, who have not time to read the whole book.

Mr. F. Whymper has kindly given me the sketch for the frontispiece.

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