

In travelling by sled these Eskimo make short halts every four or five miles. Every such place is marked by a pile of shavings, for they are eager to get their wares in shape for sale on the coast; besides, the finished article is lighter to carry than the "rough" out of which it was made.

All the people who come to Great Bear lake by a route west of the Coppermine river find copper enough for their own use in the mountains north of Dismal lake. There seems to be plenty of the metal, but it is not found in such large masses nor so pure as in Victoria island. It is well suited for arrow and spear heads, however, though a piece large enough for a good knife or ice-pick is only rarely found. Some of the copper found here each summer is traded to members of the same tribes who have hunted in copperless districts, but little or none is sold to other tribes—indeed, both Victoria island and Bathurst inlet are better supplied than they. Those who come to Great Bear lake by a route east of the Coppermine river apparently get their copper mainly from Bathurst inlet.

The above-mentioned tribes that come to "Big Stick island" embrace most of the people who seek the kettlestone (soapstone) quarries on the Kōglūktualuk (Tree river, about long. $117^{\circ} 30'$ on the south coast of Coronation gulf). I have heard of one case from Cape Bexley of a family going all the way to the quarries to get a pot for their own use. This was considered at Cape Bexley a remarkable thing to do and the story is frequently told even now, though the event took place over twenty years ago. The woman of the family is still living. A song she composed to commemorate the event is still one of the most popular songs in Coronation gulf, as well as in the strait. What the eastern limit of the pilgrimages may be, we had no means to determine. It is probably not far east of the Kent peninsula.

But these distant tribes that occasionally send a family to the quarries get most of their pots and lamps by purchase. Wood and stone are, therefore, the export wares of the western half of Coronation gulf to the eastern half of it, to Victoria island, and to the Strait to the west.