

small lock platted before..... They are full-eyed, of black colour. The colour of their hair was divers, some black, some brown, some yellow, and their faces somewhat flat and broad, red with ochre, as all their apparel is, and the rest of their body; they are broad breasted, and bold, and stand very upright."

From all that can be learnt of them, it seems certain that they were bold, fearless, independent, and disposed to be truthful and friendly. A particularly pleasing feature of their character was the considerate and gallant manner in which the men treated the women. The few stories we have of them also lead us to believe that they were of great courage, the men being ready to risk their lives in defence of the women of their tribe. The dead seem to have been buried with care and reverence; in religion they probably followed some form of idolatry.

They were skilful and artistic in handiwork; their implements and weapons were made from stone, bones of animals, birch-rind, etc. They used the bow and arrow for shooting, and many samples of arrow heads, implements and tools have been unearthed in many parts of the country. Their canoes were made very neatly of hoops and birch-rind, and their snowshoes or rackets of hoops cross-barred with skin-thongs. They lived in wigwams or mamateeks of the shape of a cone constructed of poles, the whole being covered with birch-bark, sometimes with skin. They lived on the natural fruits of the country, venison, game and fish—the flesh being in some manner cooked. They prepared medicines from the native herbs.

If ever any of you visit St. John's, you should visit the Museum where you will find the skulls and skeletons of Beothucks that have been found in graves, and an uncommonly fine collection of implements and other relics that Mr. Howley took a great interest in collecting while he was in charge of the Museum.