

## EDITOR'S NOTE.

The following description of the Thompson Indians is based on two manuscripts prepared by Mr. James Teit, — the one a description of the Upper Thompson Indians, written in 1895; the other a description of the Lower Thompson Indians, written in 1897 as a result of work done by Mr. Teit for the Jesup North Pacific Expedition. To these manuscripts have been added notes furnished by Mr. Teit, explaining the uses, and methods of manufacture, of specimens which he collected for the expedition. Other information was furnished by him in reply to inquiries of the writer concerning questions that seemed of interest. The detailed descriptions of methods of weaving, and the patterns for costumes, are based on examination of specimens in the Museum. The chapter on art and the conclusion were written by the editor. The former is the result of his study of specimens and photographs, and of personal inquiries conducted with the assistance of Mr. Teit.

Mr. Teit is fully conversant with the language of the Thompson Indians, and, owing to his patient research and intimate acquaintance with the Indians, the information contained in the following pages is remarkably full. Physical characteristics, language, and the mythology and traditions of the people, are not included in the present description. The traditions of the Upper Thompson Indians, collected by Mr. James Teit, have been published by the American Folk-Lore Society.

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Following are the more important publications bearing on the ethnology of the Thompson Indians: "Notes on the Shuswap People of British Columbia," by George M. Dawson (Transactions Royal Society of Canada, 1891, Sect. II, pp. 3-44); "Sixth Report of the Committee on the North-western Tribes of Canada," containing the "Second General Report on the Indians of British Columbia," by Franz Boas (Report of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1890, pp. 632-647); "Tenth Report of the Committee on the North-western Tribes of Canada," containing the "Fifth Report on the Indians of British Columbia," by Franz Boas (*Ibid.*, 1895, pp. 522, ff.); "Traditions of the Thompson River Indians of British Columbia," collected and annotated by James Teit, with introduction by Franz Boas, Boston and New York, 1898 (Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society, Vol. VI), "Report on the Ethnological Survey of Canada," 1899, containing "Studies of the Indians of British Columbia," pp. 4-88.

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