

I.—*Notes on the Shuswap People of British Columbia.*By GEORGE M. DAWSON, LL.D., F.R.S., *Assistant Director Geological Survey of Canada.*

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The notes and observations here presented have been made at different times by the writer, while engaged in geological work in the southern inland portion of British Columbia, during the years 1877, 1888, 1889 and 1890. The work in hand did not admit of any special or systematic study of the Indians, but almost constant association with these people naturally afforded numerous opportunities of acquiring information respecting them, and the circumstances were such as to favour especially the accumulation of local notes and the identification of places. The information thus gathered, is here presented explicitly and for the most part without comment or attempt at explanation or correlation. The writer ventures to hope that this record of observations may be accepted as a useful contribution to the knowledge of the ethnology of the region, and as one which may be of service in future investigations, though in itself possessed of no high scientific value.

It will be understood that these notes make no pretence to completeness, and that while some matters are referred to at considerable length, other aspects of the life of the people, upon which it has happened that nothing of apparent value was obtained, are passed over in silence.

It must further be mentioned that Dr. Franz Boas, who has for some years been engaged in the investigation of the ethnology of British Columbia, for the Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science on the Northwestern Tribes of Canada, has recently prepared a short report on the Shuswaps. This is embodied in the sixth report of the Committee (pp. 80-95), lately printed, and some subjects fully dealt with therein are here altogether omitted. Neither is any attempt here made to deal with the language, in its several dialects. A vocabulary of the Stá'tlum-ooch or Lillooet has already been published in the "Composition Vocabularies of the Indian Tribes of British Columbia" (1884), by the writer and the late Dr. Tolmie, while short vocabularies, with some notes on the grammar, are given by Dr. Boas in the work above cited, and it is understood that the same author is engaged in a further study of this and allied languages.

The latter part of the present paper consists of a list of place-names in the Shuswap country. The positions of most of these places have been accurately identified on the ground, while the names themselves have been obtained from Indians with local knowledge and employed from time to time as guides or in other capacities. The maps at present in existence are, however, so inexact in detail, that it is often difficult to clearly localize on them the points to which the names apply. This difficulty will be removed for a certain part of the region on the publication of the Kamloops sheet of the geological map, now in the hands of the engraver. The names of places occurring within the area of this map are