

Indian Population

Date 1835 -

Reason for date:

It includes the historically known epidemics (1863, 1837, 1830-33)

but not the earlier ones of unknown severity which are known from native tradition & the odd historical account. Probably these early epidemics (1782 *supx*, 1775 *supx* no. coast) had severe effects, but their limits of range & their effects on popn would be mere guesses.

Back to 1885 we have good control of the data -

back to 1835 we have historical accounts & HBC censuses which give us at least good indications.

Shuswap.

Zeit

p. 513. Classed as hunting & fishing tribe; former, on the whole, predominating.

Salmon most important to Fraser River & Canon people
 Trout & small fish ————— Lake

Game to rest of tribe.

But fishing was "of great importance to every band".

Meat - (in order) - deer, elk, caribou, marmot - - - etc.

p. 524. Fraser R & Canon bands owned the best salmon fisheries, but all the bands had salmon streams in their country, exc the Lake division, who did not fish salmon.

Fisheries were on Fraser, Columbia, N Thompson.

Thompson - Text p.

p. 230. Deer, salmon, roots, berries were staples.

Deer was more important to the upper division, while salmon was the principal food of the lower division.

Salmon: Fraser plentiful every year - King salmon cured
kings scarce on Thompson, where sockeyes run every 4th
year in large numbers.

Lillooet Text

p. 227 Salmon fishing was the most important industry
of the tribe, and occupied a more prominent position
than among the other interior tribes.