

The same book contains on pp 224-233 of Appendix A
the "Thompson River District Report", apparently by
Archibald McDonald.

Census of Indian Tribes (Canadian groups)

Insect Xerox

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Followers</u>	<u>Total</u>
McLeod's Lake	44	40	72	41	5	202
Chilcotins	147	132	109	135	77	600
Ft. George	50	50	32	30	25	187
Alexandria	212	223	145	87	80	747
Connolly's Lake	28	30	49	28		135
Babine	46	47	40	25	23	181
Fraser's Lake	98	87	46	54		285
Strait's Lake	<u>62</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>62</u>		<u>288</u>
	687	688	578	462	210	2625

The above includes (in Alexⁿ Account) the Indians at the Atnah Rapid. At the Babine no note is taken of the Antette and other Inds of Thompsons River.

Discussion:

1. The note above is difficult to interpret. "Atnah Rapids" is said to be 20 miles south of Alexandria (Simpson, of cat p 215). "Atnah" was the Carrier word for "foreigner", and was applied to the Shuswap down the Fraser (it was also applied to the foreigners to the west, v.e. Gutsan).

Antette?

2a. A.C. Anderson, another early HBC man, in the ^{undated?} ^{draft} unpublished ms. of a history of British Columbia (E.C. An 3.3), commented on population decline among the Carriers.

He described how he had seen the Chinooks of the lower Columbia decline until they had "now dwindled to the shadow of a shade". The causes had been "intermittent fever" [since identified as malaria] and: "Other diseases were introduced by the immigrants, and to crown the whole the horrible traffic in liquors - the most deleterious compounds of maddening poisons sold to them secretly by unprincipled men..." (p 88). These causes were not so severe in New Caledonia.

"But in the case of the Carriers, where no such agencies have been at work, a gradual decrease is perceptible, on comparing the numbers of the rising generation with the adult race, and again in comparing the relative proportion of the sexes, in both cases. The following is the result of a census of the Tâchally taken by the officers of the Hudson's Bay Company at the various posts in 1839.

	897	men	[incl all 'followers' in summer]
1585	688	women	
	578	sons	
1040	462	daughters	
2625		Total	

Since that period a severe epidemic in the shape of Measles prevailed the Country. The Carriers, on the whole, suffered probably less severely than most of the other tribes, yet still to some extent....

In Douglas' diary, p 9, is the same census ^{more} in detail, entitled "N. C. Census Spring 1839"