climate, dress, all to a marked extent operate not only upon individuals but upon the tribe. Except upon the strongest evidence it could hardly be believed that the Flathead of the Rocky Mountains, whose virtues approach him more nearly to the ideal savage of romance than any other upon the continent, was the kinsman if not the progenitor of the Klisqually or the Camanche, a relative of the Snake "Digger".

In a geographical view the District presents three natural divisions; the Columbia River, the coast, and Puget's Sound, to which might perhaps be added a fourth in the prairie country between the Cowlitz river and the Puyallup. The Cascade Range of mountains which separates it from the great interior basin, has a general elevation of from five to seven thousand feet much broken however by ridges and elevated points, the great volcanic peaks, four of which Mt. Adams. Mt. St. Helens. Mt. Rainier and Mt. Baker lie North of the Columbia; towering far above all, The width of this range varies from fifty to seventy five miles. It is timbered on the East side with pines and larch; on the West with fir, spruce and the white cedar or arbor vitae. The forest country on the Western side may be said to extend to the ocean, the prairie occupying a comparatively small area. The skill of the Indians not enabling them to cope with the forest, they have been confined for the most part to the borders of the rivers and Sound, to the sea coast, and the small