Klikatats and Klatskanais within a recent period, is important, as indicating the direction in which population has flowed and the causes inducing this separation of tribes.

At the Council held on the Chihalis in February 1855, an opportunity was offered of ascertaining with sufficient correctness the numbers of those Indians as also the particulars of the tribes intervening between them and the Makahs of Cape Flattery. The name Chihalis or Lehalis, strictly belongs to the village on the beach at the entrance of Gray's Harbor. The word itself signifies sand. It has however now become applied to all the bands inhabiting the bay and river. The lower Chihalis, or those from the mouth of Satsop down, including the villages on the Whishkah, and Wanoolchis, and the few on Shoalwater Bay, numbered in all but two hundred seventeen (217).

These differed very little in anything except language, from their Chinook neighbors. There were formerly five principal villages of the tribe, on the river, seven on the North, and eight on the South side of the bay, and even within the recollection of American settlers the population was very considerable. Ka-kow-ax, belonging to the Lehalis village, a very old man, seems to have been the principal chief, and his son, Su-le-uk now claims in his place to be the head of the tribe.

The Upper Chihalis who for the present