any valuable result as regards details. It seems probable, however, that the total population of the western district at that time reaches 15.000. and that the tribes most exempt from diminutionisence, have been those of the eastern shore of the Sound below the Puyallup river. The more recent estimates of Gen. Lane in 1849. I have passed over as being mere estimates and not entirely complete. They cannot in any way aid in drawing accurate conclusions. On one point connected with the subject of population, a fact of ethnological importance may be referred to, viz: the very small number of indigenous half breeds, notwithstanding the length of time that the Fur companies have occupied the country, and the almost universal connection of its employees, with native women on permanent terms, the number of metifs is hardly appreciable.

Tribal Organization & Government.

No division of tribes into clans is observable, nor any organization similar to that of the eastern tribes, neither have the Indians of this territory emblematical distinctions resembling the totem. Among some of the northern tribes, as I am assured by Mr. John Work of the Hudsons Bay Co's service there exist. As regards the Chiefdom it is theoretically hereditary; but if on the death of a chief the eldest son is objectionable from stupidity or bad rep