pretes understood very little of what they said. Farther on Negura Dinais.

Reaching the tribe who undoubtedly must have been the Belhoolas, he remarks: "Their language totally different [illegible] the Attrah or [illegible] I can judge from the very little I saw of that people, bear the nearest resemblance to them." The account he gives of these is very interesting.

Mackenzie went down to the Belbella country, on the inlet, but was deterred from proceeding by their hostile demonstrations. Of them he remarks "These Indians were of a different tribe from those which I had already seen, as our guide did not understand their language.

With regard to the extent of the Chepewyan language, he says, "the same language is spoken, with very little exception from the extent of my travels down this river and in a direct line from the North east head of it, in the latitude 53 a 54 to Hudson's Bay, so that a Chepewyan, from which tribe they have all sprung, might leave Churchill river and proceeding in every direction to the northwest of this line, without knowing any language except his own, would understand them all. I except the nations of the sea coast who are altogether a different people.

Direction of Emigration. "The progress of the inhabitants of the country immediately under our observation, which is comprised within the line of latitude 45° North is as follows: that of the Esquimaux, who possess the sea coast from the Atlantic through Hudson's Straits and Bay round to Mackenzie's river (and I believe farther) is known to be westward: they never quit the coast and agree in appearance, manners, language and habits with the inhabitants of Greenland. "The different tribes whom I describe under the names of Algonquins and Kristenaux, but originally the same people, were the inhabitants of the Atlantic Coast & the banks of the river St Lawrence and adjacent countries. Their progress is westerly, and they are even found west and north as far as Athabasca. On the contrary the Chepewyans, and the numerous tribes who speak their language occupy the whole space between the Kristenaux country and that of the Esquimaux,