For the purpose of smuggling, it is valueless as even now our people can carry goods by land to Fraser & Thompson Rivers from the Dalles & compete with the Hudson's Bay on their own ground.

Mr MacDonald says that the name Amotekane signified the fixed or permanent head or summit, from Amote fixed or permanent, and Kehn, head or summit, an interpretation somewhat different from Mr Mengarini's. He has another name, Ti-mée-hu, in which MacDonald thinks is embodied the idea of fate. This last name he says is the Flathead. Amotekane belongs to the Spokanes and Pend Oreilles. His wife or female companion, also his sister was Em-téh-pa. Amotekane dwelt on the light side of the world, but Emtehpa, transgressing, went down into darkness.

This account requires further examination.

The San Francisco papers of Dec 9. 1859 mention that among a party of Pit R. Indians brought down, were two births of twins which they destroyed.

Pend Oreille Indians. Stanger, a settler in the Colville valley, formerly in H.B. Co's employ, says that the Pend Oreilles generally go to the head of the river, or to the upper Lake in winter, and in the spring come [illegible] to [illegible] the Pend Oreille bay as it is called, near the old Mission St Ignatius, where they will then chiefly be found. Many of them cross the mountains in winter to buffalo. The Colvilles in the upper part of the valley are intermarried with them, the former in fact predominating.

They cross the Rocky mountains by the Hell Gate pass nearly all the winter, backwards & forwards. Their horses will paw through the snow two or three feet deep for grass.

A mountain between the Spokane and the Pend Oreille Lake is the Ararat of these Indians. They report that on the summit is a drift Cottonwood log petrified. The Indians give the name of Che-kóle-sum to the mountain. Its top is clear of timber.