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Yee and Huber (2009) gave new q-analogs of Euler's tangent and secant numbers using alternating permutations and half descents. In this talk, half descents will be generalized to kth descents. Generating functions involving both kth descents and inversions on certain class of permutations will be given. Proofs will be sketched as time allows. This is Joint work with Ae Ja Yee (Penn State). (Received August 29, 2009)