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*How We Learn of the Prehistoric Inhabitants.*—In order to learn about the prehistoric inhabitants, and to determine whether the Indians living in this region to-day are at all like them, it was necessary to dig into old graves and hearths and under the places where their houses and villages were. The things found in this way tell us practically all that it is possible for us to learn of their former owners.

*The Similarity of the Prehistoric and Present Cultures.*—After studying all the collections it was found that the culture of the prehistoric people was similar to that of the present native inhabitants, the Thompson River Indians of to-day. Collections from the latter are also shown in this Museum, and it will be noted by those who look at them that many of the objects are made of wood, horn, skin, and other materials subject to decay; consequently we cannot expect to find such objects among the prehistoric remains. All that we can hope to find are things of an enduring nature; among them those made of stone, bone, antler, and shell, and the larger objects made of metal.

An examination of the bones found in the graves has shown that the prehistoric people were physically much like the Indians living in the same region today.

*Intercourse with Coast and Other Tribes.*—Although an inland people, they had secured sea shells, which suggests that they had traded with the people of the