

POST EUROPEAN RELICS

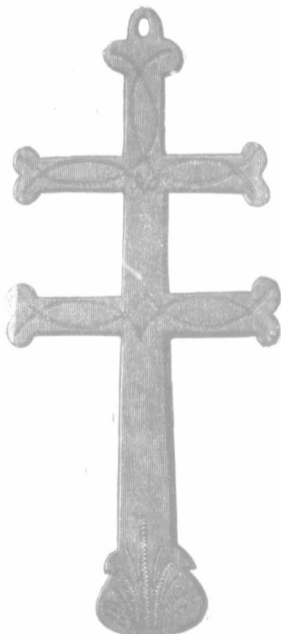


FIG. 152. (Full Size).

Relics of this kind are, as a rule, easily distinguished. There can be no doubt regarding the origin of Fig. 152, which, with two others, was found on Beausoleil Island in the Georgian Bay by Messrs. , from whom they were procured for the Provincial Museum by the Rev. Th. Laboureau of Penetanguishene. Double-barred crosses of this kind are now, it seems, unknown in connection with Catholic worship, and it is somewhat singular that since we received these relics of the old Hurons, another one almost identical in size and pattern should have found its way to our collection from the North-West, where it was picked up during the late rebellion.

Nahneetis, the *Guardian of Health*, is figured in Jones' "Ojebway Indians," p. 95, with a triple barred cross, and the whole front of the dress covering the effigy is ornamented with brooches similar to those illustrated at Figs. 155, 156, 157 and 162 in this report.

Regarding the peculiar form of cross from Beausoleil Island, Dean Harris of St. Catharines, writes: "This small, dual cross is permitted to be worn only by patriarchs of the Latin Church. It is also sometimes carried as a processional cross, and as Richelieu was bishop and cardinal, it is possible that he used such a cross either as pectoral or processional. In all probability these ornaments were sent out to Canada during his *regime*, and receiving the blessing of the priest among the Hurons, would have served the double purpose of being ornamental and of being used in devotion."

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