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St. Maurice and Sorel sands, etc., are as many geological horizons and formations which enter into the nomenclature of the Pleistocene of eastern Canada.

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The Interior Continental Plain.—In Manitoba, lake beaches and delta deposits characterize the recent pleistocene period. The Champlain period is represented in this province by the beaches and deltas of Lake Agassiz, associated with terraces and valleys. During the glacial period in Manitoba, till, moraine, drumlins and kames in the valleys occur throughout, whilst on the Rolling river may be seen clays and sands possibly referable to inter-glacial or pre-glacial times.

THE RECENT PERIOD.

It was not until after the close of the Champlain period in Canada, that man made his appearance. A period of elevation followed the period of submergence. On the north shores of Lake Erie, remains of the mastodon and the mammoth, which were the elephants of the New World, indicate their presence immediately after the close of the glacial period. The remains of deserted villages of the aborigines of British North America, characterizing the various strides of the American race, their graves, or burial places, have been found, together with their stone or copper implements, in all our provinces and only in the most recent of our superficial deposits, whilst with these implements, are found associated remains of beaver, deer, bear and other animals of the chase identical with those of to-day.

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