

their age and their long abandonment. The writer's early investigations among these middens revealed the important fact that at the time of their formation a race physically different from the present Salish tribes had its home here. What has happened to this race we cannot say. It has been displaced, annihilated, or absorbed by the intrusive Salish.

These old midden piles are doubly interesting to us from the fact that they are now practically the only source left from which we may gather specimens of the tools,



Arrow-heads, found near Lytton.

implements and weapons employed by the natives in pre-trading days. Extensive investigations have been carried on among these heaps by the leading museum authorities of the Eastern States, and thousands of dollars have been spent upon this work since the writer first drew attention to the archæological riches of this Province, some eight years ago. Our own Provincial Museum possesses some good specimens of native technology, but the finest collections of the kind are to be found in the Natural History Museum of New York and the Field-Columbian Museum