

enemies to the agriculturist; and, therefore, justly weighing the good deeds against the bad, leave, I think, much in the birds' favour and show it well worthy of protection.

## THE STATUS AND DEVELOPMENT OF CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGY.

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The archaeological work of the Geological Survey since June 15th, 1911, the date of Mr. Smith's appointment as Dominion Archaeologist, has been divided into two main groups—the activities for diffusing archaeological knowledge by such means as museum exhibits, guide books and lectures, and those for increasing such knowledge as by exploration, original research and systematization.

The national collections have been classified tentatively into groups corresponding to the five ethnological culture areas. This grouping may be modified with the progress of research. The collection from the southern coast of British Columbia and the one from the southern interior of British Columbia are representative, and the collection from Ontario is large. The other provinces of the eastern woodlands, the plains and the arctic are hardly represented at all, and in fact our knowledge of them is almost nothing. Popular guides have been prepared for the two western archaeological areas and work is progressing upon similar guides for the others. A series of lantern slides illustrating the archaeology of Ontario has been made; general and topical labels for the collections are in the hands of the printer; duplicates of these will probably be furnished to other museums throughout Canada, and with duplicate specimens, casts and photographs when supplied to these museums will make the archaeological work truly national.

An archaeological survey of the Dominion is being organized and a reconnaissance has been made of some of the village sites in Ontario.

A survey of Brantford township has been completed by Mr. W. J. Wintemberg. A system for systematizing and digesting the scattered and incomplete archaeological data at hand and to be received in the future has been established. The co-operation of railroad officials, the North West Mounted Police, Indian Agents and geological explorers has been secured.