

forest early the next morning and cuts down a quantity of fire-wood of the kind most esteemed among the Indians. This he takes to the house of the girl's father and starts a fire for the inmates. If the girl's parents are serious in their objection to him as their daughter's husband, they will take both fire and wood and throw them out of the house. But the youth is in no wise daunted by this, and repeats his action on the following morning, when they do the same as before. On the third morning he does the same, and unless there is some unusually grave objection to him, it is now intimated to him that his suit will be acceptable. This is done, not by word of mouth, for no communication must ever take place between the parent and the suitor at this stage of the proceedings, but by the elder members of the family coming and sitting round the fire he has built and warming their hands over it. By this action the youth knows that he has won his bride and that his perseverance is not to go unrewarded. He presently joins them at the morning meal, and the conclusion of the affair from that moment follows much the same course as already described.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL REMAINS.

The monuments of the past left us by the old-time Indians are of several kinds. The most important of these are their tumuli or burial cairns, their totem-poles and commemorative columns, and their kitchen-middens. The last named are formed from the ashes and other debris of camp life. Some of these heaps are of enormous dimensions, covering acres of land and having a depth of from one to twenty feet ! The vicinity of Vancouver is particularly rich in these vestiges of earlier aboriginal life. The shores of Burrard inlet, Stanley park, False creek, and the banks of the lower Fraser abound in them. But almost in every locality they will be found to be of two classes, namely, modern formations and more ancient formations. The more ancient heaps are readily distinguished from the modern. They are invariably covered with vegetation and have some of the largest and oldest trees in the district growing upon them, plainly showing