

use of it as a temporary working hammer, or as a club-head for less innocent purposes. Two of these form part of our collection.

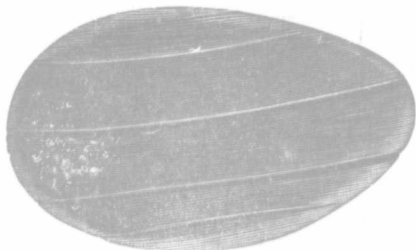


FIG. 29. (full Size).

Fig. 29 is composed of a fine, close-grained argillite, cut deeply on both sides, as if for the purpose of being broken off to form beads. Other specimens in our cases illustrate the same treatment, but this is interesting as shewing the advantage taken of a water-worn stone for the purpose of economizing labor. The other specimens referred to have been rough blocks, which were first smoothed on the larger parallel sides before the cutting was begun. (See Fig. 37). Fig. 29 was found by Mr. Richard Prance, on the eighth concession of McGillivray township. From the Matheson collection.



FIG. 30. (Full Size.)

This specimen (Fig. 30) is somewhat peculiar. It is made of blue slate, and has been sharpened to a chisel edge at the wide end. The small end is carefully rounded, and the whole of the object is well finished. As a cutting tool it would be useless, and the

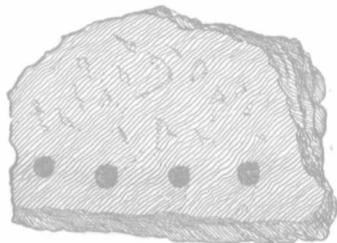


FIG. 31.

presence of the hole rendered it too weak for any operation requiring much pressure. Perhaps it was worn as an ornament, or as a button or pin to fasten clothing, and might