

But stored away in the old Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, were splendid specimens collected in the Thompson Valley region by various persons, among whom were members of the staff of the Survey; notably the late Dr. George M. Dawson, for many years director. Since then other specimens have been added—hence there is now a representative series in the national collections at Ottawa.

*The Opportunity to Increase Knowledge.*—In the spring of 1897 it became possible for the writer, as American Archæologist on the Jesup North Pacific Expedition, to go to the Thompson River valley to find out about these early people. This was necessary because, as before suggested, it was impossible to learn about them by reading, since the literature on the subject was very meagre. Funds for the purpose were provided by Mr. Morris K. Jesup, President of the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, who had become deeply interested in the aborigines—both past and present—of the North Pacific coasts of America and Asia, and who had set aside a large sum of his own money for the purpose of carrying on investigations in the whole region bordering the North Pacific ocean, so that the results might go to the museum of which he was president.

The archæological work in the Thompson River valley was carried on as part of the expedition which was organized by Professor Franz Boas, of Columbia University. The largest number of men employed in the archæological excavations at any time was four, while most of the time only two men were engaged. It is interesting to know that so few men, in such a short time, could secure the large number of specimens