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there is not a ripple on the surface of the water, and as many as 400 rounds of ammunition have sometimes to be fired by the hunters before the prize is captured—but as each otter skin is valued at \$1,000, the time and labour are well spent.

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In addition to 20 sea otter pelts, the Vera brought to port 228 sealskins.

### Indian Relics Brought to Light

EVERY now and then some industrious digger in Canada's crust brings to light evidence that "there were others." Such a discovery has recently been made at Grand Lake in New Brunswick, when no less than 1600 pieces of Indian pottery and some arrow heads were unearthed. The relics were found by Messrs A. Gordon Leavitt and Wm. McIntosh, curator of the St. John Museum, and turned over to the museum, which now has one of the finest collections of Indian relics in the world. Most of the pottery was found on the property of Dr. E. Stone Wiggins of Ottawa, which centuries ago, was a favourite camping ground for the Indians. The pieces found are all small, varying from half an inch to two or three inches in length, but they show every conceivable form of decoration of a simple character. Those found about a foot below the surface are in the best state of preservation. Fragments taken from a greater depth are crumbled almost to dust.

Besides the pottery, eight complete arrow heads, twelve broken ones, one spear head and one skin scraper, were found. The spear head was seen by Mr. Leavitt sticking up out of the sand. The unbroken arrow heads are all beautiful specimens of the aborigines' art. With one exception they are all of conventional type. This one is shorter and broader at the barb and is chipped out of red jasper mottled with yellow spots.

Dr. Wiggins, say the delvers, was particularly kind in his reception of them. Not only did he give them carte blanche to dig anywhere on his property and press upon them the hospitality of his home, but even offered them the services of a man to assist them.

Some relics were also found upon the property of Abijah Cokely of Douglas Harbour, who likewise assisted them as much as possible, and presented them with an old fashioned plough-share which once belonged to Sir Leonard Tilley's father—an article of considerable historic interest.

### Not Altogether Bad

A policeman saw a man acting rather suspiciously near a jewellery store one evening, so, going over to him, he demanded to know who the man was and what he wanted.

"I'm thinking of opening a jewellery store in this neighbourhood," replied the man, "and I'm watching to see if there is much trade," whereupon the policeman went on his way, satisfied.

Next morning word was received at the station-house that the jewellery store had been entered and robbed during the night. The policeman who had accosted the mysterious stranger said reflectively: "He may be a thafe, but he's no liar."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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