

and were beginning to be looked to more and more as the means of existence.

By the introduction of metals, a new era of commerce and consequently of civilization was commenced, and many interesting proofs of commercial advance could be given, but into these evidences we have not, for the present, time to look. They must therefore be left to the future, when probably we may be able to trace the course of commerce and follow her footsteps down to the time when written history steps in and assists us in our work of research. As it is, in the stone period we have seen men showing a spirit of trade. We have judged them by their own acts and have read their history, so far as we have gone, by their works and by their deeds ye shall know them.

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