

feet high. They are old kitchen-middens, consisting mainly of ashes and domestic refuse. Both have been opened at various times with the usual result: clay pipes, broken pottery, splintered bones and unio shells.

From an eighty-three-year-old native of the township, we learned that while a good many skeletons have been discovered singly, no ossuaries have been found in that part of the country.

CAMDEN.

The township of Camden, in the county of Addington, has been in former days a famous Indian fishing and hunting ground. On the invitation of Dr. M. I. Beeman, of Centreville, I spent a few days there during the past summer, and although some of the places examined did not "pan out" as well as could have been wished, a considerable amount of information was gained—information that will probably prove valuable in future.

Being joined by Dr. T. W. Beeman, of Perth, we proceeded first to examine a number of knolls situated very closely to one another on the farm of Mr. Israel Stewart, lot 37, in the 4th concession of the township. For many years, these had been regarded by the settlers "in all the region round about" as Indian graves, but the first glance tended to throw discredit on this view. A few spadefuls of earth from some of them speedily satisfied us (if we had any doubt) that the knolls were of natural formation, and the wonder is that such a simple test had not been made long before, by those who regarded them as what they were not.

On the same farm there is a long bank, some three or four feet above the general level, which has every surface appearance of our western earth-works, and of one I subsequently visited further east, in the township of Williamsburgh. An examination of this bank revealed to us the fact that it was simply an ancient reef, formed by the anticlinal strata of an upheaval which took place long before even the Indians had "discovered" America.

In an adjoining field, close to Varty Lake there are still many traces of former Indian occupation, and here, some years ago, Mr. Stewart found a fine copper spear-head, which came into our possession through Dr. T. W. Beeman.

Along a low ridge on the farm of Mr. George Milligan, lot 29, con. 6, we found innumerable traces of old-time residence, consisting mainly of pottery fragments, and one bone awl or bodkin (with a hole in it) picked up by Dr. Beeman.

On the farm of Mr. Joseph B. Lucas, many interesting specimens have been found from time to time. From this gentlemen we have procured a large, block-out, stealite, platform pipe (see figure 28), two gouges and three large stone axes.

Mr. George G. Wager, of the village of Enterprise, presented us also with a knife-like formed lime-stone specimen, the shape of which is probably due to natural causes.

Besides the gentlemen already referred to, our thanks are due to Mr. John W. Bell, ex-M.P., for the courtesy and assistance he rendered during a portion of the time spent in Camden township.

From the interest that has been created in that part of the country, profitable returns may yet be expected, and should any discovery be made, the Institute will no doubt hear of it, through Dr. M. I. Beeman.