

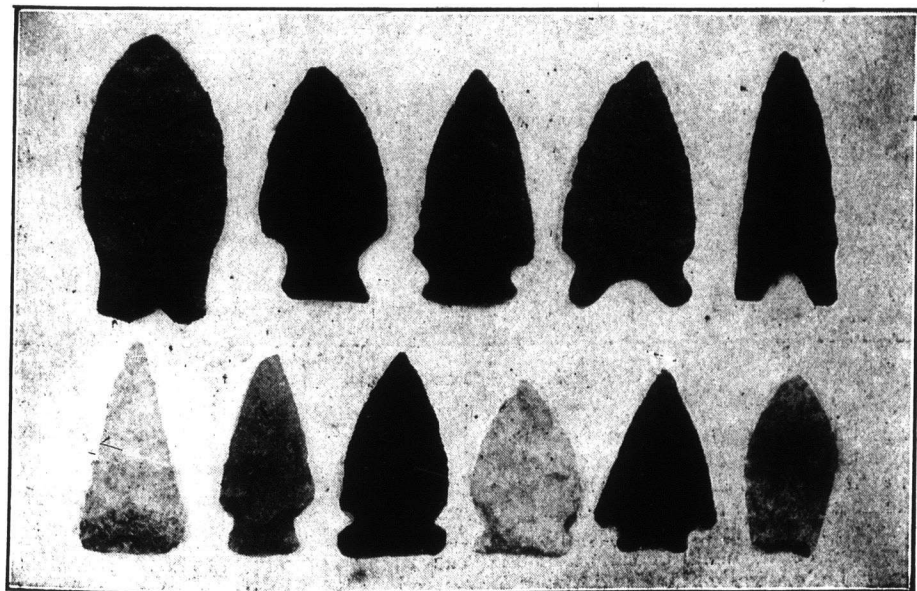
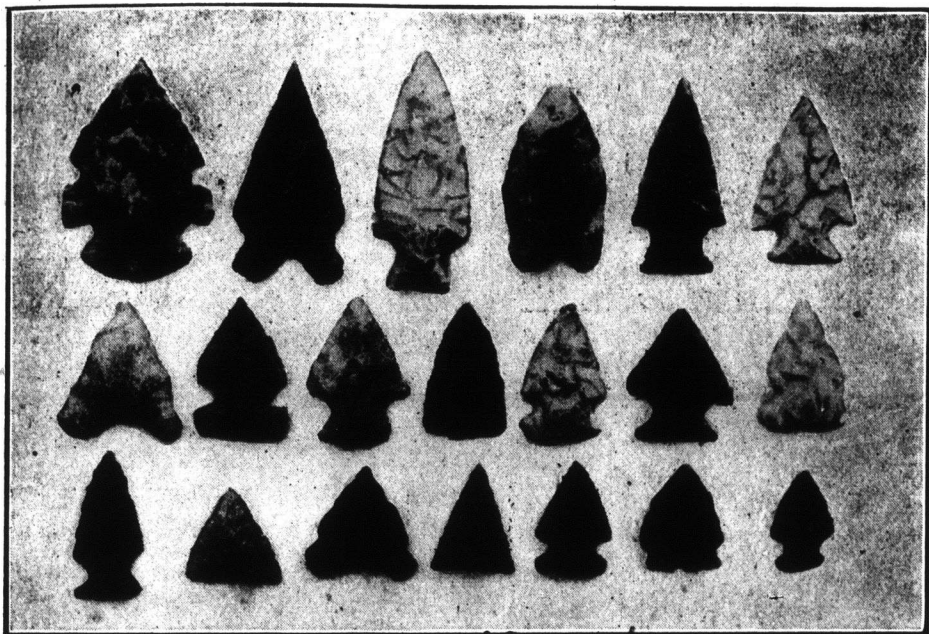
subscribed and patriotic concerts held. The writer has collected amounts for Red Cross work among the Community Mennonites and found ever willing and generous response.

The Mennonites speak among themselves a dialect usually, which they term Low German. At church all parts of the service are conducted in High German. In the public schools, English is used at work and play except for half an hour before closing time when High German is taught. In one known case no word of aught but English was ever used. The trustees themselves were insistent as to the use of English and English only. Tolerable English is heard among the younger generation while the use of excellent English is becoming more and more frequent. There is gradually being evolved a third class of Mennonites, those who are leaving the community and making for themselves homes among English speaking people. Naturally intermarriage takes place. What next?

### Some Links with the Past

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CANADA'S development during the last few years has been rapid and places that for some reason or other were practically unknown a short time ago are now centres of civilization. The railways are opening up the country everywhere and round them settlements are springing up like ripples round a stone thrown into water. Even up to the Peace River Crossing the trains are going—if, indeed, they are not there already—yet it is only a short time ago that I used to see the great freight racks going backwards and forwards, up Lesser Slave River, from end to end of Lesser Slave Lake on the ice and then across country. Many times in the great woods, among the snow-covered evergreens, a traveller wishes he could paint or even draw the scenes—the great trees, the strings of straining, steaming horses, mules or oxen on the freight-racks and



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A connoisseur of paintings saw in the window of a second-hand dealer's shop the portrait of an admiral in full uniform. He offered the dealer fifty pounds for it, but the latter declined to sell under seventy-five pounds, and as neither would give way, the picture remained in the shop. A little time afterwards the connoisseur saw the picture hanging in the dining-room of a certain country house he happened to be visiting. With an exclamation of surprise he walked towards it, "Hallo, what have you got here," he said. His host replied that the portrait had just been bequeathed to him, and added, "It is the portrait of one of Nelson's admirals, an ancestor of ours." "Was he indeed?" commented the connoisseur. "A month ago he was within twenty-five pounds of becoming one of mine!"

the powdery snow over everything—for words can never do them justice.

Interesting as these things are, they are comparatively modern and it is of a remoter past that I propose to deal. The earliest inhabitants of this country appear to have been the mound-builders and traces of the mounds from which they take their name occur in many places. A few years ago I saw two, apparently artificial and supposed to be the work of these people, near Moose Mountain, in Saskatchewan, but no attempt has ever been made to open them. We have a much more interesting link with these people, though, in the weapons and implements which may occasionally be found. I am living in a district where fragments of their pottery may be picked up in fairly large quantities and some of the pieces shown in the accompanying photograph are from knolls on my own land. I have never seen a complete vessel, and most of the fragments are found singly, but I once saw a place where a whole vessel had been broken, though the pieces were too small to assemble. The pottery is rough, either a muddy-grey, brown or black in color and, of course, unglazed. Much

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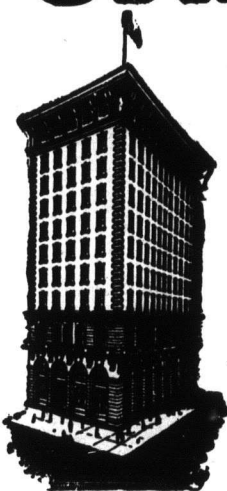
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