

## WILLIAM AXFORD'S SIGNED STATEMENT.

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William F. Axford, who saw the supposed footprints in the tunnel, gives the following signed statement. The drawing he refers to is the wash drawing made from the description and sketch of City Inspector Cross.

### THE STATEMENT.

To whom it may concern.

I, William F. Axford, 64 Defoe street, Toronto, foreman of the Tunnel Works for Haney & Miller, on the 13th of November, in the morning, was working in the waterworks tunnel under Toronto Bay at a point about one thousand feet north of the bottom of No. 2 shaft. After pumping out the water from a depression in the tunnel, and having had it brushed and cleaned, there was laid bare a strata of material some thirty feet long by seven feet wide with marks in it which I believe to be human footprints. There were over a hundred of them. I called City Inspector Cross and he agreed with me that they were the tracks of human feet encased in moccasins. We tried to bullpoint a piece out but it broke. We sent word up to the top and some of the men came down and saw the marks, and also thought they were footmarks. There was one mark about three and a half to four inches long

which we took to be the footprint of a child. The bigger marks were as big and bigger than my own foot and I wear a number 7 boot. In some places there were marks as though the toe of the moccasin had been shoved deep into clay, the clay spurted up under the heel. Some footprints turned to the side.

I cannot say what material these footprints were in. While driving the tunnel in this part we would find about every fifteen feet a hole of solid blue clay, soft enough to be spaded out. These footprints were eighteen inches below grade and we concreted right over them.

On the morning of the 14th some hundred feet south of this place we found other footprints but they were not so distinct.

On the morning of the 15th an Italian named Charlie brought me a piece of wood which he had found at the grade. This piece of wood I broke up and gave to various men as souvenirs keeping one piece myself which I eventually gave to The Evening Telegram.

The drawing attached represents the appearance the footprints had accurately.

Signed, December 18th, 1908,  
WILLIAM F. AXFORD.