

ARTICLE I.

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DISCOVERIES AT A VILLAGE OF THE STONE AGE AT BOCABEC, N. B.

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A number of the members of this Society combined to form a summer encampment in Charlotte County for the purpose of studying, during a short vacation, the Botany, Zoology and Archæology of the above locality. As the work in the last-named branch of study was entrusted to me, it becomes my duty this evening to tell you of the result of our investigation in the kitchen-middens at Bocabec.

First, however, I may mention that our party left St. John by the Grand Southern Railway on 6th August last, and were joined at our destination by other members of the Society from St. Stephen and from Queen's County.

To the Manager of the Grand Southern Railway we owe our thanks for carrying the party at reduced fare, and for transporting our outfit free of charge; and to George F. Hibbard, Esq., and Mr. Alexander Boyd, for much kindness and attention during our stay in St. George and at Bocabec.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VILLAGE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

The spot chosen for investigation was a group of kitchen-middens or shell heaps which mark the site of an abandoned village of the Stone Age at a place called Phil's Beach, near the mouth of the Bocabec River. The site was well chosen, for the advantages of the place are manifold to a people who depended for existence on hunting and fishing. A clay flat, (C, D, E, F,)* flanked on the west by a long projecting hill of felsite rock, running parallel to the course of the Bocabec River, was the spot chosen for the principal settlement. On

* The letters refer to the woodcut "Village Site of Bocabec," on opposite page.