

to the nation all scientific information and specimens discovered by the employees of the company. The particular skull was found by Mr. A. W. Phillips, Resident Engineer, at Tranquille. Unfortunately the bones found with it were buried in the dump by the ignorant labourers, but effort is being made by the authorities of the railroad to have them uncovered for the national museum. The skeleton was turned out near Tranquille by the grading machine plough about 8 feet below the surface of the ground and was sent to Mr. H. L. Johnston, Division Engineer at Savona. The Dominion Archæologist of the Canadian Geological Survey has urged upon the authorities and engineers of this road as well as upon those of the other great railroads of Canada, the Indian agents, and the North West Mounted Police, the great necessity of *saving whatever is found for the use of all the people of Canada.* Accession 13.

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#### BOOK NOTICES.

ELEMENTARY ENTOMOLOGY.—By E. Dwight Sanderson and C. F. Jackson, pp. VIII. + 372, 496 figs. Boston: Ginn & Co.; \$1.50.

The need for a good introductory book on Entomology has been felt by teachers and those who are called upon from time to time to recommend such a book to one who may be desirous of taking up the science. Packard and Comstock have each given us excellent text-books for the student, but a book was desired of a more elementary character to put into the hands of the beginner, and one which would serve as an introduction to these and such other standard works as Sharp, Kellogg and Howard have written. Only those who have had experience in teaching entomology will realize the difficulties to be encountered in writing such a book. The authors of the present work have succeeded where others with less experience of teaching and often of the subject have failed. In so doing they have placed under a debt of gratitude not only teachers of entomology but the increasing number of those who are desirous of beginning a study of this subject. As the authors admit, the economic side has been made the dominant note in the book. For numerous reasons we think that this was a wise course to take; nor has the value of the book to the general student been diminished by unduly emphasizing the economic aspect.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part treats of the structure and growth of insects. In the second part the different orders are considered seriatim in a most readable and interesting manner. The third part is extremely valuable as