

Some time ago while Mr. Charles Breckenridge was plowing on his farm at the mouth of Breckenridge's Creek, on the Quebec shore of the lake, about eight miles above Aylmer, he unearthed a large cache of gun-flints. He also found in the vicinity a couple of stone celts and the copper handle of a kettle. The handle was of rolled sheet copper and belonged to a large sized kettle.

A very fine specimen of pipe-tomahawk was picked up by Mr. Samuel Edey on his farm on the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 19, 2nd concession of the township of South Hull. The axe weighs 1 lb. $1\frac{1}{4}$ ozs., and is one of the kind said to have been designed for presentation to Indian chiefs. The flint lock of a musket was also found at the same place, by Mr. Edey, but it was so badly rusted as to crumble to pieces on being touched. The point at which this find was made is about two miles from the lake shore to the north-east of Aylmer.

Some years ago, while a path was being cut through a gravel bank in front of the summer residence of the late Col. J. S. Dennis, at Kingsmere, Que., the workmen unearthed an iron tomahawk of French manufacture. An old squaw, who was living in the neighborhood at the time, informed Col. Dennis that according to a tradition of her people an Indian trail at one time led across the mountains, by way of Kingsmere, from the waters of the Gatineau River to those of Deschênes Lake.

This is by no means an unlikely story, for on the earliest recorded map of the township of Hull, several creeks of considerable size are shown as taking their rise at or near these mountains and flowing southward into the lake. Many of these tributary streams have shrunk in volume owing to the clearing away of the forest and subsequent drainage of the land for farming purposes; and some of the smaller ones have disappeared altogether. Traces along these watercourses of the dams of the much prized beaver, as well as the testimony of the early settlers that this district was at one time teeming with game, are sufficient reasons for supposing that these local tributaries of the Ottawa River were frequented by Indian hunters and trappers; and as one of the largest of these streams flows from the mountains, within a short distance of Kingsmere, this may have been the direction taken by the trail above mentioned.