

settlement, but there are still living, pioneers who have a distinct enough recollection of the old paths. In other instances, the trails remain clearly traceable, and a record of them should be made at once.

It is also desirable that as full a list as possible should be made of all Indian topographical names, with their significations. In too many instances these have been displaced either by local vulgarities or by European anomalies.

These original Indian names would, as a matter of course, find a place on the map referred to.

In connection with the circular issued by the Institute at the beginning of the year, it may be stated that a large amount of important information has been procured from various parts of the country in response to the request for donations, as well as in reply to the following queries:—

1. Is there any mound, tumulus, or intrenchment in your neighborhood?
2. Are there any elevations which, from their regularity or for any other reason, suggest an artificial origin?
3. What are the dimensions and area of these from actual measurement? If possible, give a plan with sections.
4. What are the physical features of the situation and vicinity?
5. Are there any evidences of the place having been surrounded with posts or pickets?
6. Are there still, or were there before "clearing," trees of large size within the area of the work? If so, state kind and size, also number of annual growth-rings on largest stump.
7. Are stone or bone weapons of any kind, or fragments of pottery ploughed up in the neighborhood?
8. Have any copper implements of native manufacture been discovered? What?
9. Have any iron or copper articles been found indicating intercourse with Europeans? What?
10. Are there any local names of Indian origin in your township or neighborhood? If so, kindly make a list of them, indicating their correct pronunciation, stating their meaning, and the local or traditionary circumstances from which they originate.
11. Names of Township and County, and numbers of lot and concession in which any mound, ossuary, intrenchment, old village site, or battle-ground exists.
12. Name of any local collector of Indian relics, or of any persons who are interested in Canadian Archaeology.

As a rule, farmers and others having in their possession single or several specimens, willingly present them for the purpose of being placed in a public collection, but, as might naturally be expected, amateur collectors are very loath to part with their "treasures."

The publicity which has been given to the project of the Institute, owing to the distribution of its circulars, and the friendly notices that have appeared in many newspapers, will, to a very considerable extent, prevent mercenary transactions in Indian relics for disposal beyond the province, and there is good reason to believe that many of the private collections just referred to will ultimately, by presentation or purchase, form a part of the Provincial Museum.

It is hoped that the following brief references to a few of the typical specimens in our cases will not only aid in arousing more general interest in the subject, but may enable many of our young people either to collect for themselves more intelligently, or simply to preserve from utter loss such objects as have hitherto not been deemed to possess any scientific value.