

Trails.

From the River Nith in Blenheim township, the next township to the east, a trail extended to the banks of Horner creek in this township and passed through the country about midway between the two concessions.¹ The course indicated on the accompanying map is presumably correct.

A trail, indicated approximately on the map, ran along the high hills, from the "Indian Spring" in lot 3, concession III, in a southwesterly direction, according to E. M. Hersee. Perhaps it connected with the Indian trail followed by the old stage road in East Oxford township to the south.

CONCLUSION.

The surface survey of this township, less than 13 miles long and barely 9 miles wide, an area much smaller than 100 square miles, resulted in the location in less than nine field-working days, counting earlier work as well as that for the Geological Survey, of twenty-six lodge and village sites, five burial places, and many surface finds. This makes a discovery of more than three sites per day. As there is no reason to consider this township exceptionally favourable for prehistoric occupation, it being in the midst of Ontario and not bordering a great lake or having a very large river, we may conclude that the other townships in the area common to southern Ontario, the cleared forest area, the St. Lawrence lowlands and the Iroquoian linguistic area, would average as productive. We may expect some to be more barren, but others, those located on lakes or including special features as quarries or rich corn land, to far surpass it. It thus seems that there is ample material in this area for archaeological work.

The lodge sites are located on high land, ridges, or the edges of benches, but always near a spring or a stream. This indicates where we may expect to find sites in other parts of this area. Similar sites occur in Simcoe county² according to Hunter,

¹Wintemberg, W. J., "Archæology of Blenheim Township". (The Ontario Archaeological Report for 1902, p. 69.)

²Hunter, A. F., "Huron Village Sites in Flos and Vespra townships, Simcoe county," Toronto, 1907, pp. 25, 34, 49.