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could do was to make notes of what relics had been found in past years from as many reliable sources as possible. It occasionally happened that the very fact of the former existence of a village or ossuary had almost passed from the recollection of the present inhabitants of the district.

Up to the present time the writer has made a record of the following Huron sites :--

Villages....Simcoe.... 218 York.... 33 Ontario.... 14 Ossuaries ... " ..... 122 " .... 5 " .... 6

[These figures do not include a considerable number of Algonquin village sites and burial grounds, which have also been recorded; they apply altogether to the sites once occupied by Hurons]

They do not indicate the absolute number of village sites and ossuaries in each county, nor are they any index of the relative numbers of sites which may subsequently be found to exist. They merely indicate the number recorded so far in each county according to our opportunities for making enquiries. They are, however, sufficiently representative to enable us to arrive at certain important conclusions respecting the geographical distribution of French relics.

Many persons have contributed valuable facts toward the preparation of the catalogues mentioned, for which the writer is under obligations to them ; and it would be a long task to give the names of all those to whom credit is due. It will be sufficient for the present to say that the name of every person who became authority for a statement regarding any site, has been recorded in its descriptive account in the catalogues.

Further investigation may modify to some extent the statistics furnished here; but a degree of confidence may be placed upon the general relations indicated by the table:—

TABLE SHOWIN	G THE GEOGRAPHICAL D. COUNTIES OF SIMCOE,				
<del>1977-1977-1977-19</del> 78-1978-1978-1978-1978-1978-1978-1978-19					
VILLAGE SITES.		OSSUARIES.			

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Тоwузнір.	In Catalogues,	Post- French.	Percentage.	In Catalogues.	Post- French.	Percentage.
Sincoc County: Notawasega Tiny Medonte S. Orillia Gro Flos Innisil W.Gwillimbury Tecumseth	12 30	11 14 12 53 4 8 5 2 5 1 1	35 51 75 80 68 35 27 16 17 20 14	41 19 18 19 2 2 4 3 2 3	11 8 9 14 1 5 1 1	27 42 50 74 50 55 55 50 25
York County : E. Gwillimbury King W hitehureh Vaughan Markham York Searboro'	4 9 5 3 13 2	1	8	2 1 2		
ntario County : Scott	3 1 6 3 1	1	18	2 2 1 1		•
Totals	365			138	1	