

The spot, it may be further added, where these relics were found, was not the usual place of sepulture of the Indians; for I have observed that their burying places were generally at some distance from the river. In this particular vicinity their cemetery is in a fine sandy ridge, some two or three miles inland, where remains are now found of very ancient deposit. From the interest which this discovery excited, I have frequently thought over the matter, and it has occurred to me as not improbable that at this point of the St. Lawrence a battle has been fought, and it requires no great stretch of imagination to fancy at this particular spot a party of Indians descending the river after spending the summer in the great copper country about the higher lakes, bringing with them the rudely formed instruments of the upper country—encamping for the night preparatory to their descent of this the first of the St. Lawrence rapids, attacked by the tribe of Indians whose hunting or fishing grounds were here situated, and after a fatal encounter, the burial of the friends of the victors with their trophies of war; while a few yards distant the bodies of the vanquished were destroyed by fire.

Independent of all theorising, however, the discovery of a collection of copper relics, so far to the eastward of the great copper regions of the upper lakes, is a fact of sufficient interest and importance to be deserving of record.

REPORT ON COPPER IMPLEMENTS FOUND NEAR BROCKVILLE.

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A collection of ancient copper implements, dug up on the banks of the River St. Lawrence, in the vicinity of Brockville, having been transmitted, by Dr. Thomas Reynolds, for exhibition before the Canadian Institute, along with various other relics of native art found at the same time; that gentleman accompanied them with a communication, containing remarks on the peculiar condition of the copper, as indicative of a supposed art of hardening and tempering the metal, which is assumed to have been in use by its ancient native workers, but to be now lost. From the allusions made to this same