

them. This and the shortness of the funds with which he was provided to prosecute the work have proved most serious obstacles to the completion of his report, which is appended hereto, and is to be taken as a 'report of progress' only. The work has been carried out on similar lines to that submitted for last year, and it has been given ungrudging labour and care. His studies have been directed in particular to the Nū'tsak, the Ma'çqui, and the Siciatl. The last are a coast people differing in speech and many of their old customs from the contiguous Salish bands. The study of their dialect promises to add to our knowledge of the Salish tongue, and to reveal many interesting grammatical features. Within their boundaries they have also peculiar archaeological remains in the form of stone enclosures, an account and full description of which will be found in the report appended hereto. Their customs and folk-lore will also be found interesting in their bearing on the question of totemism. It is encouraging to report that the Government of British Columbia has recognised the value and importance of Mr. Hill-Tout's work, and has this year assisted him by a grant of \$150 towards his field expenses.

The Archaeological Reports for Ontario, by Mr. David Boyle, give an excellent indication of what is being accomplished by independent effort along the lines which this Committee is designed to encourage. From the Report for 1900-1901 it would appear that the museum contains upwards of twenty-two thousand specimens illustrative chiefly of American archaeology and ethnology, and of these by far the greater number are from the Province of Ontario. The accessions during the year 1901 numbered 959, and Mr. Boyle observes that the large increase in correspondence seems to indicate a growing interest in archaeological and ethnological studies.

The Report for 1900 contains the following contributions:—

1. Notes on Museum specimens. By Mr. D. Boyle.
2. The Flint-workers: A Forgotten People. By Very Rev. Wm. R. Harris.
3. Indian Village Sites in the Counties of Oxford and Waterloo. By J. M. Wintemberg.
4. Bibliography of the Archaeology of Ontario. By Mr. A. F. Hunter, as noticed in our previous report.

The Report for 1901 contains—

1. Notes on Museum Specimens. By Mr. D. Boyle.
2. A Supposed Aboriginal Fish-weir near Drumbo. By W. J. Wintemberg.
3. Indian Occupation in Nissouri. By L. D. Brown.
4. Animal Remains on Indian Village Sites. By Dr. Wm. Brodie.
5. Wampum Records of the Ottawas. By A. F. Hunter.
6. Notes on Huron Villages in Medonte, Simcoe Co. By A. F. Hunter.
7. Notes on North Victoria Village Sites. By Lt. G. E. Laidlaw.
8. Notes on Canadian Pottery. By F. W. Waugh.
9. The Paganism of the Iroquois of Ontario. By D. Boyle.

The Committee would ask to be continued with a grant of 50%, and they would also recommend the appointment of Rev. Father Monies, Rev. Father A. G. Morice, and Mr. J. L. Myres as additional members.

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