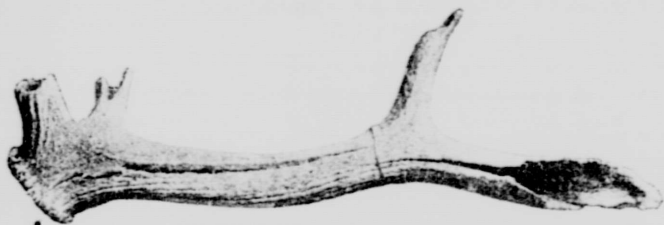


of the elk himself, but his father used to tell him stories of shooting them in that part of the country when he was young. Figured out at the time, I thought it was quite 100 years ago when this great deer roamed in these parts.

I have an interesting collection of elk antlers; one, a perfect specimen, measures forty inches in length and has seven points, one only of which is broken off. Another, a broken one, a cut of which accompanies this sketch, must have belonged to a large animal. This piece is thirty inches long and measures thirteen inches in circumference where it joined the skull. I have several small pieces, all of which were found in this neighborhood and in the adjoining county, Lambton. From the state of decay all are in, I can quite believe it is more than a century since they fell from the heads of the animals to which they belonged.



The most perfect specimen I know of, belongs to Mr. George Wilson, of Strathroy. This set of antlers is in a perfect state of preservation and must have been carried by a noble animal. Each antler measures fifty-five inches in length; one has seven points and the other six. The longest point is eighteen inches. The greatest spread is thirty-four inches, and the weight when found was 35 pounds. Mr. Wilson obtained this grand set on his farm, lot 15 in the 12th concession in the township of Lobo, about seventeen years ago, and now has it mounted, in good shape, in his hall, where it makes a fine ornament.

This set of antlers was found in a boggy spring where Mr. Wilson had bored for water, of which he obtained a bountiful supply. Some time subsequently his sons, while digging a little ditch to carry off the surplus water, came on the horns. They also found bones which were part of the skeleton, and, as the