

Not taking into account the stone tubes and the varieties known as amulets and gorgets, all the so-called "ceremonial" objects, as has already been remarked, are provided with a hole as if for the insertion of a thin shaft or handle, the aperture seldom exceeding three-eighths of an inch in diameter, and if this was the purpose of the hole it would seem all the more remarkable that our Indians did not thus attach handles to their tomahawks and hammers, as was the custom of Old World primitive man. Until very recently I had not seen a single stone hammer or celt belonging to this Province with a hole large enough to warrant the belief that it had been made to receive a handle for working purposes, but an excellent specimen of such a tool has been presented to us by Dr. T. W. Beeman, of Perth, who procured it from Dr. Clark, of Tamworth. It was found at Beaver Lake, in the County of Addington. The hole is about nine-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, and both ends of the tool are considerably battered. It is four inches in length, and an inch and three-eighths in diameter at the eye, which, measuring from the centre, is only an inch and a half from one end, and, of course, two and a half from the other. The extremity of the shorter end is three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and rounded, while the opposite end is chisel or axe-edged.

Attention is called to the valuable paper by J. H. Coyne, Esq., M.A., of St. Thomas, on the "Southwold Earthworks," in the county of Elgin.

Appended is a list of the typical specimens that have been selected for exhibition at the Columbian Exposition, Chicago. To supply accommodation for these the Ontario Government has kindly furnished twelve large and handsome cases of cherry, having an area of one hundred and fifty square feet.

It is anticipated that as a result of this exhibition the Museum will receive many valuable accessions, illustrative not of early man in Ontario, or even in Canada, alone, but in many other parts of the world.

A large edition of this report will be issued for the catalogue it contains of the exhibit, and copies will be freely but judiciously distributed in Chicago.

Canadians and others into whose hands this report may come are hereby invited to correspond with the curator regarding the subject of archæology, and it is needless to say that contributions will be thankfully received from all well authenticated sources.

In so far as our spare material will admit, exchanges will be effected.

DAVID BOYLE,
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