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## NOTES ON SOME FRESH-WATER SHELLS FROM THE YUKON TERRITORY.

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Among the zoological collections in the Museum of the Geological Survey of Canada, there are a few fresh-water shells from the Yukon Territory, which have not yet been reported upon, though they are by no means devoid of interest to the student of the geographical distribution of the mollusca.

Most of these shells were collected by the late Dr. G. M. Dawson, in 1887, at four localities, viz., from Frances Lake, at the head of the Liard River; from Finlayson Lake, between Frances Lake and the Pelly River; at the Lewes River; and from Lake Marsh or "Mud Lake," one of the tributaries of the Lewes River. The remainder were collected by Mr. Joseph Keele in 1904, from the Stewart River, near Mayo River.

The Cycladidæ in these collections have been kindly determined by Dr. V. Sterki, and most of the Gasteropoda by Dr. W. H. Dall. The species represented in them are apparently as follows.

### PELECYPODA.

#### *Sphærium Walkeri* Sterki.

Frances Lake, one valve; and Finlayson Lake, two perfect specimens. In 1904 Mr. W. McInnes collected a few living shells, which were referred to this species by Dr. Sterki, from the Attawapiskat River, Keewatin. The types of *S. Walkeri* are from Lake Michigan.

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