The Ontario Archaeological Society



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(Illustrated with colour slides).

ARCH-NOTES

PLEASE NOTE the change of night for this month's meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society, which will be held Tuesday, March 12th, 1957, in the Auditorium of St. Paul's Parish Hall, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto, at 8 P.M.

SPEAKER: MR. FREDERICK WINTER

(Lecturer - Department of Art and Archaeology, University of Toronto).

UBJECT: "BYZANTINE MONUMENTS OF ISTANBUL"

Mr. Winter is an acknowledged authority on classical art and archaeology, an eloquent speaker, and a person who has also done field work in Ontario, where he participated in the 1947-48 excavation of the Ossossane Ossuary.

Our next "Aims" session is slated for Tuesday evening, March 19th, at the home of your corresponding secretary, at 8 o'clock. At these informal meetings, which are open to the membership at large, we discuss ways and means of strengthening and intensifying the activities of the O.A.S. towards the fulfillment of its "purposes in life", as identified in the Society's Constitution. Current topics deal with publication, finances, and the formation of Branches. So---bring along your ideas on these subjects when you join the group on the 19th:

WANTED - more Thursday night washers of bone! Although there is still no scarcity of Fairty ossuary skeletal material to be washed and sorted, our latest report indicates a negative quantity of breathing bodies to attend to this detail. Here we have a wonderful opportunity to learn the finer arts of bone recognition - from the products of "our own" bone pit, at that - under the guidance of Professor Emerson, and yet not many members are taking advantage of it!!! These chances do not come very frequently in this field of archaeology, so now is the hour - every Thursday at 7.30 P.M., in the basement of the building just south of the Museum.

The Monday night anatomy labs with Dr. Anderson, in the Anatomy ilding, U. of T., are becoming increasingly interesting and informative. Again, we are paging more workers. Here you can put to practical use the knowledge gained during the Thursday sessions. How do you know what you know

' you do not try to find out?

Failing a larger attendance at the Thursday labs, in particular, it may become necessary to operate each lab session on alternating weeks. The answer revolves around you members who are the interested parties!

We have received numerous favourable comments regarding last month's meeting, during which Dr. Clarke told us some interesting facts about soil and skeletal remains, Mr. Russell introduced us to a portion of the pre-pioneer, pre-history of the Rouge Valley, and Mr. Renison took us back to the Fairty site via colour slides and movies.

During July and August of this year, Professor Emerson will again be working on the 3,500 year old "Ault Park" Site, on Sheek Island, in the St. Lawrence River. Members who wish to join the expedition, if even for a short period, are asked to contact the Professor. Additional detail will follow in April "Arch-Notes".

There are still some dues --- due!

Issue #3-57 will introduce an appendage to "Arch-Notes", in the form of "Diggers' Dictionary" - a series of definitions of archaeological terms which are used commonly in field and "lab". This is designed primarily for reference use by our newer members who perhaps are not yet familiar with the "language" we use in our work.

Suggested reading material:

"The Mortlach Site"

Boyd N. Wettlaufer (Provincial Archaeologist, Province of Saskatchewan)

This represents the first Archaeological Report in the Province of Saskatchewan, and is the result of the first major archaeological excavation in the Prairie Provinces. The Report will be of particular interest to us, since we want to know what is transpiring in the other Canadian Provinces.

Address: Legislative Library, Legislative Building, Regina, Saskatchewan. Free of charge (:)

/"Archaeology From the Earth"
(a "Pelican" book)

Sir Mortimer Wheeler .80¢

"The Tree of Culture" Ralph Linton

(The history of the development of human cultures from the earliest beginnings to the onset of the modern age).

It is hoped that an excellent turnout will be on hand to hear Mr. Winter's address, which will be non-technical. At this March meeting, we branch out from the narrow confines of Ontario to hear about another part of the world. The broader our viewpoint the better able we should be to interpret our own special field!

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Members' friends welcome.

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