The Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.)



#3-57

ARCH-NOTES

At 8 P.M. sharp on Thursday, April 11th, 1957, the regular meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held in the auditorium of St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto.

SPEAKER: MR. THOMAS E. LEE
(Archaeologist - National Museum of Canada, Ottawa)

SUBJECT: "EARLY MAN IN CANADA" (With references to U.S. Discoveries) (Illustrated)

Many of our members doubtless have heard "bits and pieces" of information relative to the existence of people in this country prior to the ppearance of the white-skinned race. Mr. Lee, who has spent quite a number of years delving into this subject, will tell us something about these early wanderers - where they lived, approximately when, etc., etc.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Lee's excellent lectures on the "Sheguindah Site", and of seeing his fine slides on those occasions, will be looking forward to his appearance at our meeting. Our new members, equally, will have an interesting evening to anticipate. So, let us have a full and forceful attendance!

We are indeed indebted to Mr. Fred Winter for his interesting and informative talk last month - a talk which, supplemented by his beautifully detailed slides, transported us on a magic film carpet to view some of the "Byzantine Monuments in Istanbul". May we hope to have a return visit from Mr. Winter on a future occasion.

Few in number now are the chances to participate in our active and vocal "lab" sessions, which deal with inactive and inarticulate subjects! How can Indian bones be distinguished from those of the White Man? What differences are there in the teeth, or in the size and shape of the skulls? Is the skeleton male or female - and what age was the "former owner"? In that visible manner do arthritis, T.B., and osteomyelitis, for instance, affect bone? Did the Indians' bone structure have any particular adaptations to the type of life the Indians led? Answers to questions such as

these are being given as we observe, discuss, and listen, during the ourse of our valuable and valued "lab" meetings every other Monday at br. Anderson's quarters, and on alternate Thursdays at Professor Emerson's. New questions are also raised as we progress with the analysis, as for example: are some so-called abnormalities in reality but features peculiar to Indians in general, or perhaps to one group or type of Indian alone? These are merely a few of the "fascinating facets" bared by bare bones! We "clothe" the bones in the knowledge we obtain while studying them. Surely more of our members are desirous of learning to do likewise?

On Monday, April 15th, the lab locale is Dr. Anderson's office in the Anatomy Euilding, U. of T., at 8 P.M.

"DIG" TIME IS COMING!!!!

We are aware of the fact that a number of our members are anxious to learn more about pottery analysis, and to become more familiar with those features which will type the sherds as Point Peninsula, Owasco, or Iroquoisor what is yet to be named---

Accordingly, we are arranging to hold a "Pottery Pattern Session" early in May, at the home of William Donaldson. This is to be an informal discussion, headed by one of our erstwhile and well-experienced members, Frank Ridley. The date will be announced at the April meeting of the O.A.S. All members are invited; the only equipment required is your enthusiasm, a prew hours of your time, and your willingness to talk, learn, and listen.

Will those who plan to attend PLEASE notify the Executive, so we can organize transportation for all concerned.

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This is the last plea for the payment of past due memberships! Hence-forth - NO FEES, NO NOTICES! Upon checking our records, we were startled to discover that only 46 renewals have been received this year - leaving 17 still to come, and here is the end of April not far away! Furthermore, a still more intensive search for titles to active participation in The Ontaric Archaeological Society for the past 5 years reveals a somewhat similar situation. We can no longer carry the unpaid, and for all practical and business purposes now have to take the situation firmly in hand. With three dollars' worth of help from each of the delinquents this can be done, and to everyone's satisfaction. A copy of our next publication, which we hope to release before summer plans are squared away, is included in the price of membership.

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We would appreciate our members notifying us of any changes of address for telephone number.

JUST THINK: a donation now to the O.A.S. will reduce your Income Tax burden of next year. Members already know this fact that such donations may be claimed legally as Income Tax exemptions. Members' friends and associates can readily be apprised of this same fact!

"Archy", to whom you were to have been introduced this month in "Arch-Notes" #3-57, has met with an accident, and regrets he will have to postpone his O.A.S. appearance until the merry month of May.

On Thursday, May 9th., <u>Dr. A. Douglas Tushingham</u> of the Royal Ontario Museum will be our guest speaker.

To aid in the analysis of pottery, and thereby make the field work more interesting (ready identification of sherds in situ), the undernoted texts are available from your corresponding secretary:

"Understanding Iroquois Pottery in Ontario"

\$2.00 V

Castellation Development Among the Iroquois"

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(The above are O.A.S. publications, with text by Professor J. Norman Emerson)

"Iroquois Pottery Types"
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"The Middleport Prehistoric Village Site" (W.J.Wintemberg, National Museum of Canada Bulletin)

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"Lawson Prehistoric Village Site" (W.J.Wintemberg, National Museum of Canada Bulletin)

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"The Sidey-Mackay Village Site" (W.J.Wintemberg, National Museum of Canada)

Members' friends welcome.

G.Ruth Marshall, Corresponding Secretary.

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