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of NATURAL HISTORY
and ANTHROPOLOGY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1962



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To Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES,
V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned respectfully submits herewith the Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the year 1962.

E. C. WESTWOOD,
Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

*Office of the Minister of Recreation and Conservation,
January, 1963.*

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY,

VICTORIA, B.C., January 23, 1963.

The Honourable E. C. Westwood,
Minister of Recreation and Conservation, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—The undersigned respectfully submits herewith a report covering the activities of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the calendar year 1962.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. CLIFFORD CARL,

Director.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

The Honourable EARLE C. WESTWOOD, *Minister.*

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AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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Totem-pole Restoration Programme

MUNGO MARTIN, *Chief Carver (to August 31st).*

HENRY HUNT, *Chief Carver (from September 1st).*

C. E. (TONY) HUNT, *Assistant Carver.*

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
AND ANTHROPOLOGY

OBJECTS

- (a) To secure and preserve specimens illustrating the natural history of the Province.
- (b) To collect anthropological material relating to the aboriginal races of the Province.
- (c) To obtain information respecting the natural sciences, relating particularly to the natural history of the Province, and to increase and diffuse knowledge regarding the same.

(Section 4, *Provincial Museum Act*, chapter 311, R.S.B.C. 1960.)

ADMISSION

The Provincial Museum is open to the public, free, on week-days, 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday afternoons, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Chief Mungo Martin, late chief carver, Provincial Museum.



(B.C. Government photo.)

Model of British Columbia, 5 by 7 feet, designed and constructed by F. L. Beebe, Museum technician.

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REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

For the Year 1962

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Two significant events marked 1962 as memorable in the history of the Provincial Museum: a record attendance was attained and the institution celebrated its seventy-fifth birthday. Otherwise, activities were carried on much as usual.

Undoubtedly the increase in number of visitors was due to the World's Fair, which brought several millions of persons to the Seattle area, plus the centennial celebrations in Victoria, which further encouraged visitors to come to Vancouver Island. Whatever the reason, the end result was that more than 270,000 persons passed through the Museum during the tourist season, more than two and one-half times as many as in any previous entire year.

Since October 25, 1887, when the Provincial Museum was officially opened, this branch of the Government has given three-quarters of a century of continuous service. To commemorate the occasion, the Provincial Government was host to a banquet on October 27, 1962, which was attended by Government officials, representatives of related organizations, and individuals who have been associated with the Museum over the years. Chairman was the Honourable E. C. Westwood, Minister of the Department of Recreation and Conservation. The Honourable W. N. Chant, Minister of Public Works, represented Premier W. A. C. Bennett; Dr. L. S. Russell, Director of the National Museum of Canada and president of the Canadian Museums Association, was guest speaker.

FIELD WORK

Various members of the staff spent periods of time during the year in various portions of the Province. Bird and mammal work was largely confined to assisting in photographic work in the Creston area on two occasions, in making a reconnaissance of islands in Barkley Sound, and in aiding an aerial big-game census in the Columbia Valley.

Botanical collecting was carried on in Northern British Columbia, and a preliminary reconnaissance was made of the Revelstoke-Arrow Lakes-Kootenay Lake district in preparation for a survey planned for 1963.

Anthropological contacts were maintained and work accomplished by a trip including stops in the Shuswap Lake area, Hazelton region, Prince Rupert, and certain parts of the Queen Charlotte Islands. In addition, colour slides and tape recordings were obtained and two totem-poles were collected. Various "digs" being sponsored by the Archaeological Sites Advisory Board were also visited, and during the winter several local Indian spirit dances were attended.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications have appeared in 1962:—

Anonymous—

"Guide to the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology,"
October, 1962.

- Donald N. Abbott—
 "Victoria and District Archaeology Club." *Victoria Naturalist*, Vol. 18, No. 7, p. 98.
 "Care of Silver." *Museum Round-up*, No. 8, p. 16, October, 1962.
- Frank L. Beebe—
 "Museum Techniques." *Museum Round-up*, No. 8, pp. 22–23, October, 1962.
- G. Clifford Carl—
 "The Sea." *Victoria Naturalist*, Vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 51–54.
 "75 Years of Progress." *The Islander*, *Daily Colonist*, Sunday, November 18, pp. 2 and 10.
- Wilson Duff—
 "Wanted: A Word." *The Clearing House* (Western Museums Quarterly), Vol. 1, No. 3, p. 23, 1961.
 Review of "Men of Medeck," by Will Robinson. *Beaver*, Outfit 293, winter 1962, p. 56.
- C. J. Guignet—
 "River Otter." *Victoria Naturalist*, Vol. 18, No. 5, p. 53.
 "The Cougar on Vancouver Island." *Canadian Audubon*, Vol. 24, No. 1, Jan.-Feb., 1962, pp. 6–9.
 "Don't Condemn the Cougar." *British Columbia Digest*, Vol. 18, No. 5, October, 1962, p. 19.
 "Bird Finding in British Columbia." *Canadian Audubon*, Vol. 24, No. 4, Sept.-Oct., 1962, pp. 108–112.
- George A. Hardy—
 "Notes on the Life Histories of One Butterfly and Three Moths from Vancouver Island (Lepidoptera: Lycænidae, Phalænidae and Geometridæ)." *Proc. Entomological Society of British Columbia*, Vol. 59, pp. 35–39.
 "Additional Notes on *Nymphalis californica* Bdv." *Proc. Entomological Society of British Columbia*, Vol. 59, p. 34.
- Josephine F. L. Hart—
 "Records of Distribution of Some Crustacea in British Columbia." *Report of the Provincial Museum for 1961*, pp. 17–19.
- W. E. Ricker and Ferris Neave—
 "Nesting Colony of Mew Gulls on Kennedy Lake, Vancouver Island." *Report of the Provincial Museum for 1961*, pp. 20–21.
- Adam F. Szczawinski and G. A. Hardy—
 "Guide to Common Edible Plants of British Columbia." *British Columbia Provincial Museum Handbook No. 20*, pp. 1–90.
 The "Guide to Common Edible Plants," by Dr. Szczawinski and Mr. Hardy (formerly of the Museum staff), is a revised edition of Handbook No. 1, prepared by Mr. Hardy more than twenty years ago. The old booklet has been a continuous "best seller," and the new edition has already proved to be exceedingly popular. It has pointed out the need for a companion volume on poisonous plants, a publication planned for early production.
- Other publications in the fields of anthropology and natural history are in various stages of preparation or are awaiting publication.

CURATORIAL ACTIVITIES

As time between field work and other activities permitted, the entire study collection of bird-skins was rearranged to incorporate all specimens acquired in recent

years. The skins are now in their correct order, and spaces have been left so that new specimens can be readily added.

The colony of bone-cleaning beetles that has been maintained for many years in the Museum laboratory has now been moved to a separate insect-proof structure kindly provided by the Department of Public Works.

A large number of plant specimens has been prepared during the year and has been added to the herbarium, bringing the number up to 38,250.

In the anthropological division, the stone, bone, and other archaeological materials have been checked, cleaned, and rearranged on storage shelves, mostly by a volunteer assistant, Mr. John Sendey, to whom we are greatly indebted. The Newcombe Collection was incorporated in storage, and the Interior Indian display-room, which had been used as a receiving-room, was opened once more to the public.

In November the Department of Public Works awarded a contract to a local firm which undertook to provide regular pest-control service in the Museum wing, storerooms, and laboratory.

DISPLAYS

During the spring months much time was spent in completely rearranging the bird display in the public gallery. Each old-style glass case was modified by installing a back and two wings of wallboard to which perches were attached for the support of each bird. The birds were arranged in natural groups, and a harmonious colour scheme was adopted to demonstrate the relationships of various groups.

Later a new display-wall was installed on the main floor to feature living amphibians and reptiles. The exhibit includes several individual cages, each designed to show the typical habitat of the animal featured. Background is mostly foam plastic supporting natural accessories. Overhead lamps provide both light and heat for the animals requiring warm quarters.

A number of choice items from the Indian collection were on display in the Fine Arts Building at the World's Fair in Seattle for a six-month period beginning in April, where they were viewed by several millions of people. In addition, various other small temporary displays were arranged, as requested from time to time.

During the period October 23rd to November 7th, a number of Haida and Kwakiutl drawings and several other objects of Indian art were displayed at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

RESEARCH

Some progress was made in three long-term projects that have been carried on for several years, mainly the study of small-animal populations on Coastal islands, the Province-wide botanical survey, and the study of social organization in the Tsimshian. Work in these fields is carried on by staff members when time and opportunity permit.

In addition, a preliminary report was completed on the Beach Grove archaeological site (DgRs1) and several additions were made to the file of British Columbia archaeological sites, mostly from reports of interested outsiders.

In January the Provincial Museum received a National Science Foundation grant to support independent research being carried on by Dr. J. F. L. Hart, a volunteer assistant. Results are to be published by the National Museum, Washington, D.C.

From time to time during the year, samples of glaucous-winged gulls were collected in Oak Bay and sent to the University of Washington at Seattle, where a long-term study of plumage changes is being made.

ATTENDANCE

Because the visitors' register was no longer serving a useful purpose and was interfering with traffic flow, it was removed early in the year, and the policy of asking visitors to sign was discontinued. The following attendance figures are monthly estimates based on registrations or on sample counts at irregular intervals:—

January	1,600	August	115,000
February	3,000	September	20,000
March	3,400	October	3,600
April	6,600	November	1,600
May	12,000	December	1,200
June	20,000		
July	85,000	Grand total	273,000

The total estimated attendance of more than 270,000 is the highest on record, exceeding previous records by more than two and one-half times.

To help cope with the crowds and to provide pleasant surroundings for leisure time, the Museum hours were extended to 9 p.m. each evening except Sunday during July, August, and part of September. Many persons availed themselves of this extra service, particularly on evenings when flag-lowering ceremonies were presented in front of the Legislative Buildings.

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS

The offer of assistance as volunteer guides by several lady members of the Victoria Natural History Society was enthusiastically accepted in the early summer, and the extra service was offered during July and August. No set schedule was followed, the ladies coming as time permitted. As it was found that visitors preferred asking questions of the guides rather than being taken on conducted tours, the organizing of groups was not attempted. Nevertheless, the service was much appreciated and proved of value to both visitor and guide.

We are greatly indebted to the various members of the Victoria Natural History Society who gave freely of their time and knowledge in furthering the enjoyment of Museum visitors.

EXTENSION WORK

Staff members have continued to give numerous illustrated talks both locally and in other parts of the Province throughout the year. In March the Director gave a series of wildlife lectures in Florida under the combined auspices of the Canadian Audubon Society, the National Audubon Society, and local organizations.

At various times, specimens and materials were loaned for temporary displays in Vancouver, Chase, and Victoria, and during the British Columbia Museums Association meetings at Barkerville in September certain staff members gave instruction and practical demonstrations of museum techniques.

In November a photographic team from West Germany filmed sections of the Indian displays and activities at Thunderbird Park for television use.

The Director, and occasionally other members of the staff, has contributed regularly to a local weekly radio panel, "Outdoors with the Experts," which started in 1955. Staff members also participated several times in a local television programme featuring work of the Department.

During the fall term the Curator of Botany gave an evening non-credit course called "Mushrooms for Beginners" under the auspices of Victoria College.

THUNDERBIRD PARK

The death of Chief Mungo Martin in August, after ten years as chief carver of the totem-pole restoration programme, was a sad blow, for his knowledge and talents can never be replaced. The programme will continue with Henry Hunt as chief carver.

Carving was started in April, and three projects were completed during the year. An additional copy of a 21-foot Kitwancool Frog pole was made and will be held available for loans when requested. A large plaque representing the Thunderbird and Whale was made for display in the new Travel Bureau office in Vancouver. A copy was made of one of the two large Kitwancool poles collected during the summer, to be sent back and erected in that village. In addition, arrangements were completed to carve a 65-foot totem-pole as a gift from Canada to the City of Buenos Aires.

Several improvements were made to the exhibits in the park. A new Thunderbird Park arch using more authentic carvings was constructed to replace the old one. A replica of one of the large Kitwancool poles was erected to replace an old Bella Coola entrance pole, which was moved to storage. New labels were placed on all exhibits, and three new benches provided by the Parks Branch were installed, preparatory to landscaping and planting of native shrubs, which is now in progress.

OBITUARIES

With regret we record here the passing of five persons who, over the years, have rendered many services to the Museum and to the Province as a whole.

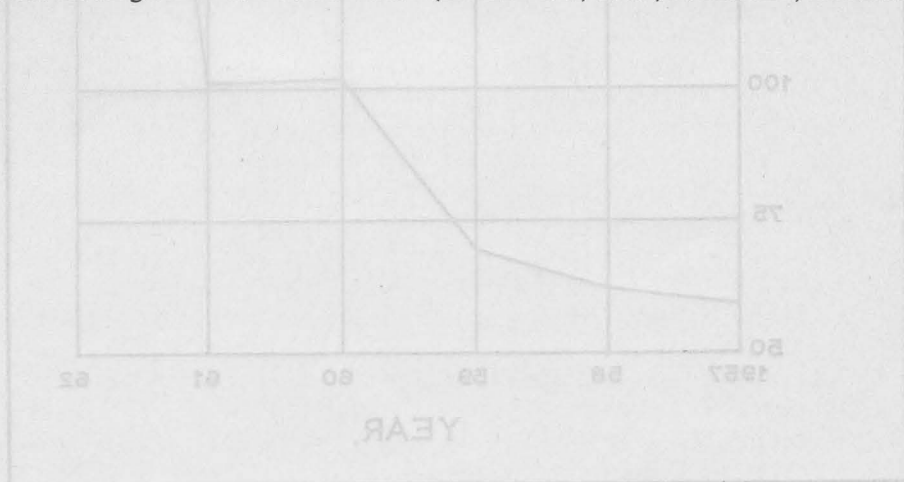
Mr. Gordon Stace Smith, of Creston, B.C., an amateur collector and authority on beetles of British Columbia (February 19th).

Mr. I. E. Cornwall, an early student and collector of fossils on Southern Vancouver Island and later an authority on barnacles of the Province (August 6th).

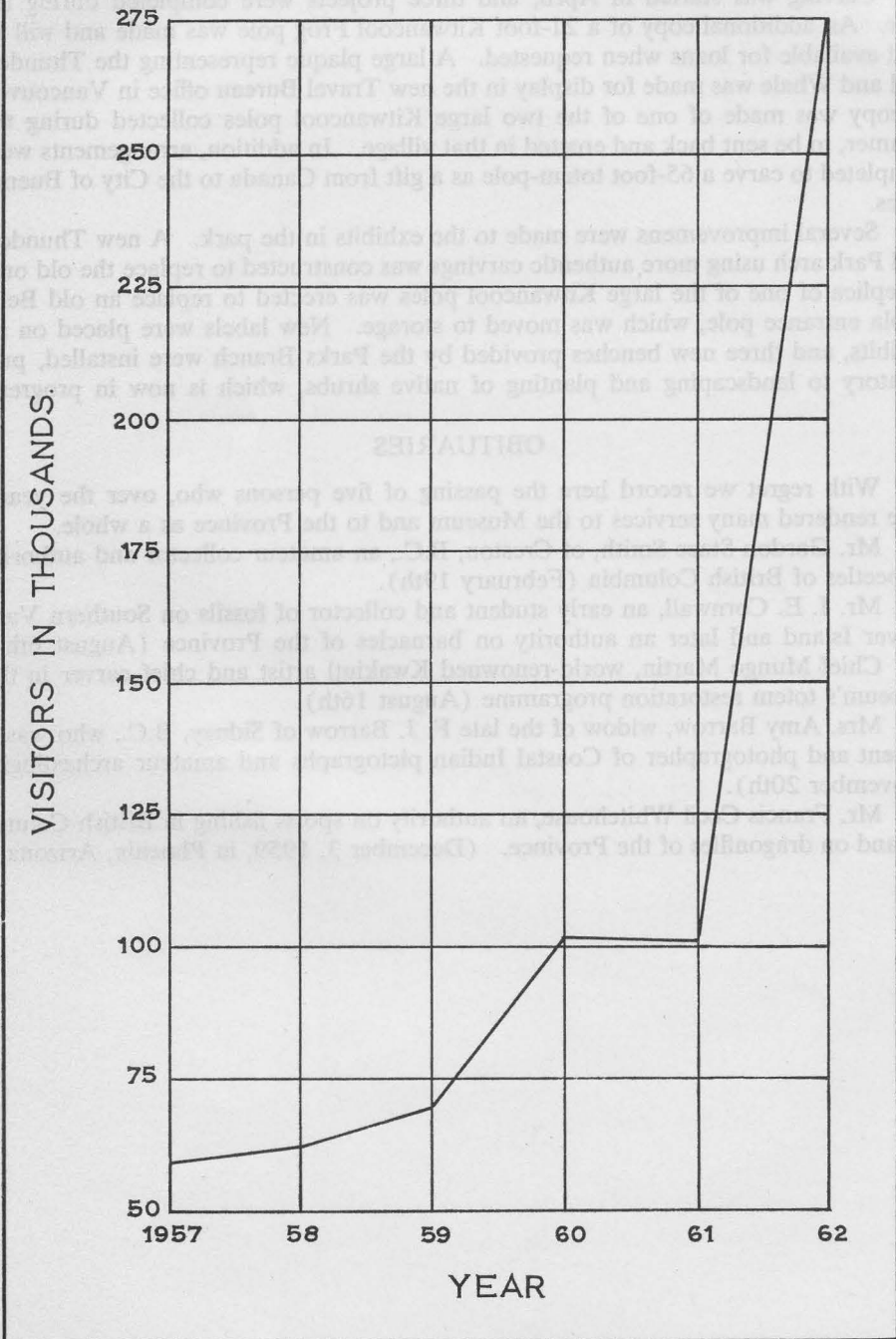
Chief Mungo Martin, world-renowned Kwakiutl artist and chief carver in the Museum's totem restoration programme (August 16th).

Mrs. Amy Barrow, widow of the late F. J. Barrow of Sidney, B.C., who was a student and photographer of Coastal Indian pictographs and amateur archæologist (November 20th).

Mr. Francis Cecil Whitehouse, an authority on sports fishing in British Columbia and on dragonflies of the Province. (December 3, 1959, in Phoenix, Arizona.)



PROVINCIAL MUSEUM ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE



DONATIONS AND ACCESSIONS

BOTANICAL

Major plant collections were received from T. R. Ashlee, Victoria (Saltspring Island); L. Butterworth, Victoria; Mrs. D. Calverley, Dawson Creek; L. Erickson, Fort St. James; Dr. C. D. Fowle, Toronto (Mitlenatch Island); Dr. S. S. Holland, Victoria (Northern British Columbia); A. McLaughlin, Victoria (Fraser Lake); J. E. Underhill, Victoria (Manning Park); and Dr. W. Ziller, Victoria.

Herbarium exchange was continued with the following institutions: National Museum of Canada, Ottawa; Science Service, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa; Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.; University of British Columbia, Vancouver; University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; Victoria College, Victoria; Stockholm Museum, Stockholm, Sweden; University of Jena, East Germany; and others.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge in general the voluntary co-operation and help of those who contribute to botanical collections and knowledge. Unfortunately, space does not permit us to list each one individually, but we intend to include all of them in a grateful vote of thanks.

ZOOLOGICAL

MAMMALS

By gift—

- Ronald Angus, Victoria, three whale teeth.
- Mrs. Guy Barclay, Victoria, earbone and teeth of whale.
- British Columbia Fish and Game Branch, one bighorn sheep.
- B. O. G. Dixon, Cassidy, one weasel.
- E. G. Flesher, Phillips Arm, one wolverine skull, one otter jawbone.
- Alan L. Greig, Victoria, one pair of walrus tusks.
- J. A. Lohbrunner, Happy Valley, one house cat.

BIRDS

By gift—

- Mrs. Guy Barclay, Victoria, one albatross egg.
- Miss Joyce Barnes, Crescent Beach, one great gray owl.
- T. F. Baxter, Victoria, one fox sparrow.
- Mrs. H. M. S. Bell, Victoria, one juvenile linnet.
- British Columbia Fish and Game Branch, one Cooper hawk.
- Harrison Brown, Hornby Island, one sharp-shinned hawk, one saw-whet owl.
- H. Bunker, Victoria, one golden-crowned sparrow.
- A. R. Davidson, Victoria, one screech owl.
- Vernon Harknett, Victoria, one fork-tailed petrel.
- Canon M. W. Holdom, Crescent Beach, one golden-crowned kinglet, one Swainson thrush.
- C. E. Loggin, Victoria, one quail egg.
- Mrs. George Lowe, Victoria, one great auk egg.
- Miss B. C. Newton, Victoria, one red-breasted sapsucker.
- W. H. Parker, Victoria, one starling with nest and eggs.
- W. A. B. Paul, Hornby Island, two nests, Hammond and Traill flycatcher.
- S. H. Phillips, Sidney, one mounted quail.
- Mrs. S. Sharcott, Victoria, one violet-green swallow.
- David Stirling, Victoria, one fulmar.

- Mrs. E. Thompson, Victoria, one red-shafted flicker.
 Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Victoria, collection of mounted birds.
 Mrs. W. G. Ziller, Victoria, one pine siskin.

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

By gift—

- Jackie Brown and Fred Cliff, Victoria, one painted turtle.
 Mrs. J. F. L. Carl, Victoria, one garter snake.
 David Duris, Victoria, one blue racer.
 Miss Maureen King, Sooke, one garter snake skin.
 Robert D. Ortenburger, Tulsa, Okla., one gopher snake from Galiano Island.
 D. Scholes, Victoria, one clouded salamander.
 David Sisson, Victoria, one garter snake.

FISH

By gift—

- W. E. Baraclough, Nanaimo, one soft sculpin.
 Art Brookman, Victoria, one lamprey.
 W. F. Campbell, Victoria, one redbreasted shiner.
 J. R. C. Hewett, Victoria, one lamprey.
 H. W. Laird, Victoria, one coho.
 Tom Murphy, Victoria, one coho.

INVERTEBRATES

By gift—

- Mrs. Guy Barclay, Victoria, collection of coral.
 Miss Roberta Boyd, Victoria, one polyphemus moth.
 Pat Cardinell, Victoria, one mourning cloak butterfly.
 W. Cook, Victoria, one black widow spider.
 Mrs. W. Glenny, one crayfish.
 Frank L. Godfrey, Victoria, one wasp nest.
 George W. Hagglund, Victoria, one electric-light bug.
 Mrs. L. A. Haines, Heriot Bay, one striped cockchafer.
 Phil Hendry, Victoria, one polyphemus moth.
 Larry Kanester, Ganges, two sea urchins, one scallop shell.
 K. H. Kinsman, Victoria, two banded grey longhorn beetles.
 W. Matthews, Victoria, one Austral-Asian roach.
 Miss R. Osselton, Victoria, one black widow spider.
 W. H. Parker, Victoria, one hair worm.
 A. G. Phillips, Victoria, one polyphemus moth.
 David Politano, Victoria, one black widow spider.
 Neil Pollock, Glen Lake, one orb-weaver spider.
 H. J. Sceats, Victoria, one striped cockchafer.
 Mrs. F. C. Smith, Victoria, one striped cockchafer.
 T. Steigenberger, Victoria, one polyphemus moth.
 Brian, Lisa, and Elaine Taylor, Victoria, one eyed hawk moth.
 Miss D. White, Victoria, one grub of striped cockchafer.

By purchase—

- Archie Nicholls, formerly of Sooke, seven boxes of local and foreign insects.

PALEONTOLOGY

By gift—

- Fred Russell, Victoria, piece of sandstone containing fossil shells.

MISCELLANEOUS

By gift—

Mrs. A. I. Halkett, Victoria, collection of books and pamphlets on barnacles from the estate of the late I. E. Cornwall, of Victoria.

Robert D. Ortenburger, Tulsa, Okla., collection of books from the estate of the late Dr. A. I. Ortenburger, Galiano Island.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL

The Mrs. Edna Acteson Collection.—(Gift.) Athapaskan(?) moccasins, Tlingit raven rattle, and Nootka and Squamish baskets. Donated in memory of Mrs. Acteson's parents, Frank and Mildred Boyd.

The Mel Lynum Collection.—(Gift.) Archæological specimens from Digby Island and Tachick Lake. (Per Mrs. J. A. Munro, Okanagan Landing.)

The James M. Macalister Collection.—(Gift.) Archæological specimens from Mr. Macalister's property near Marguerite and from other Cariboo sites.

The Frank H. Stevens Collection.—(Gift.) Salish and Nootka baskets and a chipped projectile point from Victoria.

By gift—

Howard Barker, Victoria, chipped knife and chipped projectile point.

Mrs. Grace C. Coates, Victoria, Athapaskan copper knife.

Richard Cox, Victoria, surface collections of artifacts.

Mrs. W. H. Cross, Sidney, surface collection of seven soapstone artifacts.

Mrs. Eleanore Davidson, Victoria, one Nootka and one Salish basket.

John Davis, Miss Sue Irving, and John Sendey, Victoria, artifacts found while skin diving.

Paul Despins, Sayward (per Russell Porter), human skull.

Mrs. Charles Foulkes, Victoria, Salish basketry cradle.

S. Franks, T. A. Paterson, and Doug Pitt, Victoria, human skeleton.

Mrs. Gilby, Ladner, chipped basalt point or knife fragment.

Willi Helmer, Vancouver, drawing of Sisiutl by George Wilson, of Fort Rupert.

Norman R. Hill, Victoria, one chipped basalt and one ground slate projectile point.

Mrs. Trevor Hughes, Vancouver, bone awl fragment.

Richard Hutchins, Victoria, hand-maul.

Mrs. Virginia Hutchison, Martinez, Calif., basketry fragments, stake, and other wooden pieces from an old weir.

O. Jowett, Victoria, chipped basalt projectile point or knife.

R. S. Kidd, Seattle, Wash., surface collections of artifacts.

Freeman King, Victoria, two hand-maul fragments.

Mrs. George Lowe, Victoria, hand-maul fragment and ground slate projectile point.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, Victoria, Haida spruce-root hat with painted design.

Ronald Ian McPhee, Victoria, human skull.

P. R. F. Marshall, Denman Island, jade adze blade.

A. J. Meyers (per Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Williams Lake), five human skeletons.

J. D. Munro, Victoria, chipped basalt scraper and ground slate projectile-point fragment.

Jack Mrus, Port Renfrew, prehistoric carved hardwood spear point.

Mrs. T. W. S. Parsons, Victoria, one pair of Athapaskan and one pair of Shuswap snowshoes.

Mrs. C. D. Prentice, Sarnia, Ont., Nootka canoe (full size).

Miss Marie Riddell, two Squamish and one Nootka baskets.

Mr. Rohack, Wynndel (per Mrs. J. A. Munro, Okanagan Landing), chipped projectile point.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ucluelet, deformed human skull.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Williams Lake, human skeletal material.

Martin Schaddelee, Victoria, jade celt.

John Sendey, Victoria, human skeletal material and surface collections of artifacts from several sites.

C. J. Smith, Victoria, trepanned human skull.

Atholl Sutherland-Brown, Haida harpoon-head fragment.

Susan Turkington, Victoria, chipped stone projectile point.

C. O. Twiss, Galiano Island, human skull.

Aubrey Walls, Victoria, three Nootka-style model canoes.

W. P. Wellgess, Ladner, chipped stone knife and an abrasive stone.

By purchase—

Alfred George, Victoria, Songhees spirit dance costume.

By the staff—

Kwakiutl model totem-pole and large wall plaque carved by Henry Hunt in Thunderbird Park.

Surface collections of artifacts from various sites.

During 1962 the sum of \$466.39, proceeds from the donation box, was turned over to the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled Children.

BIRDS SEEN FROM CLOVER POINT, VICTORIA, B.C.

BY R. Y. EDWARDS AND DAVID STIRLING, PARKS BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

In the middle of September, 1961, we began to make a weekly inventory of the birds on and visible from Clover Point, Victoria, B.C., over a period of a year. Dotted here and there on the map of earth are places especially favoured by abundant life; Clover Point is such a place. Here birds that live about shallow seas are often abundant. Much of the year, birds of many species are present and usually their numbers are impressive, but the picture changes with the seasons. Around the cycle of a year, species come and go, their numbers waxing and waning in a pattern of change that is tied to the seasons. The purpose of our study was to record this annual scene of change in numerical terms. Our survey was mainly concerned with the more common birds of the area. When we saw rarities we noted them, but it was not our purpose to emphasize the waifs that might visit the point.

Clover Point is part of Victoria's Beacon Hill Park. It is about 1½ miles air line from the junction of Fort and Government Streets in downtown Victoria, so is easily accessible to residents and visitors. A loop of road makes all shores of the point more or less visible from cars.

The point is about 400 yards long and 100 yards or less wide. Its surface is flat-topped, much of it maintained in lawn. From the top to the shore below is a drop of perhaps 25 feet. These shores are rocky, and somewhat broken because composed of the black lava characteristic of much of the coast about this part of Victoria. Kelp beds lie offshore to the south and south-west, while to the east is a bay often sheltered from the wind by the point, which may consequently be favoured by waterfowl. A major sewer outlet a few yards off the end of the point attracts some ducks and numbers of gulls, their abundance depending on the season.

The storms of winter are spectacular from Clover Point. When the wind is a gale, the heaving sea can be very close, yet the point is high enough to be above the waves. On clear days the Olympic Mountains form a scenic wall beyond the strait to the south.

The point is a popular place. It is a pleasant spot to sit in one's car by the sea, and at noon on a fine day many office people drive there to eat lunch and to enjoy the fresh air and scenery. It is also a favourite hunting-ground for naturalists, particularly those looking for birds. When the birding is good, and the grapevine has had time to spread the news, a dozen or more people, with binoculars and telescopes, may be staring back at the birds from near the end of the point. There is possibly no other place in Canada so close to the heart of a city that is so well endowed with birds of the shore and sea.

SOME BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

The birds of Clover Point are mainly water birds. The point has little to offer land birds, except for the northwestern crows often attracted in numbers to the food left by an ebbing tide. As the graphs clearly show, in summer the birds nearly desert the point, but in winter their numbers are impressive.

People wishing to see western birds find the point outstanding. The western and eared grebes can be common. The pelagic cormorant is often seen. Harlequin ducks are there almost all year, and surf and white-winged scoters are numerous outside the summer. The shorebirds offer black turnstones in all months but June. Surf-birds and rock sandpipers can be common. Black oystercatchers are resident in the region. Glaucous-winged gulls are always there. The mew gull is abundant

much of the year, and the California gull is numerous during late summer and early fall. Here, with any luck at all, you will see Mexico's Heermann gull in September, and the western gull is a possibility any time for the lucky and observant. Fairly reliable Alcids in winter are the pigeon guillemot and marbled murrelet. With a good glass, your chances increase for seeing common murrelets or, more rarely, an ancient murrelet.

Even within the region, Clover Point is known as a place to see birds, often unusual birds. Storms frequently bring pelagic species close to its shores. Local naturalists are apt to welcome the numerous storms of winter that are windy and wet, but often quick to pass. When the storm is on, and shortly after, sharp eyes may find a fulmar, or Sabine gulls, a kittiwake or skua; or a rhinoceros auklet may be close to shore.

And then there are the birds, just rare or not too often seen, that come to Clover Point, like wandering tattlers, and ruddy turnstones, common scoters, and the sooty shearwaters that most summers stay out of the eye's reach, but which occasionally can pour into sight in startling numbers.

This small patch of ground and its adjacent waters have had 161 species of birds, all seen since early 1957 by local naturalists. Mr. G. A. Poynter's list, given below, shows the many kinds to be seen in a place like Clover Point, where there are many birds, and many people who enjoy seeing them.

SPECIES

INTRODUCTION

In this report we speak in generalities, and to be brief we will tend to state rules but not their exceptions. Biology is full of exceptions, and it is easy to let them hide the rules. When we say that loons are absent from Clover Point waters through August and September, the statement, of course, applies to what we saw in the period of study, and if we had seen one loon there during this period, we would not have let one wanderer destroy the useful idea that loons are absent in late summer.

Remember also that we are talking only of that bit of earth's surface that can be seen from Clover Point. Do not assume that Clover Point conditions are necessarily similar to those by any other bit of nearby shoreline, and do remember that what was there in one twelve-month period will not be exactly duplicated in other years.

LOONS

The four species of loons in the world were seen from the point. A *yellow-billed loon* was seen December 19th (*see note in The Murrelet* 42:44). The *common loon* was commonest, seen frequently but irregularly from early October to late July, usually as singles in the count, but once up to four. *Arctic loons* were seen infrequently in November, December, February, and May. The *red-throated loon* was less abundant, and seen in November and January. *Loons in general*, dominated by the common loon, were present in small numbers from October to July, and absent in August and September.

GREBES

Four species of grebes are common in season (*see graphs*). *Western grebes* arrive the middle of October, increase until mid-December, then are present in numbers up to fifty until mid-March. Numbers then decrease. We saw none from early April to mid-October. *Red-necked grebes* are present without fail but in small numbers (up to seven, often two or three) from late September to mid-March, and

less reliably thereafter. We saw only one (April 24th) from April 3rd to September 25th. *Horned grebes* arrive with the red-necks, are reliably present through winter in numbers up to fifteen, usually less than ten, and they remain until early May, later than the red-necks. *Eared grebes* arrive with the western grebes in mid-October, and are reliably present in numbers up to ten or so until mid-April. As to *grebes in general*, four species are present from mid-October to early April, absent May to September. Several straggler eared and horned appeared in August and September.

Species	Arrival	Departure
Red neck.	Late September.	Mid-March.
Horned.	Late September.	Early May.
Western.	Mid-October.	Early April.
Eared.	Mid-October.	Mid-April.

TUBE-NOSES

We saw only one, a *fulmar*, in heavy seas on November 21st. Another species, sooty shearwater, although not seen by us, is probably the one species of tube-nose most likely to be seen from the point, and can be abundant for brief periods in some years.

CORMORANTS

Three species occur. *Pelagic cormorants* nest on nearby islands. Seen every count; up to thirty but mostly less than ten. Numbers were fairly constant, with high days in March, April, May, and September. *Brandt cormorants* were seen all through October (up to fifteen), then irregularly and in small numbers through the winter to mid-March. *Double-crested cormorants* were seen irregularly and in small numbers (up to three) in November and December, then once in January (four), March (one), and June (two). *Cormorants in general* are dominated by the resident pelagic. Brandt, which breeds in the San Juan Islands, is a winter visitor. Double-crests are erratic visitors, probably from nearby brackish waters.

HERONS

Great blue herons feed from kelp beds occasionally in the fall (September 5th and 19th and November 15th).

DUCKS AND GEESE

Diving ducks dominate this group. Of the two kinds of geese, *Canada geese* are overhead migrants (April 24th a flock of 120), and *black brant* are reliable migrants, feeding nearby, from mid-March to early May. Marsh ducks are irregular and in small numbers. *Mallards* are present as a pair or two through April and May, and appear irregularly in other months except in July and August. *American widgeon* occur irregularly early October to early May, usually as several, occasionally to twelve or twenty-one; none otherwise, except one June 19th. *Shovellers* occur reliably late November to late December, and were absent otherwise (one in January). Outside of summer, *greater scaups* dominate the bird scene, except for the gulls. Scaups arrive in mid-September, have reached winter abundance (over 300) by mid-October, and may peak to 400 or 500 in December and January. Numbers decline through April, and none was seen after mid-May. *Buffleheads*, the next most abundant, arrive in mid-October, are numerous (70 to 100) by November, and maintain this abundance to late March. They decrease through April, most have gone by early May, but stragglers remain later. None was seen in June or

through the summer. *Common goldeneyes* arrive in late October, remain at less than twenty (fifty-five on November 30th) through winter to April. They decline in early April and disappear in mid-April. *Barrow goldeneye* is rare (one bird November 15th). *Old squaws* are reliable in small numbers (under ten) from mid-October to early May. *Harlequin ducks* are non-breeding residents in the region. They are reliably present (ten to twenty) at Clover Point early September to mid-July, unreliable thereafter through August. Three scoters occur. The *common scoter* is rare (two on January 4th). *Surf scoters* are common (seldom under twenty, up to seventy) from early September to late April, declining through May and reappearing late August. None was seen in June, July, or early part of August. *White-winged scoter* has, like the surf scoter, fluctuating abundance (usually under twenty), is fairly reliable through October, and quite reliable through November to mid-May. Irregular occurrences through the rest of the year (two on June 19th, two on July 9th, two on August 7th, two on September 5th, etc.). *Red-breasted merganser* occurs irregularly through late October and November (up to six), reliably thereafter (but often only one or two) to early April. Last seen in late April. *Ducks in general* (see graph) are abundant from October through April, and nearly absent June through August. Scaups are most numerous by far, with buffleheads a poor second. Early arrivals (September) are greater scaup, surf scoter, and harlequin; late arrivals (late October) are common goldeneye and red-breasted mergansers. These last two are also the early departers (April). Late departers (late May) are surf scoters, while harlequins and white-winged scoters may occur in summer.

Species	Arrival	Departure
Surf scoter.	Early September.	Late May.
Greater scaup.	Mid-September.	Mid-May.
White-winged scoter.	Early October.	Mid-May.
Bufflehead.	Mid-October.	Early May.
Common goldeneye.	Late October.	Mid-April.

HAWKS

These are occasional passers-over, and *sparrow hawks* may stop to hunt (September 18th). Single record also for *pigeon hawk* (November 21st).

RAILS, ETC.

Coots are rare visitors in winter; one seen on December 5th and 12th, and January 4th.

SHOREBIRDS

Sixteen species were recorded. *Black turnstones* (see graph) were most numerous, appearing in late July, uncommon until mid-August, then reliable and numerous (ten to thirty usually, up to sixty) to mid-May, absent in June and parts of May and July. *Surfbirds* (see graph) occur irregularly (sometimes over forty, usually under ten) from late July to late April; absent almost three months. Note that few spend the winter. *Black oystercatchers* nest on nearby islands. They occurred irregularly throughout the year (42 per cent of counts) in small numbers (often three or less, up to six). The *wandering tattler* was a rare migrant in spring (May 1st and 7th) and fall (July 25th and September 5th). *Rock sandpipers* arrived in late October and occurred irregularly to February, then reliably through

February to early May; often ten or less, but up to thirty-five. These five are the species associated with the point's black rocks. *Northern phalarope* were seen offshore once (April 27th) and were common after the study period in mid-October, 1962. Generally rare in spring, regular in fall. (*Red phalarope*, not seen in the study period, were numerous October 17, 18, and 19, 1962.) *Killdeers* were attracted mainly by the lawn on the point. They were seen irregularly in small numbers (usually under four, but twenty-one on October 31st and fifteen on February 6th) through the year, except none was seen in April, nor in June and July. One *semipalmated plover* was seen September 19th. One or two *sanderlings* accompanied black turnstones irregularly from early December to mid-April. *Dunlins* occurred reliably from early November to early May (usually under fifteen, but up to twenty-two). *Dowitchers* were seen on July 21st (one) and August 23rd (two). *Greater yellowlegs*, as singles, were seen once in September, October, November, December, and March. One *lesser yellowlegs* was there January 23rd. Among the "peeps," *western sandpipers* were seen September 19th (one), May 1st (one), and May 9th (three), while a *least sandpiper* was seen May 9th. Ten *ruddy turnstones*, May 9th, were spring migrants, and one, August 7th, was heading south. *Shorebirds in general* (see graph) are dominated by several wintering species (black turnstone, surfbird, rock sandpiper) partial to Victoria's black lava coastline. No shorebird was seen in June (except for one oystercatcher), and relatively few were seen in May or July. Note that many shorebirds arrive from the north in late summer rather than in fall.

Species	Arrival	Departure
Black turnstone. Surfbird. Rock sandpiper.	Late July. Late July. Late October.	Mid-May. Late April. Early May.

JAEGERS, GULLS, AND TERNS

Parasitic jaegers, rare in spring, are regular fall migrants in small numbers (one each on September 11th and 19th, two on May 9th, reliable through mid-October following this study). The resident gull is the *glaucous-winged gull*, found reliably through the year in constant numbers (usually fifty to seventy-five). It breeds on nearby islands. The most common gull in season is the *mew gull*, which finds the sewer particularly attractive. It arrives in late July, and 200 to 300, up to 420, are present reliably to mid-April. A few dozen remain to early May, one to three to late May, none seen through June and most of July. *Bonaparte gulls* arrive in late July, shortly after mew gulls, and are present reliably, and in numbers from a few to several hundred until early October; thereafter a few remain irregularly until late November. They reappear in much smaller numbers in spring. One or two may be seen irregularly in April, and a few are present through most of May. *California gulls* put in a brief appearance in spring (four on April 24th), singles were seen in June (one each on June 10th and 26th), and they are most common through the last half of July, all of August and September, and half of October. Stragglers only in November. *Herring gulls* are rare (one on April 3rd, another on May 9th). One *western gull* was seen on July 20th. The *Heermann gull* is here as a result of post-breeding season wandering northward from the Mexican coast. They are present in small numbers (one to five) reliably through September, and irregularly to mid-October. (NOTE.—In the study period, this species and the next were common in

nearby waters for some weeks before we saw them at Clover Point.) The *common tern* occurs rarely in spring (twenty on May 9th), and through September and early October reliably up to twelve in number. *Gulls in general* show the summer lows and winter abundances of other groups. But for resident glaucous-winged gulls, totals would drop to zero in June, except for straggler California gulls.

Species	Arrival	Departure
Mew gull.	Late July.	Early May.
Bonaparte gull.	Late July.	Late November.
California gull.	Mid-April.	Late May.
Heermann gull.	Mid-July.	Mid-October.
	Early September.	Mid-October.

AUKS

The *pigeon guillemot* is a breeding resident in the area. We saw it irregularly and in small numbers (usually three or less) throughout the year, but more careful work with a telescope would probably make it a fairly reliable species from Clover Point. *Marbled murrelets* were seen irregularly and rather infrequently throughout the year. We failed to see it in February, March, May, July, and August, but most or all of these gaps in data may reflect shortcomings in observers rather than absences of murrelets. (*Ancient murrelets* were seen regularly through late October and early November, after the study period; this was unusual.) *Common murre*s were seen irregularly in August, September, October, November, December (120 on one day of movement), and January, and in the other six months but once (one, May 1st). *Rhinoceros auklet* was seen twice (two on September 19th, one on October 10th). *Auks* in general are unreliable, but one of some kind was seen on about 70 per cent of the counts.

PIGEONS

One *rock dove* occasionally fed on the point by the road. The seashore offers no attraction.

PASSERINES

One passerine, the *song sparrow*, is resident on the point. It is present the year round in the shrubby tangles on the steep banks, the population being about three pairs. *Northwestern crows* feed on the point the year round, but may be absent when tides are unfavourable. Up to fifty-one were seen. *Barn swallows* nest in the boathouse on the point. They arrived in early May, and were seen reliably (one to six) until late August. The *violet-green swallow* was present reliably through May, June, and July (usually one or two, up to six), with stragglers in early April and late August. *Savannah sparrows* were present reliably as migrants from mid-April to the last of May, and again from mid-September to mid-October. The nine remaining passerines were seen only once or twice: *Goldfinch*, August 23rd and October 10th; *lapland longspur*, October 10th; *house finch*, August 7th and October 31st; *robin*, January 23rd; *brown-headed cowbird*, May 24th and 31st; *house sparrow*, June 6th and August 7th; *eastern kingbird*, June 15th; *horned lark*, August 4th; and *water pipit*, September 19th. For *passerines in general*, Clover Point has attraction for only a few species. Many species seen are migrants noted as they pause on their way, and most of the remainder are found more commonly nearby, but only occasionally occur on the point.

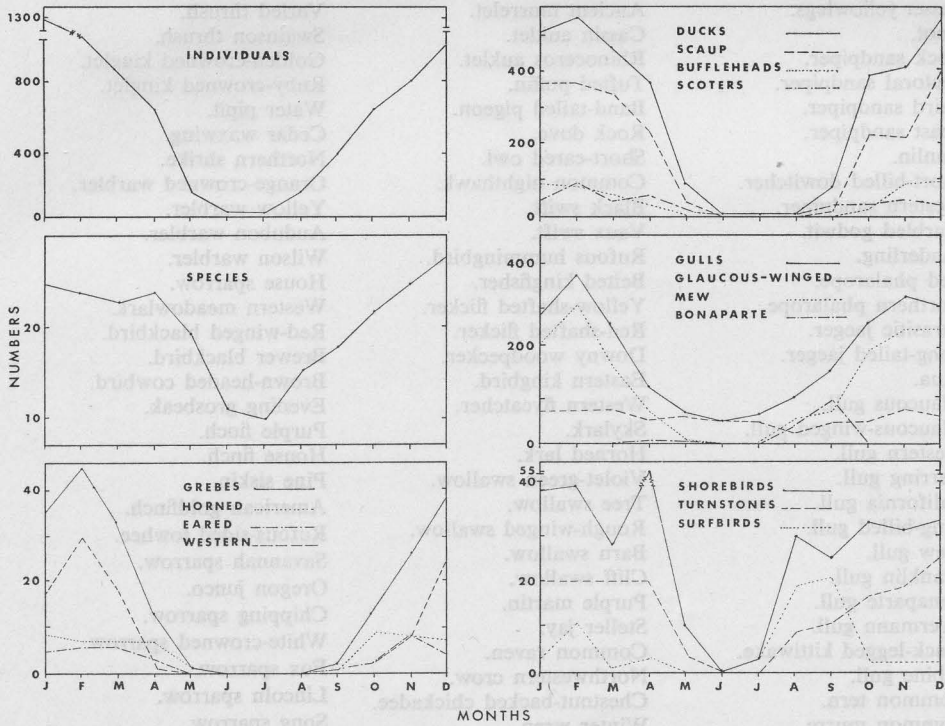


Fig. 1. Graphs showing the seasonal abundance of birds at Clover Point. The curve marked "individuals" shows total numbers of all birds regardless of species. In the curve showing numbers of species, note that the ordinate does not begin at zero.

CHECK LIST OF THE BIRDS OF CLOVER POINT

This list, compiled by G. A. Poynter, includes all reliable sight records since 1957. Some of these birds have been recorded only once, others are scarce but regular visitors.

- Common loon.
- Yellow-billed loon.
- Arctic loon.
- Red-throated loon.
- Red-necked grebe.
- Horned grebe.
- Eared grebe.
- Western grebe.
- Pied-billed grebe.
- Fulmar.
- Sooty shearwater.
- Slender-billed shearwater.
- Flesh-footed shearwater.
- Double-crested cormorant.
- Pelagic cormorant.
- Brandt cormorant.
- Great blue heron.
- Canada goose.
- Black brant.
- White-fronted goose.
- Mallard.
- Gadwall.

- Pintail.
- Green-winged teal.
- American widgeon.
- Shoveller.
- Ring-necked duck.
- Canvasback.
- Greater scaup.
- Lesser scaup.
- Common goldeneye.
- Barrow goldeneye.
- Bufflehead.
- Old squaw.
- Harlequin.
- White-winged scoter.
- Surf scoter.
- Common scoter.
- Ruddy duck.
- Hooded merganser.
- Red-breasted merganser.
- Turkey vulture.
- Sharp-shinned hawk.
- Cooper hawk.

- Red-tailed hawk.
- Bald eagle.
- Peregrine falcon.
- Pigeon hawk.
- Sparrow hawk.
- California quail.
- Ring-necked pheasant.
- Sandhill crane.
- American coot.
- Black oystercatcher.
- Semipalmated plover.
- Killdeer.
- Golden plover.
- Black-bellied plover.
- Surfbird.
- Ruddy turnstone.
- Black turnstone.
- Common snipe.
- Whimbrel.
- Spotted sandpiper.
- Wandering tattler.
- Greater yellowlegs.

- Lesser yellowlegs.
- Knot.
- Rock sandpiper.
- Pectoral sandpiper.
- Baird sandpiper.
- Least sandpiper.
- Dunlin.
- Short-billed dowitcher.
- Western sandpiper.
- Marbled godwit.
- Sanderling.
- Red phalarope.
- Northern phalarope.
- Parasitic jaeger.
- Long-tailed jaeger.
- Skua.
- Glaucous gull.
- Glaucous-winged gull.
- Western gull.
- Herring gull.
- California gull.
- Ring-billed gull.
- Mew gull.
- Franklin gull.
- Bonaparte gull.
- Heermann gull.
- Black-legged kittiwake.
- Sabine gull.
- Common tern.
- Common murre.
- Pigeon guillemot.
- Marbled murrelet.
- Ancient murrelet.
- Cassin auklet.
- Rhinoceros auklet.
- Tufted puffin.
- Band-tailed pigeon.
- Rock dove.
- Short-eared owl.
- Common nighthawk.
- Black swift.
- Vaux swift.
- Rufous hummingbird.
- Belted kingfisher.
- Yellow-shafted flicker.
- Red-shafted flicker.
- Downy woodpecker.
- Eastern kingbird.
- Western flycatcher.
- Skylark.
- Horned lark.
- Violet-green swallow.
- Tree swallow.
- Rough-winged swallow.
- Barn swallow.
- Cliff swallow.
- Purple martin.
- Stellar jay.
- Common raven.
- Northwestern crow.
- Chestnut-backed chickadee.
- Winter wren.
- Bewick wren.
- Robin.
- Varied thrush.
- Swainson thrush.
- Golden-crowned kinglet.
- Ruby-crowned kinglet.
- Water pipit.
- Cedar waxwing.
- Northern shrike.
- Orange-crowned warbler.
- Yellow warbler.
- Audubon warbler.
- Wilson warbler.
- House sparrow.
- Western meadowlark.
- Red-winged blackbird.
- Brewer blackbird.
- Brown-headed cowbird.
- Evening grosbeak.
- Purple finch.
- House finch.
- Pine siskin.
- American goldfinch.
- Rufous-sided towhee.
- Savannah sparrow.
- Oregon junco.
- Chipping sparrow.
- White-crowned sparrow.
- Fox sparrow.
- Lincoln sparrow.
- Song sparrow.
- Lapland longspur.
- Snow bunting.

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- Red-tailed hawk
- Bald eagle
- Peregrine falcon
- Pigeon hawk
- Sparrow hawk
- California quail
- Ring-necked pheasant
- Partridge
- American crow
- Black oystercatcher
- San-pinked plover
- Killdeer
- Golden plover
- Black-bellied plover
- Shoveler
- Ruddy turnstone
- Black turnstone
- Common snipe
- Whimbrel
- Spotted sandpiper
- Wandering tattler
- Greater yellowlegs
- Pintail
- Green-winged teal
- American widgeon
- Shoveler
- Ring-necked duck
- Crowsfoot
- Greater scaup
- Lesser scaup
- Common goldeneye
- Narrow goldeneye
- Booby
- Oldsquaw
- Harporhin
- White-winged scoter
- Surf scoter
- Common scoter
- Ruddy duck
- Hooded merganser
- Red-breasted merganser
- Tufted titmouse
- Sharp-shinned hawk
- Cooper hawk
- Common loon
- Yellow-billed loon
- Arctic loon
- Red-throated loon
- Red-necked grebe
- Horned grebe
- Freshwater grebe
- Western grebe
- Red-billed grebe
- Fulmar
- Sooty shearwater
- Shearwater
- Pink-footed shearwater
- Double-crested cormorant
- Pelagic cormorant
- Brand cormorant
- Great blue heron
- Canada goose
- Black brant
- White-fronted goose
- Mallard
- Canada goose

STONE CLUBS FROM THE SKEENA RIVER AREA

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(Based on notes by Dr. C. F. Newcombe.)

Among the notes and photographs which the Provincial Museum acquired with the Newcombe Collection in 1961 was a small bundle marked "Tsimshian stone batons." It contained materials which Dr. Newcombe had assembled, with the intention of publishing an article, on a remarkable series of more than thirty-five carved stone clubs found together in a cache at an old village-site on the Bulkley Canyon near Hazelton in the upper Skeena area in 1898. One of the clubs was acquired by Dr. Newcombe, and has come to the Museum with the collection (Fig. 1 a). Included with the notes were photographs of a smaller series of clubs

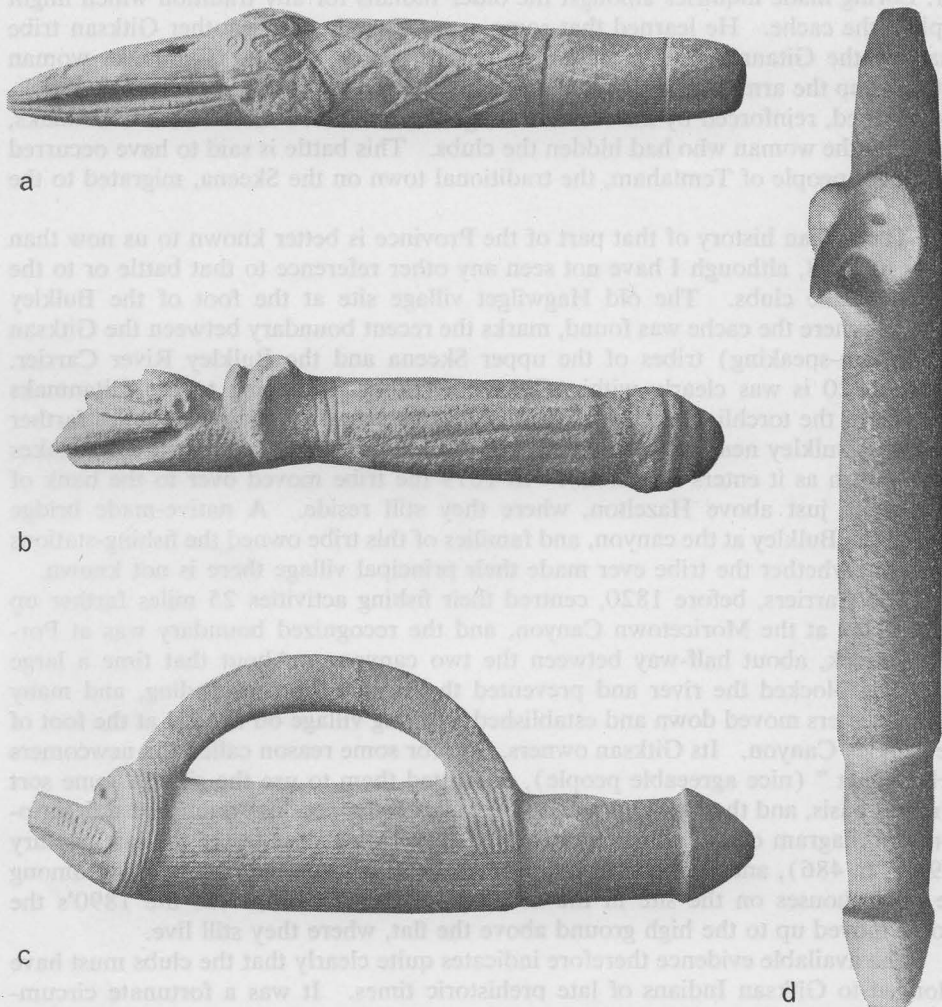


Fig. 1. Four of the sculptured stone clubs found in the cache at Hagwilget in 1898: a, No. 31 (34 cm. long); b, No. 32; c, No. 33; d, No. 34. See text for descriptions. (From a photograph by Dr. C. F. Newcombe.)

in the National Museum of Canada, which had come from Metlakatla, on the coast a few miles north of the mouth of the Skeena. My purpose in this article is to carry through Dr. Newcombe's intention, though more than half a century late, of describing these clubs in print, and thereby bringing attention to a significant addition to the known styles of prehistoric stone sculpture of Western North America. As an additional postscript, I have added three more clubs from the upper Skeena area, which augment the series from the cache.

According to the notes, the cache of clubs was found by Chief Johnny Muldoe, of Hagwilget, while he was digging a post-hole for a house. They were 4 or 5 feet beneath the surface, in a cavity in the clay which was capped with a large stone. He reported his discovery to R. E. Loring, the Indian Agent in Hazelton, who informed A. W. Vowell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, who happened to be in Hazelton on a tour of inspection. Mr. Vowell persuaded Chief Muldoe to part with the clubs, and brought them to Victoria. On his request, Mr. Loring made inquiries amongst the older Indians for any tradition which might explain the cache. He learned that some generations before, another Gitksan tribe attacked the Gitanmaks of Hazelton and were beaten off. A Gitanmaks woman gathered up the arms and insignia of the slain and hid them in a cache. The attackers returned, reinforced by men from Kitsegukla, and killed most of the Gitanmaks, including the woman who had hidden the clubs. This battle is said to have occurred before the people of Temlaham, the traditional town on the Skeena, migrated to the coast.

The Indian history of that part of the Province is better known to us now than it was in 1898, although I have not seen any other reference to that battle or to the finding of the clubs. The old Hagwilget village site at the foot of the Bulkley Canyon, where the cache was found, marks the recent boundary between the Gitksan (Tsimshian-speaking) tribes of the upper Skeena and the Bulkley River Carrier. Before 1820 it was clearly within Gitksan territory, belonging to the Gitanmaks "people of the torchlight-fishing place," whose principal village was 3 miles farther down the Bulkley near its junction with the Skeena (where the present road makes a sharp turn as it enters Hazelton). In 1879 the tribe moved over to the bank of the Skeena just above Hazelton, where they still reside. A native-made bridge crossed the Bulkley at the canyon, and families of this tribe owned the fishing-stations there, but whether the tribe ever made their principal village there is not known.

The Carriers, before 1820, centred their fishing activities 25 miles farther up the Bulkley at the Moricetown Canyon, and the recognized boundary was at Porphyry Creek, about half-way between the two canyons. About that time a large rock-slide blocked the river and prevented the salmon from ascending, and many of the Carriers moved down and established a fishing village on the flat at the foot of the Bulkley Canyon. Its Gitksan owners, who for some reason called the newcomers "Hagwilget" (nice agreeable people), permitted them to use the site on some sort of rental basis, and they have remained ever since. Jenness has published a description and diagram of the village as it was in the closing decades of the last century (1943, p. 486), and Barbeau has described the four totem-poles that stood among the smokehouses on the site in the 1920's (Barbeau, 1929). In the 1890's the people moved up to the high ground above the flat, where they still live.

The available evidence therefore indicates quite clearly that the clubs must have belonged to Gitksan Indians of late prehistoric times. It was a fortunate circumstance that they were all found together, because they show a range of types and styles which may therefore be attributed definitely to the same locality and period. Seldom is such a generous sample of prehistoric culture found in such a neat package.

Judging from Dr. Newcombe's photographs, Mr. Vowell owned a large and excellent collection of Indian artifacts from the North-west Coast, of which the clubs formed only a part. I have not been able to learn what became of the collection. Therefore, the present location of all of the clubs except one is unknown, and, needless to say, would be of considerable interest.* Dr. Newcombe photographed the Vowell collection in 1899. One of his photographs (E.C. 12) shows a large number of objects, including twelve of the clubs. Another (E. C. 13) shows four more, including the one which Mr. Vowell presented to him. At the same time Dr. Newcombe made descriptive notes on thirty-four of the clubs in the series. The descriptions given below are based upon these notes, and the illustrations (Figs. 1 and 2) have been made from the photographs.

Some of the objects found in the cache are obviously weapons, having functional handles and functional striking-blades similar to those of clubs found elsewhere. However, many would be very inefficient as weapons, and although they usually have definite handles, they are sculptured into fish, bird, or other forms, which were obviously designed with something other than an effective striking-surface in mind, and which probably had some supernatural or crest significance. Dr. Newcombe was evidently reluctant to call them clubs, using the term "batons" instead. He wrote down these comments on the thirty-four which he examined:—

Nine of these are of such a shape and material as to be suitable for striking a blow on a skull or an object such as a wooden helmet without themselves suffering by the violent contact. Of the remainder some are of proper form to be weapons but are of fragile material, others are of proper material but unsuitable shape, and lastly a few are of neither suitable form nor material for rough usage in war.

I prefer to call them clubs, whether or not they may have had the additional function of displaying a crest or possessing supernatural power. Such magical stone clubs are not unknown in the traditions of the Tsimshian.

CLUBS FROM THE CACHE

1 to 8. (Represented by Fig. 2 a.) Eight clubs of similar shape, the largest of which is 44 cm. long. The blade is wide and flat with a bluntly pointed end, like a short Roman sword, and tapers to a rounded handle, which terminates with a pointed knob. Four specimens show traces of dull red paint. All are smoothly finished, but only one (not shown) is polished.

9. (Fig. 2 b.) Club, 33 cm. long. The blade is decorated with eight rows of shallow longitudinal fluting on each side.

10. (Not shown.) Stone implement 57 cm. long. Cylindrical, with the front third tapered to a point, and the rear quarter narrowed and flattened to a wedge-shaped point, apparently for insertion into a socket, as though it were the head of a pike.

11. (Not shown.) Club, broken, but with two wolf-like ears and one side of the jaw visible. The mid third is decorated with narrow longitudinal ridges.

12. (Not shown.) Club, long and slim with a rectangular cross-section for most of its length. One end is carved in the form of a long narrow beak.

13. (Not shown.) Club, cylindrical with shallow longitudinal fluting, showing distinct traces of dull red paint. The front end is carved and forms a short, pointed beak. Eyes are indicated.

14. (Fig. 2 c.) Club, 31 cm. long. The body is oval in section and shaped like a fish, with a smooth finish. The front is in the form of a bluntly pointed head with an oblique mouth. Just behind the eyes is a ridge-like crest. The handle is flattened. "This specimen might have been used as a weapon."

15. (Not shown.) Club, body section ovoid. Head pointed like that of a wolf. Eyes and mouth plainly shown. On each side of the body are three rows of shallow transverse grooves; on the back there are four longitudinal grooves. Red paint shows here and there.

*After this article went to press, my attention was directed to the new book *Indian Art of America*, by Frederick J. Dockstader, which illustrates two of the clubs described: No. 33 (Fig. 1 c) and No. A 1 (Fig. 3 a). These are now in the collection of the Museum of the American Indian, New York.

16. (Not shown.) Club, body rounded oblong in section. Sides flattened and decorated with numerous transverse furrows. In front is a pointed head with a short neck, mouth, and perforated slit for the nostril. Narrowed behind to form a handle. Traces of red paint.

17. (Not shown.) Club, of yellowish-brown sandstone. Shape irregularly long-oblong. The body is carved and shows four rudely made legs; it ends in front in a broad flattened head with large eyes and a wide mouth like that of a frog or toad.

18. (Fig. 2 d.) Club, 35 cm. long. The body is fish-shaped with flattened sides. The front end is shaped like a bird's head with large eyes and a hooked beak. On the upper edge are two conical crests (dorsal fins?). There is a round handle which ends in a pointed triangular knob. Along each side of the body are nine shallow incised grooves. There are traces of dull red paint.

19. (Fig. 2 e.) Club, 26 cm. long, of sandstone. The body is fish-shaped and flattened. On the upper edge are three oblong crests (fins?) and a smaller triangular one. The rounded lower edge shows a few transverse ridges, and is covered with red paint. There are six shallow grooves along each side. The handle occupies one-third of the length. The front end is plain and blunt.

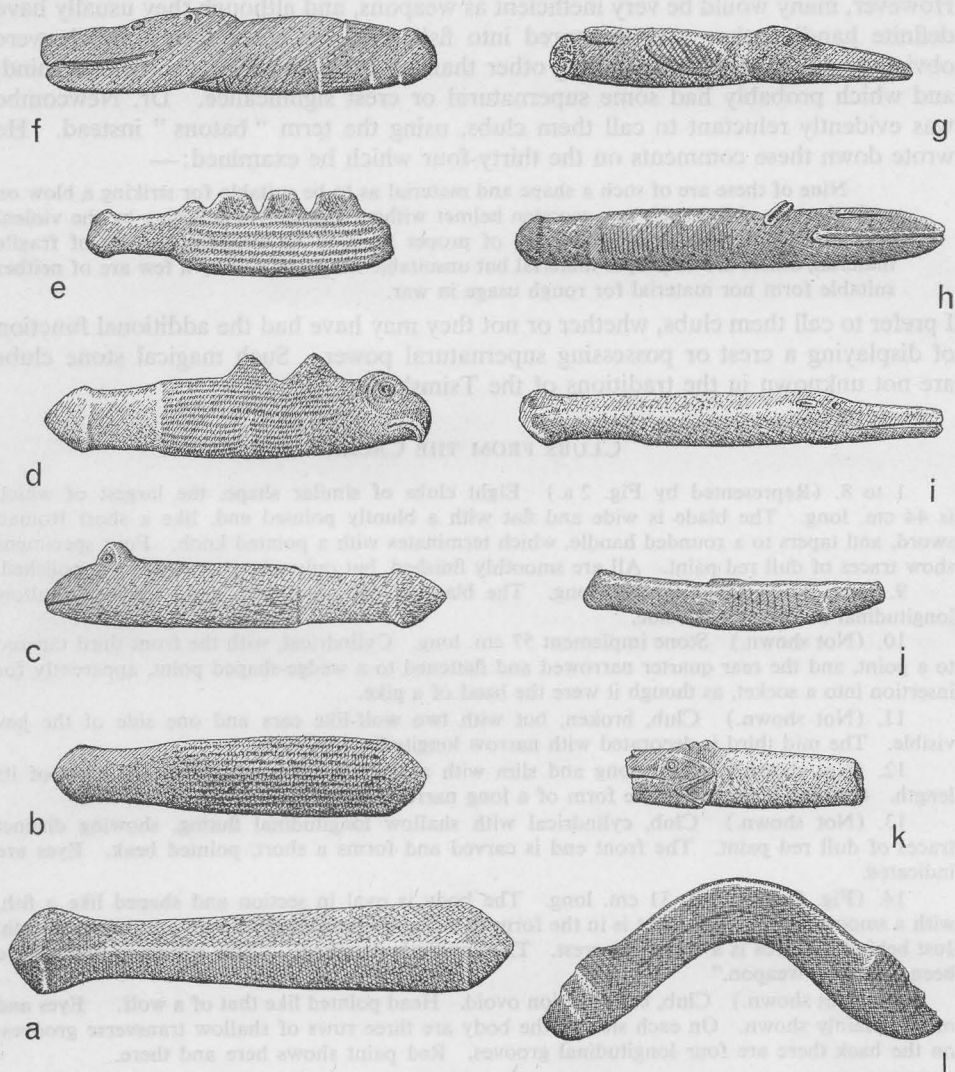


Fig. 2. Stone clubs found in the cache at Hagwilget in 1898: a, No. 1 (44 cm. long); b, No. 9; c, No. 14; d, No. 18; e, No. 19; f, No. 22; g, No. 23; h, No. 24; i, No. 25; j, No. 27; k, No. 28; l, No. 30. See text for descriptions. (Drawn by Frank L. Beebe from a photograph by Dr. C. F. Newcombe.)

20 and 21. (Not shown.) Two clubs of the same type. The sides of the body are flattened and decorated with shallow transverse grooves. The upper edge is cross-hatched. At the front is a squared head, below which projects a short curved beak. Round handles show traces of red paint.

22. (Fig. 2 f.) Club, 30 cm. long. The front half forms a head with long narrow jaws ending in a blunt snout which has oblique excavated nostrils. Eyes are shown above the inner angle of the mouth, and small ears are shown on the upper surface where the head joins the body. There is no constriction for the handle, the entire back half forming the body, which is decorated with incised lines.

23. (Fig. 2 g.) Club, 32 cm. long, carved to represent a bird. The front half forms a head with a long, narrow, and nearly straight beak. The back of the head is prominent and rounded. There are large round eyes above the angle of the mouth. On each side of the body is a raised carving representing a wing, with feathers indicated by oblique incised lines. On the upper edge near the posterior end is a tail. Part of the handle has been broken off.

24. (Fig. 2 h.) Club, 39 cm. long. This is a remarkably perfect specimen, mostly covered with dull red paint. The front two-fifths of its length is carved as a bird-like head with a large beak, the top edge of which is perforated by grooves from each side. The eyes are indicated above the inner angle of the beak and in front of a prominent transverse grooved ridge which extends over the upper surface. The sides of the body are slightly flattened and marked with numerous transverse incised lines. A short handle with a rounded knob occupies the back fifth of the baton.

25. (Fig. 2 i.) Club, 37 cm. long. The front third forms a head with long narrow jaws. The upper jaw terminates in circular nostrils. Eyes are shown just behind the mouth, and small ears are shown on the upper surface where the head joins the body. The body occupies the middle third, and its flat sides are decorated with twelve rib-like ridges. The posterior third forms a smooth plain handle.

26. (Not shown.) Club, shaped like a fish but very imperfect.

27. (Fig. 2 j.) Club, 22 cm. long. The body is slim, somewhat curved, and fish-shaped, with a small head ending in a small circular mouth. The eyes are prominent. The body has seven rib-like transverse ridges on each side, which pass over the upper edge but are not continuous below. There is red paint on the handle.

28. (Fig. 2 k.) Club. The front part forms a head, of which the snout or beak is broken off. The head has gill-like markings and circular eyes. The upper edge of the beak is perforated. The body, which also forms the handle, has flattened sides and incised grooves on the upper edge. (This club has strong similarities with No. 31, Fig. 1 a.—W.D.)

29. (Not shown.) Club similar to No. 28. The handle and front of the snout are missing. The head has gill-like markings and a crest on the upper edge.

30. (Fig. 2 l.) Ceremonial object, 35 cm. long, shaped like a heavy boomerang. The ends expand to form what appear to be human heads, across the foreheads of which are six transverse ridges. The upper edge is decorated with shallow longitudinal grooves. The flat front and back surfaces are also decorated on the upper half with longitudinal grooves; the lower portion is covered with dull red paint.

31. (Fig. 1 a.) Sandstone club, 34 cm. long. This specimen was presented by A. W. Vowell to Dr. C. F. Newcombe and is now No. 9548 in the Provincial Museum collection. The front half represents a bird's head, with a long pointed bill, the upper edge of which is perforated by grooves from either side to form a nostril. Upper and lower mandibles are completely divided for more than an inch, and the underside of the lower mandible has a deep groove dividing the jaws. Circular eyes are prominent. Beginning on the back of the head and extending back to the handle is a network pattern formed by a series of diamond-shaped depressions separated by diagonal ridges. The body tapers to a plain handle. There are traces of red paint on the body. (Details of the beak and the feather pattern on the head and neck seem strikingly similar to those of a sandhill crane.—W.D.)

32. (Fig. 1 b.) Club, 33 cm. long. An old but elaborately carved specimen. The front end is in the form of a beak, with three prominent horizontal ridges above it, like folds of skin above the head of a turtle. On the neck are two more collar-like ridges. The cylindrical body is decorated with about twelve longitudinal furrows separated by low rounded ridges. These terminate at a deep groove which passes around the body, separating it from the large terminal knob, which is decorated with three transverse grooves. (The head resembles that of the surf scoter.—W.D.)

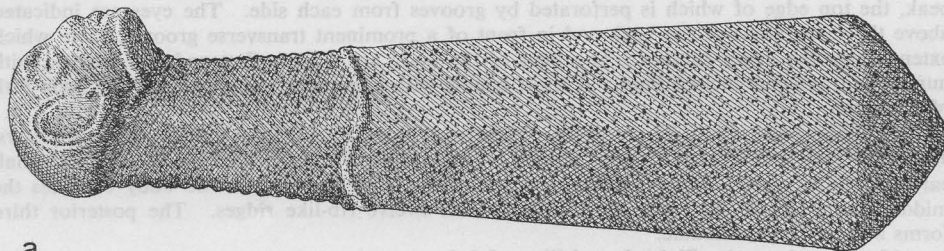
33. (Fig. 1 c.) Club, 34 cm. long. This specimen is remarkable for the arch of stone which extends from the back of the short head to the junction of the body and the handle. The jaws are furnished with distinct teeth, and the circular pitted eyes stand out boldly below the

forehead. The body is decorated with numerous parallel longitudinal lines. The handle is smoothly finished and terminates with a blunt four-angled knob.*

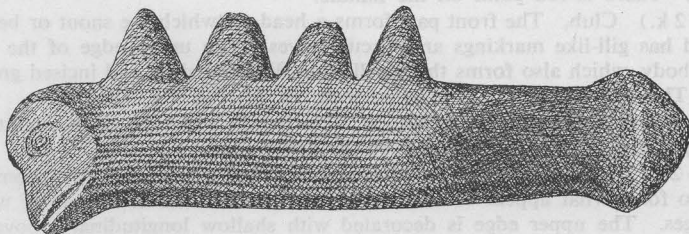
34. (Fig. 1 d.) Club, 39 cm. long, the longest specimen in the collection. More smoothly finished than most, it is made of hard close-grained stone. The long cylindrical body tapers gently to a blunt cap at one end and a handle and blunt conical knob at the other. Near the front end is carved an owl's head in high relief, with two large orbits and a straight mandible overhung by a curved upper one, and a round perforation between them.

ADDITIONAL CLUBS FROM THE UPPER SKEENA

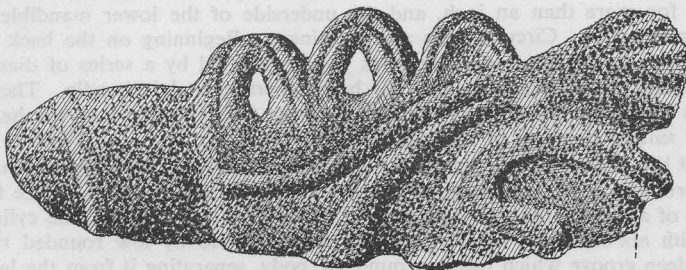
Three more sculptured stone clubs (Fig. 3) are known to us from the same general locality as the Hagwilget cache. One is said to be in New York, another is in the local museum at Hazelton, and the third is in the collection of the Provincial Museum. Each of these shows an obvious kinship with the series from the cache, and each augments the series with distinctive traits of type or style.



a



b



c

Fig. 3. Three additional clubs from the upper Skeena area: a, No. A 1; b, No. A 2, 28 cm. long; c, No. A 3. See text for descriptions. (Drawn by Frank L. Beebe.)

* This club is illustrated in Dockstader, 1962 (Plate 1), with the erroneous caption "Found in a rock cave in Niska Valley by Lt. G. T. Emmons. Buckley Canyon, British Columbia." Museum of the American Indian, No. 5/5059.

A 1. (Fig. 3 a.) Club, size unknown. This club is known to us only from a small photograph in the Newcombe Collection. According to notes written on the back of the snapshot, it was found by a white man of New Hazelton (the white community closest to Hagwilgate) under the roots of a 2-foot cedar-tree in 1923. Dr. Newcombe received the photograph from W. B. Anderson in July, 1923, and later the same month heard that the club had been purchased by George Heye, of New York (in which case it is now presumably in the Museum of the American Indian). This club has a blade identical in shape to those of Nos. 1 to 8 (Fig. 2 a), but is unique in that the end of the handle is carved in the shape of a human head. The stylistic treatment of this head is very strange, and is not reminiscent of any other known sculpture of the region. The handle is also unique in having corrugated edges, and in the zigzag ridge which separates it from the blade.*

A 2. (Fig. 3 b.) Club, 28 cm. long. This fine club, in the private collection of Mrs. R. S. Sargent, is on exhibit in the Skeena Treasure House in Hazelton. The illustration is drawn from a photograph by the author. The club was found many years ago in a field on a terrace of the Bulkley River immediately below the old Hagwilget village. It is most remarkable for the fine craftsmanship with which it was made, and for its close similarity to No. 18 from the cache (Fig. 2 d). The fine fluting which decorates the body, along the sides and across the belly, is masterfully done. The bird's head may be that of an owl or possibly a hawk.

A 3. (Fig. 3 c.) Club, 30 cm. long. Provincial Museum No. 4855, from the collection of the late Dr. H. C. Wrinch. Its exact provenience is unknown, but it is presumably from the Hazelton vicinity. A grotesque object of coarse brown sandstone, this "club" resembles the others in the series mostly in the form of its handle. The figure which makes up the body of the club is incomplete and defies identification.

CLUBS FROM METLAKATLA

In 1917 Harlan I. Smith, of the National Museum of Canada, sent Dr. Newcombe photographs of eleven additional stone clubs from the Tsimshian area (Fig. 4). These had been collected, ten from Metlakatla and one from Port Simpson, by Dr. I. W. Powell, the first Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia (Vowell's predecessor), and were presented to the National Museum in 1879. The descriptive comments below are based entirely upon the photographs. Dimensions are not known, but the photographs are presumably all of the same scale.

Metlakatla, the Christian Tsimshian village founded by William Duncan in 1862, occupies the site of one of the late-prehistoric winter villages of the lower Skeena Tsimshian. The ten tribes of this group wintered in a cluster of villages along Venn (Metlakatla) Passage until the 1830's, when they moved to the Hudson's Bay Company post at Port Simpson. Some of them moved back with Father Duncan, so that when Dr. Powell became acquainted with them and acquired the clubs, these Tsimshian occupied two villages—Metlakatla and Port Simpson. It is not known whether the clubs were family heirlooms or archaeological finds; however, it would seem likely that they were given to him as a set rather than singly. It is interesting to note in passing that many family lines of the lower Skeena Tsimshian claim to have migrated down the river from Temlaham in early times.

This Metlakatla series is noteworthy in itself, but it takes on even more significance when it is compared with the upper Skeena series. With one exception, these clubs were made with inferior craftsmanship and of indifferent stone. Some of them can be viewed as little else than poor copies of counterparts up the river, half-hearted copies based on half-forgotten prototypes. Why this should be the case is a question which invites all sorts of conjecture.

* A beautiful photograph of this club is to be seen in Dockstader, 1962 (Plate 4). It is now No. 12/3273 in the collection of the Museum of the American Indian, and is said to come from "Two Mile Creek, Buckley Canyon." Its length is 13 inches.

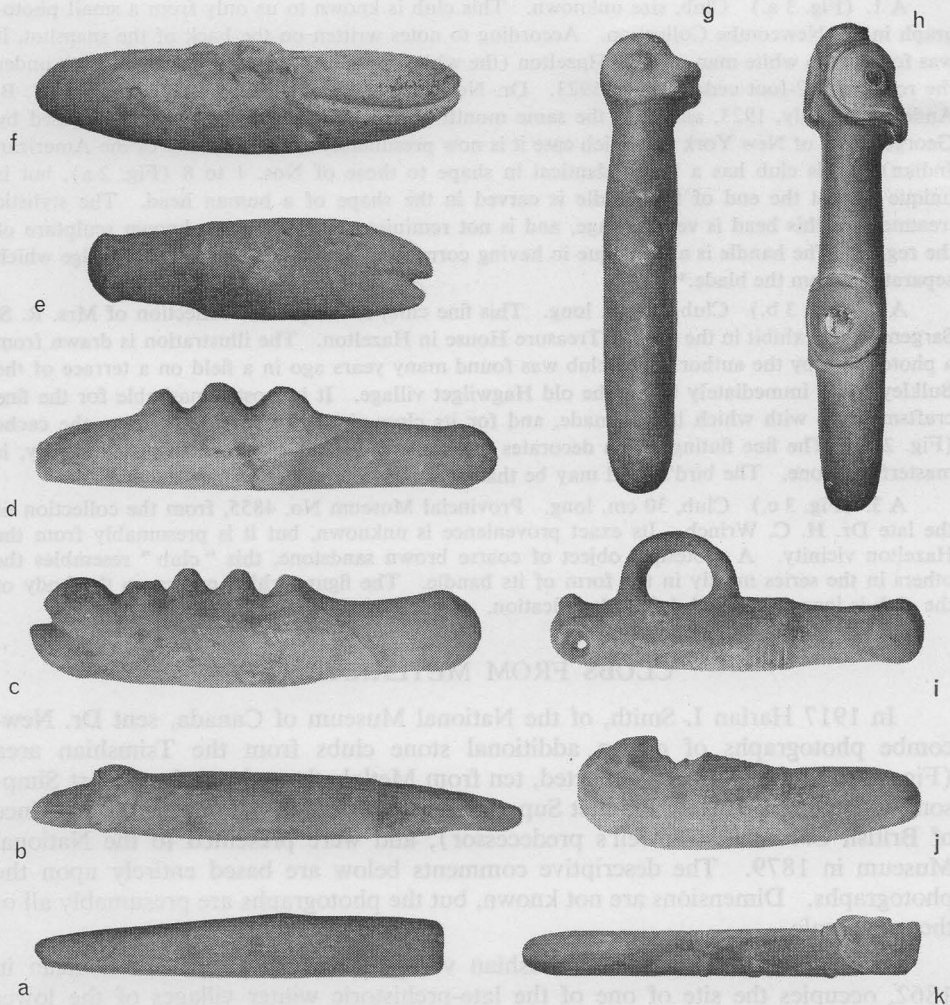


Fig. 4. Stone clubs from Metlakatla (a-f, h-k) and Port Simpson (g) in the National Museum of Canada: a, No. B 1; b, No. B 2; c, No. B 3; d, No. B 4; e, No. B 5; f, No. B 6; g, No. B 7; h, No. B 8; i, No. B 9; j, No. B 10; k, No. B 11. See text for descriptions. (From National Museum of Canada photographs 38055-38061.)

B 1. (Fig. 4 a.) Club from Metlakatla, with a rudimentary handle and tapering blade decorated with an incised eye. (N.M.C. photograph 38059A.)

B 2. (Fig. 4 b.) Club from Metlakatla, with a tapering handle and body carved in the form of a bird, similar to No. 14 (Fig. 2 c). Although inferior to the latter in over-all form, this club has more surface decoration—incised marks in rows along the back and part of the side. (N.M.C. photograph 38061A.)

B 3. (Fig. 4 c.) Club from Metlakatla, carved in the form of an animal with four fins(?) on its back. A comparison with No. 18 (Fig. 2 d) and A 2 (Fig. 3 b) will reveal that this club shares a similar concept with the others but is inferior in design and craftsmanship. (N.M.C. photograph 38057A.)

B 4. (Fig. 4 d.) Club from Metlakatla. This too resembles one of the Hagkilget clubs (No. 19, Fig. 2 e), and is an inferior version of a similar concept. Its form also begins to resemble the "slave killers" with multiple axe-like bits from the Columbia Valley and Northern California. (N.M.C. photograph 38057B.)

B 5. (Fig. 4 e.) Club from Metlakatla, with handle and a stubby body in the form of a fish. The gills and eye may also be discerned. (N.M.C. photograph 38060A.)

B 6. (Fig. 4 f.) Club from Metlakatla, rudely shaped in animal form, with a large mouth, eye, and ears(?). The concept is vaguely similar to that of No. 22 (Fig. 2 f). (N.M.C. photograph 38056B.)

B 7. (Fig. 4 g.) Pestle-shaped club from Port Simpson, with zoomorphic head. (N.M.C. photograph 38055A.)

B 8. (Fig. 4 h.) Pestle-shaped club from Metlakatla, about 34 cm. long. This finely sculptured and polished club, inlaid with abalone shell, was illustrated in the form of a simple line drawing by Harlan I. Smith (1923, Plate XXX), and he suggested that it was modern. The owl-like head is similar to that on No. 34 (Fig. 1 d), and it has a small frog-like figure carved on the back. On the body of the club are two large circular disks, standing in relief and inlaid with abalone shell. (N.M.C. photograph 38055B.)

B 9. (Fig. 4 i.) Club from Metlakatla. This specimen is like No. 33 (Fig. 1 c) in having an arch of stone over the body, and a comparison of the two can only reinforce the impression that the up-river example is the prototype. The "eyes" extend completely through, and it is the only one of the clubs so perforated. (N.M.C. photograph 38061B.)

B 10. (Fig. 4 j.) Club from Metlakatla, carved with a crude human head. Brows, eyes, large nose, mouth, and chin have been shaped by pecking. Additional forms on the front may represent arms. Although this carving is vaguely reminiscent of the human head on No. A 1 (Fig. 3 a), it is too crude to permit a meaningful comparison. (N.M.C. photograph 38056A.)

B 11. (Fig. 4 k.) Club from Metlakatla. Though quite crude, this is one of the most remarkable of all the clubs, because it bears a representation of a human body with the head on upside down. The head, which forms an expanded knob at the handle end, has a broad band passing across the forehead and down the sides, which is decorated with drilled(?) dots. The eye is shallow and circular, the nose plain and flat, the mouth a plain flat band. This head, at least in outline, resembles the "human heads" on either end of the boomerang-like object No. 30 (Fig. 21). The body is carved in low relief along the central third of the club. There is a collar and a trunk with prominent ribs. A spindly arm with a large hand and leg with a large three-toed foot are also clearly depicted. (N.M.C. photograph 38060B.)

Still more stone clubs of this general Tsimshian complex probably exist in other museums and private collections, but no effort has been made to include them in this paper. In the Vancouver City Museum, for example, is one shaped like a "king-fisher," from Kitimat, somewhat similar in concept to Nos. 31 and 32 (Fig. 1 a, b) but larger and more elaborate. And in the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia is an excellent club from Khutzeymateen Inlet, somewhat like No. 14 (Fig. 2 c) but with a projecting blade. These two at least are related to the Skeena River series and help to indicate its over-all distribution.

STONE CLUBS IN TSIMSHIAN TRADITIONS

Since both the upper Skeena series and the Metlakatla series come from areas which were occupied, in recent times at least, by Tsimshian-speaking Indians, one might reasonably expect to find some reference to such unusual objects in Tsimshian myths and traditions. And indeed there is one well-known story, that of Gao'a or Skawah, in which a carved stone club with supernatural powers has an important part. This is the origin myth of the Temlaham branch or clan of the Fireweed phratry (Gispuwadwada, Gisgast). It begins with a conflict between the people of two villages on opposite sides of a river (in most versions the Nass) in which warriors of one kill all the people of the other except one woman and her daughter Skawah. Skawah is taken as a bride by the son of the chief of the Sky, and in due course bears him four sons and a daughter. The Sky chief presents them with crests (including the Sun, Rainbow, and Stars) and supernatural powers for war, including a magical stone club, which is given to the youngest (and left-handed) brother. They return to earth at the site of their old village and destroy their former enemies. By

pointing the club at the enemy and turning it over, they can uproot and overturn the enemy village. Later they lose the club and move to Temlaham. (Published versions of the story may be found in Barbeau, 1928, and Boas, 1902, pp. 221-225.)

Temlaham is the most famous of the ancestral homes of the Tsimshian. In the traditions it is said to have been a large town which stretched along the west bank of the Skeena just below the present Hazelton. A severe local winter and famine, which came as supernatural retribution for the mistreatment of animals, drove the people from the town. It is remembered as their place of origin by many families of the Gispuwadwada phratry of the Nass River and Coastal Tsimshian, and also by most families of two phratries of the Gitksan tribes up the Skeena. Although the traditions are quite explicit on the location of this ancestral town, no trace of it can be seen today.

SUMMARY AND COMPARISONS

CLUB TYPES

Clubs of stone have been found in small numbers at scattered locations along the western slope of North America (Smith, 1907, pp. 412-420). Those from the Skeena River now make up one of the largest known concentrations, but the types found here are not the same as those found in other areas. In fact, the types and distributions of stone clubs do not seem to fall into clear patterns at all. Perhaps we should not expect them to; having outlasted their counterparts made of less imperishable materials, they are in a sense random relics of former patterns of club types and distributions, yet it is impossible to say how truly they in themselves mirror those patterns.

The Skeena River clubs are not all of the same type. For purposes of comparison we may recognize in them local varieties of four different types, distinguished by the shape of their striking surfaces:—

- (1) Blade flat and paddle-shaped (Figs. 2 a, 3 a).
- (2) Long, cylindrical, pestle-shaped (Figs. 1 d, 4 g, h).
- (3) Body with projecting points or blades (Figs. 2 d, e, 3 b, 4 c, d).
- (4) Body sculptured into animal or other form (Figs. 1 a-c, 2 c-k, 3 b, c, 4 b-f).

Clubs with paddle-shaped blades, made more frequently of bone than of stone, have been found from California to the Skeena, though no others are of exactly the same shape as those from the Hagwilget cache. The most numerous and distinctive type is the whale-bone club of the west coast of Vancouver Island, the Gulf of Georgia, and, more rarely, the lower and middle Fraser and Columbia Valleys (Boas in Smith, 1907, pp. 403-412). This type seems to date from late prehistoric and early historic times. It differs from the Hagwilget type in that the blade has a rounded end and a lozenge-shaped cross-section, and the handle is carved with a bird- or human-like head and is perforated for a lanyard. The few additional flat-bladed stone clubs which are known have been found singly, in widely scattered locations, and show much individual variation in details of form (e.g., Smith, 1907, pp. 412-417). The Skeena River examples, in short, may be regarded as a distinct local variation on a widespread theme.

Long cylindrical stone implements have also been found in several parts of Western North America, but they have been called pestles more often than clubs. The Provincial Museum collection contains four unsculptured examples from Tsimshian and Haida territories, and these are catalogued as pestles (Nos. 750, 1482, 1707, 1712). However, Niblack (1890, Pl. XXVII) illustrates a similar one

from Port Simpson, calling it a war club. Elsewhere, as for example on the Columbia, similar implements were used as pestles. While we may assume from their associations that the Skeena River examples are in fact clubs, they would appear to borrow their general form from a widespread type of pestle.

Stone clubs with projecting axe-like blades, and often with two or more blades set in line, have been found in greatest numbers in Northern California and the lower Columbia Valley, where they are called slave-killers. A very small number of the same general type, occasionally with sculptured handles, have been found as far north as the Gulf of Georgia (Duff, 1956, p. 87). Clubs of this type can be conceived as replicas of war picks and tomahawks made entirely of stone; war picks of similar concept, using a jade point set in a wooden or antler handle, were also used on the northern North-west Coast. Here again the few of this type in the Skeena complex are local expressions of a widespread concept.

It is those which have the entire body sculptured into an animal or other form which do not seem to have close counterparts among stone clubs elsewhere. Such a modification detracts from their utility as clubs, and suggests that some motive other than usefulness dictated their form. Among the wooden artifacts of the North-west Coast, rattles, batons, and sea-mammal clubs also shared the combination of a plain handle and a sculptured body. In these cases the sculpture seems mostly to have been in the nature of ornamentation, although magical and crest associations have often been suggested as well. Perhaps it was the same with the stone clubs. But it remains a puzzle why they should have been made of stone in the first place; certainly the choice was not suggested by the availability of an attractive or easily worked kind of stone (as could well have been the case with Fraser River soapstone sculpture). Probably the material was used to conform to some magical or traditional prototype.

ART STYLE

Although it may not be proper to judge the art style of a period and area on the basis of a single form, especially when it is made from a poor and difficult material, the fine craftsmanship and sculptural variety of the upper Skeena stone clubs do permit some comments on their style. In general, that style does not show any strong similarity with any other known style of stone sculpture, nor, surprisingly, with the classic North-west Coast style which was present in the area throughout historic times. The only trait which it seems to share with the recent coastal style is a tendency to favour animal and human motifs. The clubs show no complex compositions of two or more figures, nor do they show any examples of the distinctive recent type of surface decoration which uses eye designs, rounded rectangles, and feather patterns in rigidly conventionalized shapes. The surface decoration on the clubs consists of parallel grooves and ridges, sometimes in quite complex patterns reminiscent of the decorative adzing on some old Coast Indian boxes. Zigzag and network patterns were occasionally used, and in addition many of the clubs were painted red. Most of the animals depicted on the clubs are birds, with the owl and crane predominating. Vague "fish" and "wolf" forms are also present. The animals tend to be portrayed realistically rather than in the stylized manner of the recent art style. The eyes are invariably small simple circles, and there is no hint of the distinctive "North-west Coast eye" with its large iris enclosed by two doubly recurved lids. The art style shown on the clubs, in short, seems to be a quite distinct local style which preceded the classic North-west Coast style in the area.

CONCLUSIONS

Two groups of stone clubs from the Tsimshian area have been described and illustrated—one from the upper Skeena River, and the other from Metlakatla on the coast near its mouth. The two series are obviously related to each other, and the relationship seems to be that most of the clubs in the Metlakatla series are poorly made copies of prototypes which may be found, superior in craftsmanship and more specific in concept, in the upper Skeena series. The implied suggestion that the complex is an original up-river development which spread to the coast is reinforced by Tsimshian traditions which link the use of such clubs with Temlaham, the traditional homeland up the river from which many coastal families claim to have migrated in the not too distant past.

The clubs are not all of a single type; in fact, the complex is made up of local variations of three widespread types (clubs with paddle-shaped blades, clubs shaped like pestles, and clubs with projecting points or blades) and a unique local type in which the entire body of the club is sculptured into an animal or other form. The material of which most of the clubs are made is not suitable either for sculpture or for effective use as clubs; therefore, the stimulus to use stone must have come from some magical or crest concept. The art style is not like that on any other known body of sculpture, and shows little relationship with the recent classic style of the coast. If, as we assume, the clubs are of no great antiquity, it would seem that the famous coast style was not present along the Skeena River until late in prehistoric times. The clubs provide a hint, perhaps, of the relative recency of the classic culture of the northern North-west Coast, and also a glimpse of what preceded it.

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