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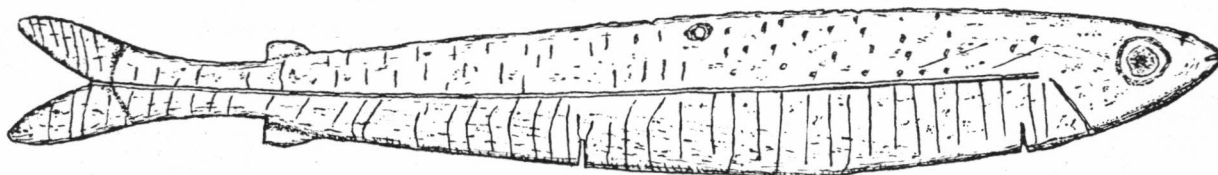
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THE LATER PREHISTORY OF THE MIDDLE PORCUPINE DRAINAGE,  
NORTHERN YUKON TERRITORY.

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E.P. VI Sq. 4, L7 1A 246  
29.9 7.3 1.2

Small pointed copper fragment

E.P. VI Sq. 15/24, L6A 1A 291  
22.6 8.1 0.3

Folded copper fragment.

#### Glass Beads

Of 41 glass beads (artifact class no. 79) in the Klo-kut collection, 39 were obtained by means of excavation, and two were found on the surface of the site. All but one of the excavated specimens represent the Historic period, and the exception is a large bead from the Late Prehistoric period which must have reached Klo-kut through aboriginal trade networks. This specimen is unique among the Klo-kut examples and appears to have been used as an ornament fastened to a fairly hard, flat surface; a frosted band 3 mm. wide entirely encircles the bead at the midline and must represent a wear facet resulting from the manner in which it was attached.

All the other beads are standard forms well known in the trade inventories of Russian, British, and American companies. The only one of these thought to have any particular value as a diagnostic form is the Cornaline d'Aleppo bead of which both the green-lined and brown-lined varieties are represented; one white-lined example occurred on the beach. "This type of bead was widely distributed among Indians of North America in the nineteenth century..." (VanStone 1970: 84-85).

The other bead from the surface is a modern "seed" bead such as those used today in Old Crow. Colors and metric data for all these beads are summarized in Table 58 (see also Morlan 1971: Table 117).

#### Miscellaneous Trade Goods

Only six artifacts fall into this category (no. 80), and they will be individually described. Four of them represent the Historic period, but one small piece of glass (#779) was found in a predominantly Late Prehistoric context.

Hist. I      N15/W75, L0      200  
39.5   38.0   4.2

Basal sherd of handpainted ironstone china plate. A raised footring increases the thickness to 7.2 mm. A red and green floral pattern is painted on a white background; it is called a "cottage motif" and indicates a cheap ware. No potter's marks are visible. Stephens (1972) notes the following concerning the manufacture and history of this specimen:

This piece of pottery probably belonged to a serving dish with a base diameter of 5 cm.... It utilizes the high fire colour technique, which was introduced in England after 1825 until 1870. It was extremely popular in the 1850's with over 43 English potters manufacturing this type of ware. The Hudson's Bay Company contracted...one of the Staffordshire potters to supply their posts with similar examples of this ironstone ware.

Many sites in western Canada and southwestern Alaska have yielded such pottery (Stephens 1972: 2).

Plate 22a.

Hist. I      N15/E10, L1      305  
14.3 diam.   2.3 thick.

Bone button with four crude holes, 1.5 mm. in diameter, drilled from the outer face in a square pattern which is centered within an incised circle,

|          | <u>Block</u> | <u>Color</u>           | <u>No.</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Mean<br/>Length</u> | <u>Diam.</u> | <u>Mean<br/>Diam.</u> |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
|          |              |                        |            |               |                        |              |                       |
| Historic | W100         | Green-lined Red        | 8          | 30.1          | 3.77                   | 39.4         | 4.93                  |
|          |              | Brown-lined Red        | 1          | 4.2           | 4.20                   | 5.0          | 5.00                  |
|          |              | Opaque Black           | 3          | 13.8          | 4.60                   | 20.5         | 6.83                  |
|          |              | White                  | 24         | 113.1         | 4.71                   | 157.4        | 6.56                  |
|          |              | Translucent Dark Blue  | 1          | 4.6           | 4.60                   | 5.4          | 5.40                  |
|          | E100         | Translucent Light Blue | 1          | 1.4           | 1.40                   | 3.3          | 3.30                  |
| Total    |              |                        | 38         | 165.8         | 4.36                   | 227.7        | 5.99                  |
|          |              |                        |            |               |                        |              |                       |
| L. P.    | 1A           | Translucent Dark Blue  | 1          | 10.4          | 10.40                  | 12.2         | 12.20                 |

Table 58. Distribution of 39 glass beads from MjVl-1, arranged by period.

| <u>Block</u> | <u>Layer</u> | <u>Level</u>      | <u>Cat.</u><br><u>No.</u> | <u>Color</u>           | <u>No.</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Mean</u><br><u>Length</u> | <u>Diam.</u> | <u>Mean</u><br><u>Diam.</u> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| W100         | I            | O/W75, L1         | 117                       | Green-lined Red        | 1          | 3.9           | 3.90                         | 6.0          | 6.00                        |
|              |              |                   | 118                       | Opaque Black           | 1          | 4.3           | 4.30                         | 6.8          | 6.80                        |
|              |              |                   | 119                       | Opaque Black           | 1          | 4.5           | 4.50                         | 6.5          | 6.50                        |
|              |              | N5/W75, L1        | 180                       | Green-lined Red        | 1          | 3.6           | 3.60                         | 5.0          | 5.00                        |
|              |              | N10/W75, L1       | 179                       | Green-lined Red        | 1          | 4.7           | 4.70                         | 5.7          | 5.70                        |
|              |              | N15/W90, L1       | 206                       | Green-lined Red        | 1          | 4.7           | 4.70                         | 5.0          | 5.00                        |
|              | II           | O/W75, L2         | 120                       | Green-lined Red        | 1          | 2.5           | 2.50                         | 4.1          | 4.10                        |
|              |              |                   | 121                       | White                  | 2          | 11.3          | 5.65                         | 12.5         | 6.25                        |
|              |              |                   | 122                       | White                  | 1          | 5.3           | 5.30                         | 6.8          | 6.80                        |
|              |              |                   | 123                       | Brown-lined Red        | 1          | 4.2           | 4.20                         | 5.0          | 5.00                        |
|              |              |                   | 124                       | Opaque Black           | 1          | 5.0           | 5.00                         | 7.2          | 7.20                        |
|              |              |                   | 130                       | Green-lined Red        | 3          | 10.7          | 3.57                         | 13.6         | 4.53                        |
|              |              |                   | 131                       | White                  | 21         | 96.5          | 4.60                         | 138.1        | 6.58                        |
|              |              |                   | 131                       | Translucent Dark Blue  | 1          | 4.6           | 4.60                         | 5.4          | 5.40                        |
| E100         | I            | N30/E10, L1       | 421                       | Translucent Light Blue | 1          | 1.4           | 1.40                         | 3.3          | 3.30                        |
| 1A           | III          | Sq. 41/44, L2     | ✓ 149                     | Translucent Dark Blue  | 1          | 10.4          | 10.40                        | 12.2         | 12.20                       |
| W400         | ?            | S15/W305, Surface | ✓ 1504                    | Pink                   | 1          | 1.1           | 1.10                         | 1.9          | 1.90                        |
| ?            | ?            | Beach             | ✓ 769                     | White-lined Red        | 1          | 4.9           | 4.90                         | 8.0          | 8.00                        |

Table 117. Distribution of color and metric data for 41 glass beads from MjV1-1, arranged by excavation level.