

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS IN
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ABSTRACT

Approximately 75 prehistoric sites and nearly 50 historic and recent camps were examined in the area north and west of Great Bear Lake during 1969, 1970 and 1972 by the Archaeological Survey of Canada, National Museum of Man. The prehistoric sites are nearly all superficial and in most cases are represented by collections from exposed ground. They tend to be small although some are large but the contents are dispersed.

Paleo-Indian occupations are not identified with certainty although one isolated probable Agate Basin-type point was found, and a small unique assemblage from the Airport site may fall within an early archaic time range. Numerous sites yielded elements of the Arctic Small Tool tradition. This evidence may indicate former Eskimo penetration as far southwest as the Great Bear River. Many of the remaining assemblages probably date within the last two millennia and may relate to Athapaskan prehistory. However, several sites are characterized by heavy stone industries which may belong to a different line of development. The historic period sites yielded few indigenous-type artifacts.

RÉSUMÉ

Quelque soixante-quinze sites préhistoriques et une cinquantaine de camps historiques et récents des régions situées au nord et à l'ouest de Grand Lac de l'Ours ont été examinés par la Commission Archéologique de Canada, Musée National de l'Homme, en 1969, 1970 et 1972. La plupart des sites préhistoriques sont caractérisés par de minces couches

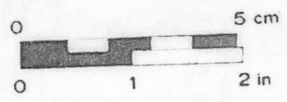
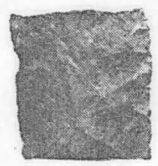
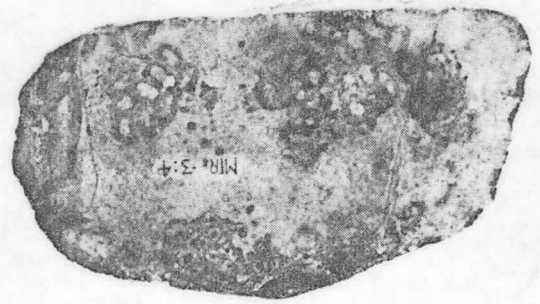
PLATE 6

IMPLEMENTS FROM SITE MiRh-5 AT HORTON LAKE
AND HISTORIC SITES IN THE COLVILLE LAKE REGION

Identity	Site and Catalogue No.
A. Small biface roughout	MiRh-5:42
B. Blade or blade-like flake	MiRh-5:24
C. Blade or blade-like flake	MiRh-5:30
D. Flake with low-angle edge retouch	MiRh-5:25
E. Flake with concave bevel (spokeshave) fragment	MiRh-5:20
F. Spokeshave	MiRh-5:48
G. Knife or lance tip fragment (part of H?)	MiRh-5:17
H. Knife or lance midsection fragment	MiRh-5:15
I. Point base	MiRh-5:14
J. Point base	MiRh-5:16
K. Tabular hide scraping stone	MlRr-3:4
L. Scraping or cutting implement, made from a section of a copper pot	MjRq-3:3
M. Glass bead	MhRs-1:6
N. Comb	MjRq-3:2
O. Serrated scraping or cutting implement, made from folded sheet metal	MjRu-1:3

Scale: A-J, N upper scale;
M approx. 1/1;
K, L, O lower scale

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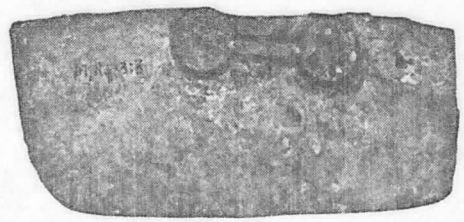
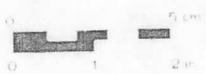


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