

Notes on Excursion to Ferry Lake

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No. 6

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Notes on Excursion to the Ferry Slides  
on Sat. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> & reported at Meeting  
of the Club held on Tuesday. May 4 - 1880.

In pursuance of one of the purposes of the Club  
an excursion to the Galesie Slides was proposed  
for Saturday, Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> the object being to examine  
the gravelly flats & sandy hummocks for  
Flint implements. The tract over which these  
have hitherto been found may be stated  
as lying between the Ferry road & the sea,  
for about 2 miles, on the North side of the  
Ferry and having an average breadth of  
over half a mile. The ground is rarely  
over 10 feet above sea level at H. W. &  
& covered by gravel & drift sand. Towards  
the S.W. a higher ridge or terrace 18 feet above  
the sea intersects the slides from N. to S.  
seaward of which the surface is smoothly  
covered with bent grass & gravel. This  
tract seems but recently acquired  
from the sea, or rather the latter has  
shut itself out from it by a ridge  
of water-rolled stones & between this  
ridge & the 18 ft. terrace no flints have  
been found. It may here be mentioned  
that with the exception of a very few  
Flint nodules in the Boulder Clay Flint  
is not a local product. The number  
of implements & chips therefore suggest  
its having been carried hither in the  
course of an early Commerce with  
the natives & possibly either from

Peterhead on the Aberdeen line Coast  
or from Morven in the West of Inverness  
-shire - which are the nearest known  
localities where Chalk Flints occur,  
there being much the most abundant  
at the former station. The Chalk is a  
product of the local White Lias.

The weather which was cold  
and stormy on the 24<sup>th</sup> combined  
with other causes to prevent a good  
gathering of the Club - Two senior &  
two junior members being alone present  
at first & one of the latter it may  
be mentioned was the first on the  
ground which it is hoped may well  
be our future success as Archaeologists  
Four young lady pupils from the  
public school having shortly afterwards  
arrived the party proceeded to explore  
the gravelly hollows & flats reaching  
alongside the pine-wood & although  
sorely buffeted by wind & occasional  
hail showers kept going Southward  
till opposite the Farm house. The  
finds were as follows. & Considering  
that it was the first excursion  
& the circumstances so adverse the  
results may be said to be encouraging.

Mr Lawson 10 specimens now exhibited  
in square box -

Miss Louisa McKay a flint arrow head  
— Janet Sutherland a fashioned flint flake  
— Marianna Olson a flint scraper

These are in the round box.

In the same box are fragments of shale  
rings.

In the square flat-box & in the  
Compartment marked S are the  
gatherings of Master John Sturson  
who on a subsequent visit to the  
ground found a fine arrow head.

In Compartment T Master Hayden's  
treasures lie. Besides flint &  
Chert chips there are specimens  
of Iron-slag & a fossil shell  
of the Middle bolite with a cast  
of Belemnite from same formation.

Drift specimens from Clyde perhaps  
In the division marked F are fashioned  
flakes & in the rest various objects  
picked up during the ramble.

In the Book are some flint  
arrow heads & scrapers. 3 of these  
having been found on a subsequent  
ramble visit to the Links.