

Smithsonian Institution

Washington, June 24, 1885

Dear Sir:

Prof. Kalm, the Swedish traveler, mentions a Pierre à calumet, disposed in strata of black lime-slate on the sides of the Montmorency Fall, seen by him in 1749. This pipe-stone is described as a pale-gray limestone of such compactness that its particles are not distinguishable by the naked eye. It is pretty soft and will bear cutting with a knife. Of this stone the common people in Canada made their pipes. "The Indians", he says, "have employed this stone for the same purposes for several ages past, and have taught it the Europeans." [Vol. II, p. 360].

Can you give me some further information concerning this stone, of which you make no mention

in your "Fossil Men", as far as I can remember.

Is it still used by the people and the Indians
as the material for pipes?

You doubtless have received a copy of my work
on prehistoric fishing. I certainly have put your
name on the list of recipients.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

C. Rau

Dr. J. W. Dawson.

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I am
Yours truly
C. Rau