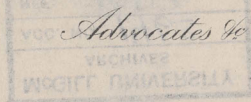


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Dear Sir William:

I have recently been very much interested in the Hochelagan Indians & have been studying their history & relics & corresponding with savants in Huron, Iroquois matters. A burying-ground which I think to be theirs has also been discovered by me at Westmount. Eight skeletons were found in all & — the only manufactured article — a single bead of white wampum bored by a stone awl — under the neck of a young girl. (I am told you found no wampum at the town-site, but only a disk of shell). The bead is said to be too large for any of the fresh-water shells. No pottery has been found so far. I particularly wish to know the source of a remark of yours in "Fossil Men" — that the Hochelagans

appeared to be connected with the Eries. Rev
W. J. Beauchamp, the N. Y. authority, considers
this unlikely - but he does not of course know
your reasons.

As I think I can prove that the Stockelagan
were the Iroquet tribe of the Jesuit Relations, & the
latest discoveries in Mohawk archaeology seem to
fairly prove the Iroquets & Mohawks to be ~~very~~
practically the same people, the study becomes
quite interesting.

Trusting this will not weary you, but
rather prove interesting, & that you will not
take the trouble to reply to my query about the
Eries unless not an effort to do so.

I am, with respects, Dear Sir William

Yours faithfully

W. D. Lightham

Sir William Dawson
City

