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AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE IN NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

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The First Trip.

In submitting a report of our efforts to procure information concerning the presence of aboriginal remains in that portion of the valley of the Oconto river within reasonable proximity of the stations of the Northwestern railroad between Gillett, in Oconto county and Long Lake, in Florence county, it is essential to mention that the present undeveloped condition of that region made all attempts at location work very difficult. The plans were that we cover in our reconnaissance an area nearly one hundred miles in length in a comparatively short period of time. There being no archaeological records for this region it was necessary that clues to the location of possible existing evidences be obtained principally by inquiry from residents, and that the transportation facilities be such that we be able to employ our time to the best advantage. Neither the desired information or the transportation were available. The first because very little of the area in the vicinity of places which might present such evidences had been cleared or cultivated, and second because the railroad offered but one train per day and poor roads made the use of livery teams impracticable.