

found near Stiles, and a double-grooved stone axe from this region, are among the many Oconto river stone and other implements in the Schumacher collection. Other collections made here contain many stone and copper implements.

PESHTIGO.

(Plate 13)

The only stream of any size lying wholly in Wisconsin which empties into Green Bay above the Oconto river, is the Peshtigo, ten miles north of the Oconto. It is narrow and very rapid and is now shallow as a result of the mills at Pesh-tigo having for years, thrown their waste slabs and sawdust into it. Formerly it was of such depth that a large boat plied regularly from the harbor at the mouth up the river to the city of Peshtigo, a distance of about fourteen miles by water.

At the mouth of this stream is one of the finest harbors on the west shore. Above this, the stream winds and twists about through a marsh which is overflowed in times of high water. This low land which is triangular in shape, has a width of two miles and a length of three miles east and west, with a twist to the northwest, and was formerly a great wild rice field. Every fall, up to as late as the seventies of the last century, the Indians made a fall pilgrimage down the Peshtigo to harvest this crop. Consequently there are very few high places at the lower end of the waterway upon which they have not at sometime camped. At Squaw Point, a raised plot about two miles up stream, are indications of a village site. From this point a trail led up the north side of the Peshtigo to the falls where is now situated the city. The present road follows it closely.

On Walter Philip's farm, a mile northwest of this point, skeletons were plowed up in a field on the bank of the river bottoms. The old course of the river came close in here. Under a stump on the same place was found an old flint-lock gun, but no bones were with it. Near the burial site was another camping ground.