

Les Ecureuils
(The Squirrels)

One might refer to this as a squirrely type operation, nonetheless, in the interests of curiosity we proceeded to the village ^{of Les Ecureuils} some 20 miles upriver from Quebec City. The date 12 Nov. 60, the we, Louis Geoffrion, who surmounted the language difficulties, Ken Killick, Gordon Heughan and Bill Riddell.

We contacted the Mayor, a creamry operator, a casual bystander or two, then Charles Douville, whose parents operate a Motel. It seems the local lads with spare time beachcomb for pocket money, and it was during such searches that the two strange objects were found in the latter part of June.

The beach extends several miles, and is $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile exposed at low tide. It is remarkable in its formation, a flat bedded shale slightly cropping or feathered towards shore, so that you can drive all over it. Also it has very little debris on it so that any sizeable object stands out for attention. Retained water pockets are at most a few inches deep.

Two objects were found on the shale flats about a week apart. Object No. 1 was found first about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile out on the flat and downriver about a mile from No. 2. This piece is estimated to weigh over 1000 lbs. judging the effort the lad made to move it, and the small pieces we picked up which were probably knocked off in the process. He thought the two pieces were related, but could not account for their appearance in any way. He stated they were not there one week, then he found them the next time he went out.

Object No. 2 was found about 500 feet in front of a cottage roughly on the shoreline. It weighed 600 lbs, (over a scale), was dragged up to the jetty, loaded on a trailer, other scrap metal added, and sold in Quebec for scrap. We traced the piece into a large scrap yard ASSH and Co., Quebec City, and lost the trail. We do not have a piece of this object, but assume it was related to the other piece. It was found in the latter part of June, and sold on the 4th ~~day~~ July '60. The reason No. 1 was not treated in the same way was that it was too heavy. This chap pushed it 50 feet or so with a small tractor, then gave up. We do not know how CARDE found out about it, but about 3 weeks later they came down and picked it up.