ARCHAEOLOGY IN TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK

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Tarks Canada conducted several small ar- Archaeological Assessments known sites.

Bank Site (DdAk-5)

Bank Site, a multi-component site that is erod- ing the early 20th century when forestry was a ing along the shoreline. The current excava- primary industry in what is now the park area tions began in 2008, but due to the thick, arti- (Figure 3). This feature is likely associated with fact rich layers that we encountered, the bottom the previously identified Park Harbour Sawmill of the cultural deposit was not reached. In Site (DdAk-9) (Tuck 1980:41) located on the 2009 we completed the excavation of three units along the eroding bank. This area included a thick midden deposit that was associated with a Dorset Palaeoeskimo semisubterranean house structure (Curtis 2009). This midden appeared as a band of dark brown soil in profile and reached more than 20 cm thick in places (Figure 1). A charcoal sample recovered from the lower portion of this midden in 2008 returned a radiocarbon date of 1493±38 BP (X12863A). This date is consistent with the midden artifact assemblage that is characterized by tip-fluted endblades, preforms and tip-fluting flakes (Figure 2).

L chaeological projects in Terra Nova Na- Archaeological Assessments were conducted in tional Park this past summer, resulting in the several areas in support of park activities. identification of four new sites and the collec- Methods of assessment included pedestrian surtion of additional information about three vey and survey by canoe along the shorelines of interior ponds and brooks. Along one of the brooks we identified the remains of cribwork Salvage excavation continued at the constructed for the damming of the brook dur-

Figure 1 View of midden profile at the Bank Site. The unit in the rear has been excavated to the top of the midden and the unit in the front to the bottom of the midden (Curtis)



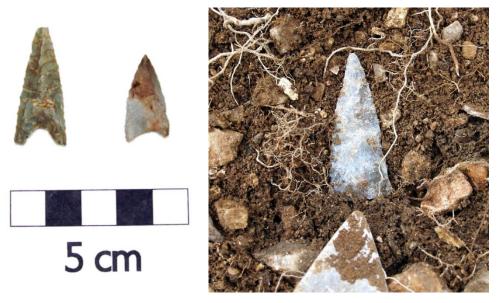


Figure 2 Endblades (left) and an endblade preform in the midden (right) at the Bank Site (Curtis)

coast nearby.

Additional sites relating to the historic period were identified along the Buckley Cove Trail: sawmilling is evident in the form of cut sent former cabin sites. Finally, a brief survey 7:23-25. among the park's outer islands allowed us to monitor known sites and to identify a new Aboriginal site where a bifacial core and preform were found near the beach (Figure 4).

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Figure 3 Remains of historic cribwork along a brook in Terra Nova NP (Curtis)





Figure 4 Rhyolite preform as found in Terra Nova National Park (Curtis)