

VEINOT'S
GROCERIES AND HARDWARE
NEW GERMANY,
NOVA SCOTIA

April 30, 1952

Mr. T. H. Raddall
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Sir:

While visiting friends in North Queens recently, they showed me an old relic; which I was very much interested in. After promising them with its return, I brought it home. I have shown this to several of the old citizens and woodmen in this part and they cannot name it; so it leads me to believe that it must be quite old. After reading your books which I enjoyed, I am tempted to write you for some information which I trust you will grant me., as your writings relate to days gone by when crude things such as this were used.

I will explain this instrument as clearly as I can. It is now about 27 inches long and had about 4 inches broken from the point of it, which was how it was found. The man who found it was cutting down a large yellow birch tree about 50 years ago. He tells me about 1902 when his trouser leg caught in the point of this protruding from the ground and broke the point off. He dug down and found that a root from this same tree had grown through the handle which is turned back and made into a loop, which filled this loop and grew to the size of 8 inches which he cut out. This tree which he cut down and hewed at that time squared up 12" by 12" and was 30 ft. long. It is hand forged and was drawn out to a rapier like shape and was made four side square. Erosion has had its effect on it ; but it is still quite substantial.

Now, Sir, if you would have some solution as to what this might be I would greatly appreciate hearing from you; or as I pass through Liverpool occasionally I might if you desired bring it for you to inspect.

Hoping this letter will not inconvenience you in your work. I remain,

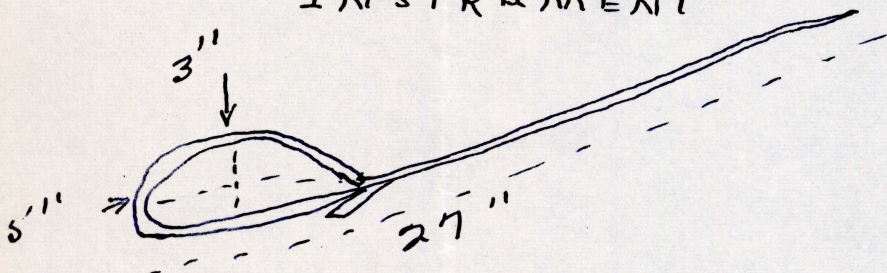
Yours very truly,

Stanley A. Veinot.

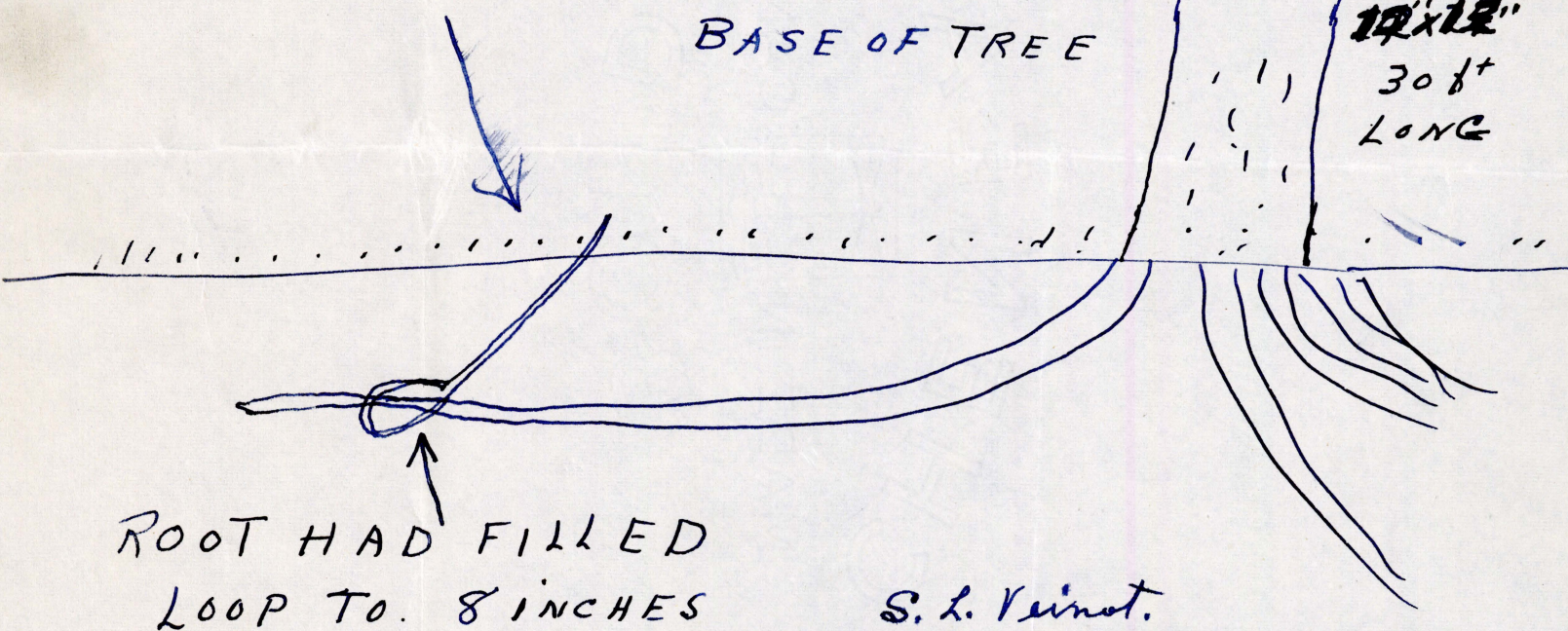
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THIS IS A DRAWING OF THIS
INSTRUMENT



THIS IS THE POSITION
WHEN FOUND. ABOUT 10 FT FROM
BASE OF TREE



S. L. Veinot.