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THE following fragment of ancient history was unearthed recently in Fredericton. It appears to refer to the march of some army that went out to subdue the neighboring tribes. In places where the fragment was undecipherable words have been omitted:

(1) Now it came to pass that in the beginning of the fourth year of Davi who succeeded Harr-Ison, who ruled over Yuenbi,—(2) That a great and mighty host was gathered together—(3) And Jodefer, the captain of the hosts, spake unto them saying,—(4) Lo and behold mighty armies encompass us about, even they of Aka djur on the east side, and Mown Talizun on the north side.—(5) Let us therefore go forth that we may slay them.—(6) But he of the strong arm, of the tribe of Kolwel, that live nigh unto the great river, and Alik Zanda, the loud mouthed,—(7) Spake saying: We are tired of battle, even of defeat, let us therefore depart in peace.—(8) But the remainder of the host went out to do battle,—(9) And there went with them many mighty men of war, even the great Shinnie—(10) And Dik-Zon, of the house of Johou—(11) And Jonidolen, even he that requireth the corks in his mouth.—(12) And Tid of the great punt, that worshipped the women of Mown Talizun from afar.—(13) And Kap, the maker of deeds, carried the banner of Yuenbi.—(14) And behold they went forth to battle with the men of the city on the great river,—(15) And they were not de-

feated, but Wiliz of the hosts of Yuenbi did they smite upon the head, so that he ran, not knowing what he did.—(16) And lo and behold on the morrow the whole hosts of Yuenbi, yea, even the halt and the maimed, marched up the great hill, so that he of the short legs was nigh unto death.—(17) And in the evening they spake one with another saying, how can we do battle when we hunger, go let us see the Shinnie.—(18) And the great Shinnie, being filled with new wine, opened wide his mouth, but lo he spake not.—(19) Therefore Tid of the short legs spake saying, —(20) And the men of Yuenbi did give battle to the men of Mown Talizun, and were not defeated,—(21) And Tid of the great punt and the short legs did give unto the women of Mown Talizun his armban, even that of Babra.—(22) And they came into the country of the Rambelas—(23) And the Rambelas smote them hip and thigh, even he of the Kap smote them, —(24) So that he spake unto them saying, you —(25) And they did hurl to the ground Jonidolen even when he ran quickly.—(26) And Bung of the horn spake unto the Tid saying, Pass not unto me.—(27) And the men of the Yuenbi gathered together in their tents after the battle, and none brought them meat and drink, nor was there any fish.—(28) Wherefore they lifted up their voices against the Shinnie, saying, —nor will we fight on the morrow.—