silty sands against muds. A new description of the classical section in glacial deposits at the Bay of Nigg, South Cliff, enables significant comparisons to be made with the Tullos sections. The combined evidence from the two localities makes possible certain deductions about the succession of glacial events. It is shown that the fine-grained sediments of Tullos are contemporaneous with the melting of the "second" ice sheet of north-east Scotland. At this time sea-level was a ulios are contemporaneous with the meting of the "second" ice sneet of north-east Scotland. At this time sea-level was about 80 ft, (24 m.) higher than at present. Evidence is given which indicates that the morainic gravels on the high ground flanking the Tullos depression were also a product of the melting of the "second" ice sheet. This is at variance with Bremner's view that these gravels belong to the "third" ice sheet. It is pointed out that the variation in composition of the Nigg Bay boulder clay does not justify the postulation of two ice sheets for its formation. [From author's summary.]

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