		 Total Species	Arctic	Mediterranean	Extinct
Weybourn Crag .		 53	9	0	5
Chillesford Crag .		 90	7	2	14
Fluvio-marine Crag .		 112	9	7	18
Red Crag of Boyton, et	tc.	 119	13	23	55
Red Crag of Walton .		 148	2	22	50
Coralline Crag		 420	1 (?)	75	169
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§ 2. Local Development

Britain.⁹⁵—In the Pliocene period, after a long period of exposure as a land-surface, during which a continuous and ultimately stupendous subaerial denudation was in progress, Britain underwent a gentle, but apparently only local, subsidence. We have no evidence of the extent of this depression. All that can be affirmed is that the southeastern counties of England began to subside, and on the submerged surface some sand-banks and shelly deposits were laid down, very much as similar accumulations now take place on the bottom of the North Sea. These formations, termed generally "Crag," are followed by estuarine and fresh-water strata, the whole being subdivided, according to the proportion of living species of shells, into the following groups in descending order:

Base of the Pleistocene.	Arctic Fresh-water Bed—with salix polaris, Betula nana, etc.
Newer Pliocene (cold tem- perate).	Leda myalis Bed, classed provisionally as Pliocene.Forest-bed group (10 to 60 feet).Upper Fresh-water, Estuarine, Lower Fresh-water.Gravels with Elephas mer- idionalis at Dewlish.Weybourn Crag (and Chillesford Clay ?), 1 to 22 feet.Dewlish.Chillesford Crag—5 to 15 feet. Norwich Crag and Scrobicularia Crag—5 to 10 feet. Red Crag of Butley, etc. Walton Crag—Lower Red Crag, 25 feet.147 feet at
Older Pliocene (warm tem- perate).	St. Erth Beds. Coralline Crag—40 to 60 feet. Lenham Beds (Diestian). Box-stones and phosphate beds—with derivative early Pliocene fossils.

⁹⁵ Prestwich, Q. J. Geol. Soc. xxvii.; Lyell, "Antiquity of Man," chap. xii.; Searles Wood, "Crag Mollusca," Palæont. Soc.; H. B. Woodward, "Geology of Norwich," and W. Whitaker, "Geology of Ipswich," etc., both in Mem. Geol. Survey. The fullest account of the subject will be found in the monograph by C. Reid, already cited, on the "Pliocene Deposits of Britain," Mem. Geol. Survey, 1890.