

PIONEERS

It seems that Clute was first reached, by men seeking new homes, in 1912. Only blazed trails were to be found in most parts, though some roads were stumped and corduroy was laid. All along was dense bush, right to the roads. Many wild animals were to be found, moose, bears, beavers, fishers, martins, minks, muskrats, rabbits, weasels, lynx and foxes. Lots of fish were to be caught also and many partridges brooded their young, feeding on cranberries, spruce and other wild seeds.

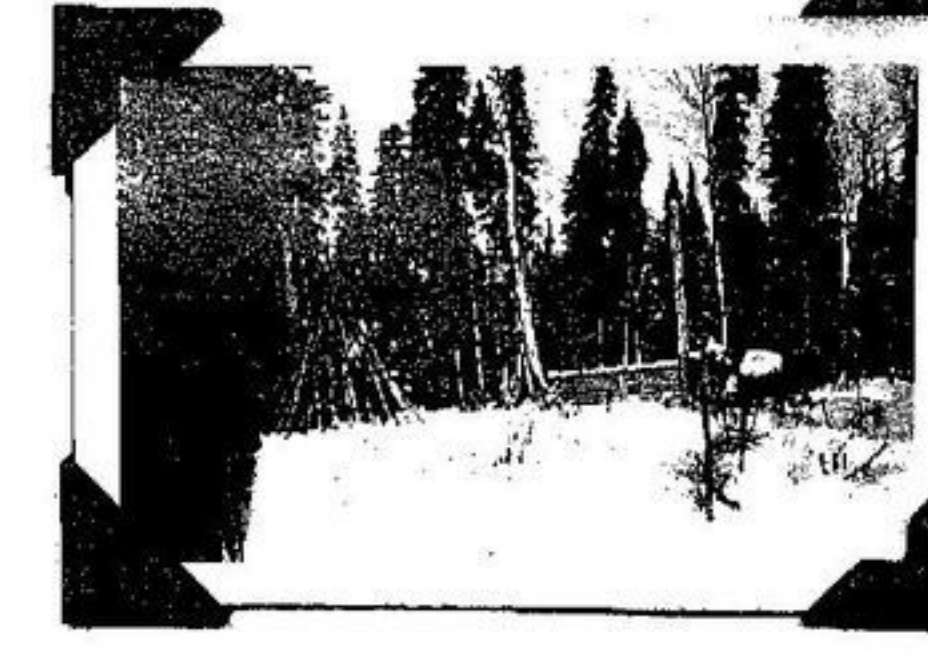
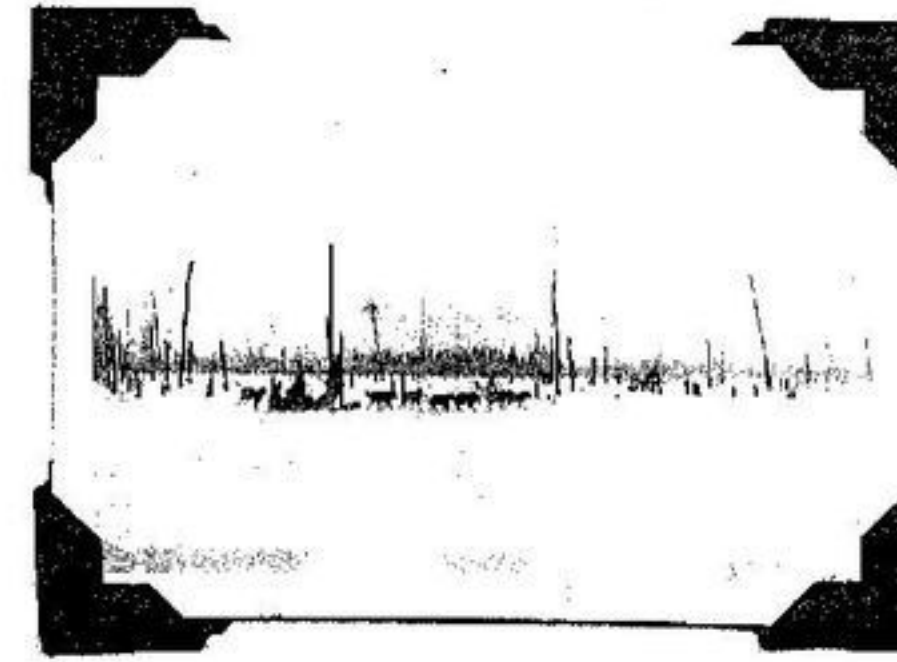
For the first few years gardens would not grow. It always got too cold after sundown, even in midsummer. And the ground seemed in need of something. After the brush had been burred, the ashes seemed to add what was needed and gardens began to grow. There was no natural grass, even after fires.

What brought men here? The love of hunting, trapping, fishing, adventure in the bush. Moreover the land was very reasonable, the price being fifty cents an acre.

Man cannot live alone, and after the men came their life partners, to this wilderness of privation, loneliness, and hardship.

Truly, we may call the men and women who came and stayed pioneers.

Indian Dog Team and Encampment at Frederickhouse River



Where the Frederickhouse and Abitibi Rivers Meet
Before the Dam was Built



The Lure of the Northland