

If the Chamber of Commerce decided to launch a campaign to discover the Sportsman of the Year the nod might well go to two gentleman, Lorne Jones of the Union Carbide Company and Rhys Williams, widely known Kent Street men's wear proprietor. These two sports minded individuals play badminton, curling and skiing in the winter months and tennis and canoeing in the summer months and they are enthusiastic experts in all departments.

Few canoeists have covered more miles than these two and their knowledge of outdoor life is akin to that of the Indian hunters in the old days.

Practically every holiday and every Sunday they commune

with nature. Their canoeing and portaging has taken them to many inland lakes and rivers, they have traversed trickling streams and shot their canoes through many rapids. Their canoe journeys have included many small lakes where the shoes still remain uninhabited, practically north of Buckhorn to Algonquin Park north of Dorset and Tory Hill to the Provincial Park and streams heading to Dwight.

One of the most scenic trips has been to follow the Burnt River from its beginning in the northern part of Haliburton County, with its several branches down to the village of Burnt River and on to Cameron and Balsam Lakes.

The two canoeists have be-

come well versed in their knowledge of outdoor life, the haunts of various game animals and their habits and they can distinguish all kinds of fowl of the air and beasts of the field.

"It is great to get out into the open spaces and into the wooded areas dotted with lakes", said Rhys Williams. "We have watched the graceful deer feeding in the meadow or swimming in a lake and we have watched Mother Bear and her cubs. About the most dumb looking animal with poker faces happens to be the porcupine and the strangest inhabitant of the woods is the buzzard and where there is one, they are very plentiful".

"Yes", said Mr. Williams, "We have seen long legged cranes, many loons, all kinds of grey owls and even a large brown owl and we have noticed mink and lots of racoons".

We have even watched frogs sitting on lily pads and snakes three feet long".

"It is great to feel and breathe fresh air, it is challenging to portage and carry our canoe through bush and sometimes over rocks and it is wonderful to sit down on the shore of some placid lake and munch a sandwich and drink a cup of strong coffee or tea or drink a pint of milk", said Mr. Williams. Frequently the two outdoor men have stripped handfuls of red berries from a twig or scooped blue berries off the rocks.

"We live in a wonderful country and we find canoeing is away ahead of racing a car on a crowded highway. True, many of the lakes and rivers are in the north-east of the Country" he said.

Lorne Jones has still another outlet for his energy. He has been keenly interested in Scouting and has had charge of many a canoe hike with Scouts covering new trails and sleeping out in the Haliburton Highlands.

So for Mr. Sportsmen of the year our vote goes to Lorne Jones and Ryhs Williams.