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Jack Miner, Noted Bird Lover Writes About Wild Geese Here

From His Own Wide Experience, Warns Against Dangers in Allowing the Wild Birds to Become Too Tame. Some Interesting Details About the Jack Miner Sanctuary.

The Advance is in receipt of a letter from Jack Miner, now justly famous for what he has accomplished for the wild life of this continent. His name is a very household word to-day among all on this continent who love wild life. In past issues of The Advance reference has been made to the good work of Jack Miner. It was only to be expected that he would be greatly interested in the care given by the Porcupine Rod & Gun Club to the wild geese stopping here on their way to their summer cottages in the far North. Mr. Miner gives support to the proposal of the Porcupine Rod & Gun Club to establish a bird sanctuary here, but he points out the dangers of allowing the birds to become too tame. He points out the best way from his own wide experience and knowledge in the matter. A letter

from Jack Miner is always of special value, so let this letter speak for itself:

Kingsville, Ont., April 27th, 1927.
To the Editor of The Porcupine Advance, and Those Interested in Conservation,—and I trust that includes one and all.

Some kind, thoughtful person mailed me a copy of the April 21st issue of your paper that contained the article about the geese, which, of course, interested me to the limit.

Now, twenty years of knowledge gathered from all part of America has convinced me that it is wrong to tame these birds. Therefore, I have created a small "Oblookatory" on top of my barn where all classes of people can go up and visit the geese at a distance, and from April 1st to 15th, I unlock the gate and thousands of people come in and enjoy the sight, and take pictures and so forth, but no person is allowed to approach the birds. The result is that the birds are kept reasonably wild.

Yet, while I know it is wrong to let them become too tame, remember that I am only human,—possibly one of those we could easily call strong in the back and weak in the mind. This spring a goose with one hind leg shot off just below the knee, came to what I call the house pound, which is near the public highway. Well I fed "Old Peggy," as I call her, under my dining room window, and we two soon became trusty, lovable friends, and I imagined she tried to tell me all about the trouble and agony she had experienced. At any rate it seemed too good for her to keep private and she flew out to the lake or over to the other pond, and told the Jones', Sniders, Johnsons, and, I believe some of the Macdonalds, what a Hollinger mine she had struck, and over they came, one family at a time, until I had nearly forty of Peggy's dearest friends all feeding with her. Well, I knew this was absolutely wrong, and I tried to drive them out of this pond, which is round, and only 110 feet in diameter, but the fact is I had kept them there too long before I tried driving them away. In the presence of hundreds of people I pelted them with corn cobs, and actually struck them until they would grunt, but they would not, nor did not, fly out for my scolding. But remember my heart



JACK MINER

would not allow me to stone them.

Now, these are undoubtedly some of the bunch you have at Timmins, just begging you to establish a sanctuary. They left here about April 12th, which is ten days earlier than they usually leave. You can easily tell "Old Peggy." With only one foot she swims by jerks, and when on land she is always fussing and picking at her stub leg. There are also two or three other lame ones in the bunch.

Now, just a word to you Gold Field people. These intelligent, lovable birds coming to your city, and, as I see it, fairly rapping at your door for love, food and protection, is a god-given opportunity for you to start something, for where the wild geese light spells safety for all birds, and soon our beautiful white angelic swans will follow, and surely you can establish a tagging station and thousands of birds would carry the name, Timmins, Ontario, to all corners of North America.

Remember the sanctuary takes nothing from the shooter, but it preserves the "capital" and gives the hunter at least one hundred per cent. interest. Therefore, you are justified in compelling the hunter to control the itching of his finger.

It will interest you to know that we are now drawing the wild geese this way from the Mississippi river to the West, and from Quebec to the East. They are concentrating here in larger numbers each year.

I have caught and tagged four hundred and fifty this spring. There are about five hundred still with us.

In closing, let me kindly say that I have absolute proof that if man will take God at his word, and work accordingly, than man can change the migrating route of fowls of the air.

Trusting that the readers will pardon my out-of-doors scholarship, exposed in this article, I remain,

Your interested friend,
Jack Miner.

(Note:—It may be added to the letter by Jack Miner that all here regret very much that his "Old Peggy" has not visited here this year. There were several lame birds here, but none with a part of a leg shot off. One bird was badly crippled in one leg, evidently by shot, but still had all the leg left. This bird was especially tame, and bearing a Jack Miner tag, no doubt trusted all men because of having experienced the love and kindness of one splendid man—Jack Miner. If this article should meet the eye of "Old Peggy," she is hereby given a special invitation to call at Timmins, for any friend of Jack Miner's will receive a hearty welcome here. Timmins, by the way, is living in hopes that Jack Miner himself will visit here sometime, and give the people a talk on the wild life of Ontario.—Editor The Advance).

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Suggests Jack Miner League for Timmins and District

Interesting Letter from Secretary of Walkerville, Ont., League. Wild Geese at Timmins Attracting Attention all over the Continent. Walkerville, Ont., Congratulates Timmins on Interest in Game Conservation.

All readers of The Advance should read the following letter from Mr. E. R. Kerr, secretary of the Jack Miner League of Essex County. It illustrates the wide interest felt in the Porcupine Rod & Gun Club's efforts for the conservation of fish and game, and it also offers very acceptable encouragement to the Rod and Gun Club in its good efforts:—

Walkerville, April 28, 1927
Mr. J. D. Brady, Secretary and Field Captain,
Porcupine Rod and Gun Club,
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Sir:—At a special meeting of the Jack Miner League, held in Jack Miner's Wild Fowl Sanctuary, yesterday, Mr. Forest Conover, our president, handed us your most interesting letter of the 21st inst., with regard to the Canada Geese on migration to Hudson Bay and James Bay to nest and rear their families.

First of all, we wish heartily to thank the members of your club, your splendid local newspaper, Porcupine Advance, and the people generally of your locality for their kindly and sympathetic interest in these egg-laden birds while temporarily seeking rest and food in your locality.

Secondly, we wish just as heartily to congratulate all of you on your splendid association, or club. We are only sorry you are not The Jack Miner League of Cochrane.

We were formerly the Essex Wild Life Conservation Association. Last year, we felt the growing need in Canada of one organization of one name and policy with a view to co-ordination of all activities to one common end in the interests and welfare of both wild life and the people as a whole.

In August, last year, The Jack Miner League of Hastings, Belleville, Ont., was formed and now has a membership of 800. They are now selecting a suitable site for creation of a wild fowl sanctuary with public shooting grounds near by.

The New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association, Saint John, N. B., are very much interested in the Jack Miner League movement. They will consider at a meeting of their upwards of thirty branches in September, this year, changing of their name to The Jack Miner League of New Brunswick.

The Frontenac County Fish and Game Protective Association, Kingston, Ont., recently appointed a committee of three to consider two sites along the great Cattaquai River for creation thereon of two wild fowl sanctuaries with public shooting grounds in the nearby vicinity, and also the matter of changing of their name to The Jack Miner League of Frontenac.

On May 1st, at Picton, Ont., The Jack Miner League of Prince Edward will be formed, and as soon as organization is completed the people there will select a suitable site for a wild fowl sanctuary and public shooting grounds either around the sanctuary or in the vicinity of the sanctuary.

Last week, at Thesalon, Ont., The

Jack Miner League of Algoma was formed. They now have a membership of 500 from the Town of Thesalon alone. This will be an exceedingly large and powerful chapter.

At Prelate, Sask., Mr. I. W. Frances is undertaking organization of The Jack Miner League of Swift Current. At Winnipeg, Man., Mr. Wm. G. Scott, and associates, will shortly undertake this movement in Manitoba. We are also in touch with Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia. We feel confident The Jack Miner League will sweep Canada in due course.

In view of the progress we are making, we most heartily invite you gentlemen to consider at a future meeting of your Club the matter of changing of your name to embrace the County of Cochrane and make it read "The Jack Miner League of Cochrane."

We are mailing to you to-day copy of Jack Miner's most recent article, "The Unfinished Migratory Birds Treaty"; also a typed copy of "Jack Miner's Plan Interpreted" by the writer which will start in Canadian Forest and Outdoor, publication of The Canadian Forestry Association, 51 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont. May number. We also are sending you copy of "What the Jack Miner League Stands for." At our meeting yesterday, the members adopted "Prospectus of the Jack Miner League." This is a temporary organization constitution and by-law. This will shortly be published in pamphlet form, eight pages, and we shall send you copies just as soon as we receive them from the press.

We are also mailing to The Editor, Porcupine Advance copies of the material we are mailing to you today for his perusal with a view to the splendid paper assisting you and your people as much as possible to better conditions up your way.

We shall be happy to assist you in any way we can.
Yours very sincerely,
E. R. KERR.

Mr. Frank Joseph Clemens, a well-known resident of Haileybury since 1910, was found dead at the Haileybury bottling works where he was employed, the sad discovery being made by another employee on the latter's arrival. The deceased was a native of Detroit. Mr. Jos. Clemens, of Connaught, is a brother. Death was due to heart failure. The death will be received with very general sorrow and regret, as the late Mr. Clemens was highly esteemed in the North. A widow and two children survive. The deceased was 45 years of age at the time of death.

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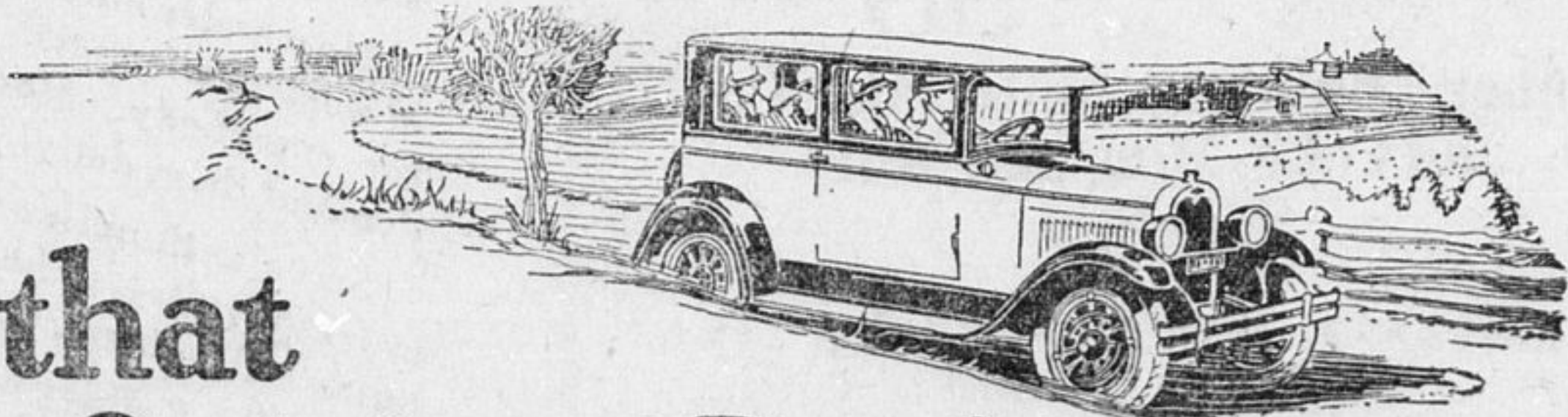
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