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Game Committee Not Sure About the Bear

Agrees that Bruin Not the Harmless Fellow that Jack Miner Would Paint to be. Evidence to Contrary.

It was when the special committee sent out by the Ontario Legislature to study the fish and game situation met here at Timmins that F. M. Wallingford brought up the case of the bear which the local old-timer claimed to be almost as big a menace to game as the wolf. Mr. Wallingford did not at first receive much encouragement from the members of the committee in his attitude against the bears. Jack Miner, the well-known Canadian nature-lover, was present at the meeting and he gave his theories about the bear, speaking from theory but from actual fact and experience. He quoted cases in his own knowledge as to the destruction wrought by the bear. In addition to showing that the bear was a menace to game conservation, Mr. Wallingford also pointed out that the bear was moreover a nuisance and a curse to those with camps in the bush, though he agreed that this was one question and one that would not particularly concern the game committee. It all went to show, however, that the bear is not the harmless, funny, berry-eating fellow pictured by Jack Miner. The game committee came to a somewhat similar conclusion as Mr. Wallingford after they had completed their rounds and heard from scores of experienced men who had talked to them in the manner of Mr. Wallingford.

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EXCURSIONS TO MOOSENEE TO CONTINUE THROUGH MAY

During March and April the T. & N. O. has been running special excursions to Moosonee, the present terminus of the T. & N. O. at James Bay. These excursions have been well patronized and have proved of much interest to the people of the North and other parts of Ontario as well as doing much to make the country north of Cochrane known to the outside world. The rates for these excursions, including fares, meals, sleeping accommodation, etc., have been remarkably low. The public in general will be pleased to know that the excursions are not to stop with the end of April, as at first announced, but they will continue each week-end through the month of May. On these excursions there is variety and interest. For instance, you see Moosonee, the townsite established in 1932, and also Moose Factory founded in 1671. Ontario's newest and oldest settlements being within three miles of each other. The Inn at Moosonee is one of the pleasantest hotels in Ontario, with the genial Jim Kingston in charge. Designed for comfort, it is modern in its conveniences, and old-fashioned in its welcome and friendly service. Those who have visited the country north of Cochrane will agree that it is well worth a visit and that the special excursions run each week-end make it easy in every way for the average man or woman to enjoy this interesting and informative trip. As a proof of the cheap rates offered it may be noted that the fare from Timmins to Moosonee and return on these special week-end excursions is only \$15.00, including transportation, sleeping accommodation en route, meals, hotel service, etc.

Published extracts from the game committee's report seems to agree that the bear is viewed as a menace to deer, moose and beaver. Despite all this, however, the committee declines to recommend a spring bear hunt, as urged by some hunters and nature lovers of the North. Instead of recommending the spring bear hunt the committee quotes reports to indicate the remarkable change of opinion regarding the bear in the United States, where after being hunted for years, he is now considered a pet. Says the report:

"We have been asked to recommend hunting this attractive animal during the spring of the year when the skin is in best condition. That would class him among the game animals as he is classed in New York State, Ontario does not regard the bear as game, but as a furbearer. In most of the states from Michigan to California some measure of protection is afforded to Bruin. The use of steel jacketed bullets, automatic firearms, steel traps, is everywhere prohibited. The open season over there runs from November 1st to December 15th, as a rule. Spring hunting is another thing altogether. Some seem to urge it as a protective measure, others as a mobilization against the bear because he is a menace to game.

spring hunt. The information was offered by park rangers, guides, outfitters and others interested in the attraction of hunters to the province.

Indicated as a Killer of Game

Of many statements the following are characteristic:

Mark Robinson, chief ranger, Algonquin Park: "I can truly say you will receive a great many different opinions based on the personal experience of many persons, and, as far as that experience extends, no doubt quite true, regarding the bear. Had I not seen Bruin in action, stalking a pair of fawns several years before the war, I would have been hard to convince that the bear would kill fawns. However, as the act was seen by several persons there was no doubt about it.

Deferred By Official Observers

Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief biological division, National Museum of Canada, supplies the following, carrying the authority of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington: "The importation of bears has shown a marked increase during recent years. Black bear cubs from Canada have proved unusually attractive during the past year, as shown by the issue of more than 95 shipments authorizing the entry of 170. Some of these cubs were only a few months old, and were brought in for exhibition purposes. Most of them are shipped from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and cross the line at Noyes, Minn., en route to eastern states, chiefly New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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A. St. Germain was re-elected Dictator of the Moose Lodge at Noranda recently.

"The patient, moving bear crawled closer, watched the doe come to her fawns, and let them have their nurse, then leave them. As soon as the doe was gone, Bruin crawled closer and closer. The manner in which this silent stalker could take time to crawl up gave us an idea how deadly a hunter the bear could be. As you no doubt know, fawns will lie close to the ground and almost let you step on them before they will move. The bear appeared to know this and when he drew close his huge paw came down on the fawns. After all his slow movements the action of the bear at the moment of the killing of the fawns was speed itself.

"We watched him devour the fawn, then move away, apparently satisfied. Later after the big fire that swept from Bruin Lake to Opeongo on the 15th and 16th of May, 1914, we saw dozens of young fawns on the burnt area. It was quite easy to locate them, and the tracks of bears were everywhere, feeding off the carcasses of the deer killed by the fire, and doing their best to capture young fawns born after the fire had passed by. We found where several fawns had been destroyed by bears. Several men had told me they believe bear killed as many deer as wolves when food is scarce."

These entries emphasize a marked change in the attitude of the public towards bears during the past century. In 1830 Maine began the payment of bounties, being followed shortly by New Hampshire and New York. These bounties continued with some inter-ruption for many years. Apparently the first protection given black bears by a closed season was in New York in 1904; and last year similar protection was in effect in 19 states, two of them, Mississippi and Wisconsin, protecting bears throughout the year. The importance of the black bear as a game animal, as an exhibit in zoological gardens, or as a pet, has caused an almost complete reversal in legislation, and instead of bounties being paid generally for its destruction, the species is now not only protected in many states, but is being increased in numbers by importations.

GOOD NEWS

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Andrew Grant, Daventry: "By all means destroy bears the same as wolves. The bear is a hunter and a good one. You will never see many fawns where the bear is. The moose is the only animal that can bring up the young where the bear hangs out. When I was a young lad, in Pontiac county, Quebec, and Gatineau district, the farmers were always connecting the lack of deer with a large number of bears. I never heard of a lot of wolves down there. Around the farms it was the bear destroyed so many deer. The doe with her fawns hears a noise, jumps up and flashes off. The bear sees the doe and knows he cannot catch her. He sniffs around till he locates her young. That is the fawn's finish."

S. A. Nadon, park ranger, Radant: "Bears destroy fawns and beaver. The bear is a scavenger and quite bold in seeking food."

James Shields, Witney: "I have seen a bear in the act of killing a good sized young deer. They also create havoc amongst the beaver. I have found beaver carcasses killed by bear."

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Death of Mrs. O. Weagle's Father at Cobalt, April 16

The Northern News last week says:—"Peter Archibald Clattenburg, a resident of Cobalt for the past 20 years, passed away at his home, 31 Baker street, Cobalt, on the evening of Easter Sunday, shortly after 9 o'clock. He had been in failing health for about two and one-half years and for the past two weeks had been confined to his bed, during which time he suffered intensely, the disease being cancer. The late Mr. Clattenburg, who was in his 74th year, was born at Margaret's Bay, Lunenburg, N.S., on May 11, 1859. In 1885 he married Miss Elizabeth Myers, of Spry Harbor, and the young couple took up residence at "Tangier." They lived in Nova Scotia till 1913 when they came to Cobalt. The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at St. James' Anglican Church, the service being conducted by Rev. C. Glover. Interment took place in Halleybury Cemetery, six of his sons acting as pallbearers. Surviving are his wife, six daughters, Mrs. O. Weagle, of Timmins; Mrs. McAskill, of Kennelcook Corner, N.S.; Mrs. S. Gammon, of South Porcupine; Mrs. William Bush, of North Cobalt; Mrs. W. J. Bolger and Mrs. Frank McInnis, of Kirkland Lake; seven sons, Robert and George, at home; Isaac, at Silver Centre; Frank, at Mileage 104; James and Walter, at Kirkland Lake, and Angus, at Boston Creek. There are 38 grandchildren. Seven sisters and three brothers living in Nova Scotia also survive him."

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J. J. Denny's Achievements Win Popular Recognition

In recent issues of The Advance reference has been made to the notable honour conferred on J. J. Denny, of the McIntyre, in the awarding to him of the platinum medal donated by the International Nickel Co. for the most outstanding work in metallurgy. A recent reference in The Financial Post to the achievements of Mr. Denny will be of particular interest to readers of The Advance. The Financial Post has the following article:

Recipient of First International Nickel Co. Award.

"James J. Denny, the first recipient of the International Nickel Co.'s platinum medal, needs no introduction to Ontario mining men. His retiring nature has obscured achievements that he speaks of lightly, but which finally have won recognition with the most coveted of awards in Canadian mining circles.

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A Product of Kingston

"Turning back the pages of time some 35 years we find him an assiduous youth in Kingston, Ontario, a city which has become world famous for its mining men—products of Queen's University. As a youth of tender years we find him at the university bent more on assimilating knowledge of the sciences than the small remuneration he received as laboratory assistant. Steeped in the environment created by such men as Dr. Miller, Professors Nichol, Brock and Goodwin, it is little wonder that he developed a thirst for the study of minerals although at one juncture dentistry and the medical profession nearly lured him from what has proven to be his life work. About 1907 we find him with a survey party in British Columbia under Professor Brock. This, his first contact with practical mining, soon brought him to Cobalt, then a young camp, with a job as assayer at the Coniagas Mines.

"It happened that the manager of Coniagas was Fraser Reid, another Queen's man and pal of Mr. Denny's who has also won fame for his achievements. Here, as a protege of Mr. Reid's, Mr. Denny's ability was soon recognized as he extended the working day well into the night studying to develop new wrinkles that would lighten the burden of treating the cobalt ores.

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