

# Take a walk in the park with Mary of Terrace Bay

By Mary Hubell

3 p.m. Friday, May 23: Starting odometer 549 kilometres, reading at Neys 607 km.

The "hydro" area is in the open in the full glare of a sunny day. The little trees planted by the Park are doing as well as they can considering they've only sand to grow in, and no rain for weeks. Seagulls and loons don't seem to care. How can they see fish from so high up, in that wrinkled, sun-sparked water? My eyes are so constricted in

this brilliant sunlight I feel as though I'm looking through the wrong end of a telescope!

We've learned how to utilize the dumping station -- a most important feature of this kind of holidaying.

4:45 p.m.--A park attendant cautions: "No fires -- if you see anyone lighting one, please report. Do not try to argue with other campers, please." She's so right! Temperature right now is 90 degrees F (about 32 C)--who would have strength to argue? It will be

interesting to observe how quickly the temperature drops after sundown. We enjoy a walk along the beach in this park at dusk.

Could smelts still be running? Fifteen herring gulls are fluttering about the mouth of a small creek entering Lake Superior near the picnic grounds. I've heard there are a few ring-billed gulls around, and hope to spot some while we're here.

The Pic River continues to flush sand far out into

the lake. Must check an area map to see if the Black River flowing past the land-slip fault east of Marathon empties into it (I don't think so), or if far up in the hills more sand is eroding from the banks and colouring the Pic.

5:35 p.m.--N. napping after supper, so have time for more wanderings: tiny wild strawberry plants in bloom on the grassy strips between lots. I think one would have to crawl from point A to point B on one's stomach to pick the tasty wee morsels! Would it be worthwhile? To some, yes. Each of us has his or her value standards. Life must be simpler in a uni-national country. Here we are all expected to be sages if not saints, in the name of peace, and that is asking a lot of a multi-national population!

White wisps of cloud in the south-east look like the wipings of someone's paintbrush. South sky hazy, west sky blazing and flashing back from the lake. One can understand why the original people of this land have dark eyes--one needs a baffle of some sort to see any distance in this glare, and blue eyes don't provide it!

7:00 p.m.--A half-mile

walk on the beach, still hot. *But* paddling along in the cool lapping water in a pair of canvas running shoes sure relieves the blood pressure! Back to the camper, still 90 degrees inside, with no further exertion planned than shuffling and dealing a hand or so of cribbage.

Semi-palmated plovers are racing across the sand, while gulls soar and green swallows scoop about for flying insects.

9 a.m. May 24: Breakfast over, camper tidied, seedling trays set out on the picnic table (yes, I brought my precious Oregano and Lemon Balm pots because they need to be turned three or four times a day as they lean toward the sun.)

10:30 a.m.--Cool breeze off the lake makes this a very pleasant morning but I feel almost guilty doing nothing when there's so much to do at home.

4:45 p.m.--A fast supper after walking half the day--must have a substantial lunch at bedtime! N. is resting while I boil some drinking water. Boil some what?! Well, you see, since everything is new in this camper, there appears to be disinfectant in the water tank. We have emptied and refilled but still find an unpleasant taste, and what it does to a pot of coffee is unprintable! So I boil some for five minutes, pour it back and forth between two saucepans a few times, then put it in a jug in the fridge.

8:30 p.m.--Another nice (!) long walk, with one more experiment to do: check the hot water heater. We left that till the last because we don't expect to need it much. The starting noise of the burner was jarring on a quiet evening, but the flow of hot water from the taps was worth it! We

now feel we are masters of the modern machine. Mmmmm!

May 25: What can I say? We're back home safely, two very ordinary citizens adding to some extraordinary memories and perceptions that blend to make Canadians the luckiest people in the world!

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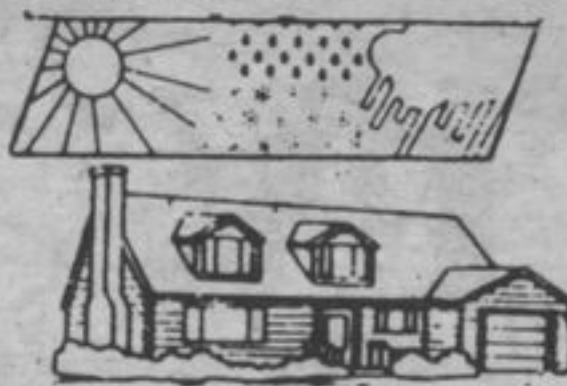
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