



nastawgan is an Anishinabi word meaning 'the way or route'

### EDITORIAL

This is our second issue of *Nastawgan* on the higher quality book-stock paper. From the comments we received about the last issue, it seems that most of you are very pleased with our new look especially the better reproduction of both photographs and text. Some of you, however, received copies in which the printing was a little faint. This problem is caused by our small press run, and occurs with only a few copies each issue. (In fact, this has always occurred, but was less noticeable on the newsprint we used to use.) Should you encounter this problem with any issue, please contact the editor and we will send you out a better copy.

In a similar vein, sometimes for one reason or another, some of you fail to receive a copy of the newsletter. Should this happen, please contact our secretary Ria Harting. She will see that you get your paper, and will also be able to make sure that you are correctly recorded on our membership list.

We owe an apology to Gail Vickers for what happened to her article "Yukon Again" in the last issue. Not only did we misspell her name, we also laid up the article with a few of the paragraphs out of order. We hope that

you were able to follow her story despite our blunder. Gail continues her story in this issue with the article "Around Alaska"; hopefully we have everything right this time.

With this issue we are beginning a new regular feature, "canoetoon" by Paul Mason. We hope that these unique canoeing cartoons will add to your enjoyment of *Nastawgan*. And if you would like to get copies of these "canoetoon", Paul is marketing them as greeting cards; they are available at Trail Head stores in Ottawa and Toronto.

Also in this issue we have David Pelly's regular column "Arctic Journal" with some observations on the barrens in winter, the fifth article in our series on the Quetico - Superior 75th Anniversary, articles about two quite different wilderness trips - one a canoe trip on British Columbia's Stikine River, and the other a hiking trip in Alberta's Willmore region, an article on how to make your camping a bit more comfortable with a kitchen fly, and a selection of some of the best photographs from the WCA's photo contest. As well, we have the usual news, trip reports and a very comprehensive spring schedule of canoe trips and seminars.

## news briefs

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Articles, trip reports, photographs, etc. are needed for future issues. Material may be either typed or handwritten, but should be double spaced with large borders and margins. The deadlines for the next four issues of *Nastawgan* are:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Summer 1985	- May 4 1985
Autumn 1985	- August 18, 1985
Winter 1985	- November 16 1985
Spring 1986	- January 25, 1986

No material received after the deadline date will appear in that issue, but will be held for use in a later issue if appropriate.

### WOODS RE-OPENS

After teetering on the brink of bankruptcy last spring, Woods Bag and Canvas underwent a financial reorganization and is back in business. The new owners are actively promoting retail sales out of their factory showroom of both finished goods, and fabrics and findings. They are making available to the public many raw materials that are either difficult or impossible to locate elsewhere, and their prices are quite attractive. Warehouse manager Leo Aldoraty is very knowledgeable about raw materials and their possible applications, and is pleased to offer advice. Call him at 416-465-2403.

Bill Ness

canoetoon by paul mason



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