

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

The Pond: a Symphony of the Woods

This is the title given to a section of one of William J. Long's books. He says: "To reach my pond you must leave your canoe on the shore of Sungeegamook, the home lake; and go eastward through the big woods. Do you ask how I found my pond? Not by searching but rather by the odd chance of being myself lost. I had gone astray one afternoon and was pushing through some black growth when an alarm rose near at hand. A deer whistled loudly, and on the heels of his cry came a quacking of flushed ducks.

"Till that moment I thought I knew where I was; but that quacking brought doubt, and then bewilderment. If a duck tells you anything in the woods, he tells you of water, plenty of it; but the map showed no body of water nearer than Big Pine Pond, three or four miles behind me. Turning in the direction of the alarm, I soon broke out of the cover upon a caribou bog, a mysterious expanse never before suspected in that region, and before me was a gleam of water in the sunshine. 'A pond, a new one, and what a beauty!' I thought with elation, as I caught its awakening look and feasted my eyes on the glory of color. Then I gave it an Indian name and hurried away; so westward I headed, making a return compass of bent twigs."

Then he tells the story of returning to explore his find at leisure to "learn its guiding landmarks and compass bearings"; and "to sit quietly beside my pond to hear whatever it might have to say to me."

What a challenge this is to the hurried throngs of today? What a vast difference the great majority of nervous, excitable human beings would exert in the every day life if they would only take time to be alone with nature. "Remember," says the author. "Many things in this world are voiceless, but few are wholly dumb."

The writer claims that ponds are just like folk, no two are alike. Some are made by beavers, some by flood or earthquake or glacier and no two tell the same story or leave the same impression. Though he never tried fishing in its waters, and never fired a shot at its abundant game, yet he returned season after season in an expectant mood and went away satisfied. He claims that his pond always told him something new about his natural self or the wood folk or the friendly universe.

Acquaintance with the solitude helps to make one go gently. When treading the dim aisles of the woods with no thought of harm to bird or beast, there is something about their mysterious depths, their breathing silence, that you find yourself going softly and making yourself inconspicuous without trying or knowing how. By and by there comes a day "when you are in love with solitude itself and learn with

surprise that a man is never lonely when alone in the woods; that ideals may be quite as companionable as folk, and that around you in a goodly company are beauty, peace, harmonious thoughts."

The author tells us that one gets a thrill when we discover the meaning of silence. "It is not the dead silence of the dungeon, but the exquisite living silence of nature and the impression of melody is often real." Even where there are thousands of trees there are some with which you become so acquainted that you recognize them at once if you sometime come upon them unaware.

Our desire should be to take time to look quietly and earnestly at nature so that our subconscious mind will make a record of that beauty which will come to us at a later date. Let us look at the description William J. Long gives of a picture that hangs on his memory's wall. "As I watched my pond one morning intent on learning what attracted so many deer to its shores, the mind apparently chose its own moment for making a perfect picture, a masterpiece, which should hang in its woody frame on my mental wall forever. The sky was wondrously clear, the water dancing, the air laden with the fragrance of peat and sweet scented grass. Deer were slow in coming that morning, and meanwhile nothing of consequence stirred on my pond; but there was still abundant satisfaction in the brilliant dragonflies that balanced on bending reeds, or in the brood of wild ducks that came bobbing out like young mischief-makers from a hidden bog, or even in the face of the pond itself, as it brightened under a gleam of sunshine or frowned at a passing cloud or broke into a laugh at the touch of a cat's-paw wind. All at once the motion in the bushes spoke of life, and spoke truly, for out under the smitten hillyberries came a bear to stand alert in the open. The forepart of his body was lifted up as he planted his paws on a tussock; he was not suspicious, not a bit; a moment he poised there, a statue of ebony against the crimson moss. Later he disappeared in a clump of larches which seemed to open a door for him as he drew near."

MOUNTIES NOT TAKING OVER CITY POLICING

Policing of the city of Calgary will not be taken over by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police when that organization takes control of the Alberta Provincial force. General J. H. MacBrien, Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, informed Premier J. E. Brownlee, of Alberta, to this effect.

General MacBrien pointed out that under the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act the police force could not be charged with duties in municipalities, except in the Yukon territory.

When the Provincial Government decided to turn over the policing of the Province to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police the city requested that the famous force also police the city as an economy measure.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Backed by thunderous support from government benches, Premier George S. Henry made a smashing counter-attack upon the critics of Hydro when speaking on Tuesday in answer to the Opposition speakers in the Throne Speech debate, developing the major Hydro battle in the present session. Parliamentary critics at the conclusion of Premier Henry's speech declared it the soundest, most sincere, and aggressive address the Prime Minister has yet delivered. Through it ran a clear, sincere defence of Hydro, which he declared he lived every day of his life, a statement that could not be made by Opposition critics, who had attempted to besmirch the names of the commission through unfounded argument.

Premier Henry challenged the Opposition to bring forward the fact that would prove anything in the nature of political interference with Hydro while he had been head of the Government or during the days of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. Further he challenged D. Paul Munro, Liberal, South Wellington, through H. C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, who sought an election in the near future, to return to his riding and run again. Premier Henry even agreed to pay Mr. Munro's personal election expenses.

Defending the commissioners, Premier Henry declared there had been a decided effort by Opposition members to "get" Sir Adam Beck during his Hydro regime, and he went so far as to say that the then Premier, Mr. Drury, would have dismissed Sir Adam if he had dared. The same methods to "get" Sir Adam, declared Premier Henry, were being proceeded with today in an effort to "get" the present commissioners, whom, he declared, are men of unquestioned integrity and ability.

"If we cannot have confidence in the men we appoint to our commissions without all their affairs having to be investigated, no man of any standing would take a position from us," said Premier Henry.

As to Hydro being political, Premier Henry asked Mr. Nixon to go back to the days of the Drury government when Col. Carmichael, a member of that government, was placed on the commission as well as Controller Geo. Ramsden of Toronto, who, he added, was not a Conservative.

In connection with the request of Mr. Sinclair to have the \$125,000 payment made by R. O. Sweezy to John Aird, Jr., in the Beauharnois contract, Premier Henry replied there had been no evidence that one dollar of it ever reached the Conservative party either in Ontario or any province in the Dominion. Premier Henry declared this money went into the hands of the man who gave evidence before the Beauharnois inquiry.

"Aird's evidence is accepted because he has proved the contribution is in his own hands," said Premier Henry.

Upon the policy of his government on the development of the St. Lawrence, Premier Henry read correspond-

ence between former Premier Ferguson and then Premier King in 1928 in which the province demanded immediate action in the development. The King Government had then replied they were not prepared to do anything for Ontario at that time.

"We pressed for a solution time and time again," said Premier Henry, "and yet Mr. Sinclair says we have no policy with regard to the St. Lawrence. That is the reason we bought power from Quebec. It was because we had in Ottawa a government antagonistic to us and we were forced to buy elsewhere. I shall show that we are able to now make real progress through the present government we have at Ottawa."

Premier Henry declared in appointing the Middleton Commission to probe two specific questions of Hydro it was intended to proceed on a "fishing expedition", but Mr. Sinclair's motion to investigate seven Hydro power-purchase contracts was nothing also but a "fishing expedition." The Gregory commission appointed under the Drury government had been nothing but a "fishing expedition" costing over \$500,000 and said at the end that Hydro was all right.

Taking a sly cut at The Toronto Globe, Premier Henry termed it a "little old lady at Yonge and Melinda streets" imagining she's Lady Macbeth and becoming distressed accordingly. The Globe's party was so bespattered with Beauharnois mud that the purpose was to besmirch all others.

In opposing Mr. Sinclair's motion, Premier Henry added: "For the simple reason that public ownership cannot survive, cannot thrive or live, but will die a natural death if the public of this province is to be continually roused with suspicions fostered by those who are opposed to Hydro."

Further evidence was given in the House that all is not harmony between W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal House Leader, and M. F. Hepburn, M.P., provincial Liberal Leader. The question arose when Mr. Nixon questioned the government for reason why the Opposition should not have counsel appointed by Justice Middleton in order to have status before the commissioner's Hydro probe. Mr. Nixon received no support from Mr. Sinclair in the request, it later developing that Mr. Nixon with Mr. Hepburn had visited Justice Middleton with the request without having asked Mr. Sinclair to accompany them. Mr. Sinclair had previously planned to make the same request with Dr. G. A. McQuibban, Liberal, N.E. Wellington, but Messrs. Nixon and Hepburn had stolen a march on the opposing pair. Consequently, no alliance exists between Mr. Sinclair and Messrs. Nixon and Hepburn.

Replying, Premier Henry said: "The investigation into Hydro by Mr. Justice Middleton has been and will be utterly divorced from politics and was not occasioned by the criticism of any political group."

One of the first government measures to be introduced in the House was the moratorium bill on mortgages presented by Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General, which was quickly given second reading and will likely become law within the next two weeks. The bill provides that proceedings of foreclosure, power of sale, or execution in other ways must be taken before a county judge who has complete power to decide upon what time shall be allowed on interest payments and principal.

In discussing the measure, Col. Price said: "The bill is intended to give some relief to people who are unfortunate in being unable to make payments on mortgages. No matter before the legislature has aroused as much public interest as this bill. When one tries to remedy a situation beyond one's control, many diverse factors enter into the situation, making the framing of extreme difficulty. It is a problem to give protection and yet not go too far."

PREVENTING SURFACE TAINT

Surface taint is a problem in butter-making to which research specialists of the Dominion Dairy and Cold Storage Branch have given special study. Their recommendations as to how it may be avoided are summarized as follows: On the basis of our present scientific and practical knowledge, it would seem that the most effective means of preventing the appearance of surface taint are, improved sanitary conditions within the plant as may be revealed through routine mould and yeast counts of the finished butter. Cleanliness, sterilization of all equipment used in manufacture and packing, accurate neutralization in the case of sour cream, efficient pasteurization, bacteriologically pure water for washing the butter and for rinsing equipment, in other words, the adoption of every procedure and precaution which will prevent the entrance of undesirable micro-organisms in the manufacturing process, subsequent to efficient pasteurization.

Dogs can't talk, but you usually know what they mean.—Cassville Democrat.



BOND SELLING CAMPAIGN SUCCESS IN SOUTH GREY

The Bond Selling Campaign to raise funds for the work of the Ontario Boys' Work Board was an unqualified success as far as South Grey is concerned. With an objective of \$110.00 to aim at the groups comprising this district raised \$262.75—almost two and one half times the objective. Hanover led the field with \$121.50 Durham followed next with \$91.75. Holstein and Dromore raised \$31.50 and Flesherston had \$18.00 as their total with all returns not in.

Every boy selling \$5.00 of bonds is awarded a bronze medal by the Ontario Board. Those selling \$14.00 worth receive a silver medal and those who reach the \$50.00 mark get a gold medal. These awards are not yet announced from Toronto, but it is expected they will be in the next few days.

The South Grey Boys' Work Board has four special awards for the boys selling the highest amount in each of the four centres. The results to date as received by the secretary show the standing as follows:

- Clyde McCaldin, Durham\$53.50
- Wesley Wright, Hanover 38.50
- Fred Mather, Holstein 15.00
- Tom Banks, Flesherston 5.00
- Burton Bellamy, Flesherston 5.00

The boy selling the highest amount is entitled to a week at the summer camp at Holstein free, and the other three are each entitled to the week a camp at half the regular fee. These awards must naturally wait on a meeting of the Grey Boys' Work Board, when they will be ratified and awarded.

The local Board is naturally elated that the campaign should be such a success the first year of organization and is looking forward to a year of real achievement.

Durham

The John Knox Trail Rangers held their regular meeting Monday evening in the school room of the Knox church with an average attendance, and all enjoyed the fun period. The study hour was opened by the Trail Ranger's opening ceremony. The roll call was answered with the golden text. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. This week's Sunday school lesson was read after which the discussion of badges took place. The meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Holstein

The Trail Rangers of Holstein were entertained at the home of Alex. Sim,

REGINA'S GREAT GROWTH

Less than 50 years ago Regina was a boneyard. Its only industry was the shovelling and shipping of buffalo bones. In fact, the district was referred to as "Pile o' Bones". Then a tented town sprang up as newcomers visioned new life on the prairies. Tents gave way to shacks. Shacks strewn along uncertain prairie trails were then replaced by beautiful structures of brick, native stones, fine woods and cement. Straggling roads, treeless and unshaded, were straightened out. Plants, flowers, shrubs and trees were made into borders for beautiful streets and boulevards. Today Regina is the capital of Saskatchewan, a city of

mentor of the group, on Friday evening. After a splendid supper a few indoor games were played and then the regular meeting which opened with Vincent Ellis in the chair. A splendid topic was given, on the life of Lord Strathcona by Elmer Love and a song-song was enjoyed by all. The meeting was closed by the National Anthem.

Walkerton

The Chippewa Tuxis Square of Walkerton recently staged a very successful Father and Son Banquet. There were about 140 present. The speakers were J. M. Finlay and Alex Sim. A new Trail Ranger Camp has been organized in St. Paul's United Church with fourteen boys enrolled. E. H. Trimble is mentor of the group.

Penetang

Rev. E. F. McL. Smith, mentor of the Live Wires Trail Ranger Camp reports that his boys are working enthusiastically on the Pioneer requirements and that most of them are now wearing the Habite.

Port McNicoll

Rev. A. J. Eagle is doing splendid work with the Explorers, Trail Ranger and Tuxis boys in this district. Pre-work is proving very popular with the Trail Rangers.

Pembroke

New Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups are being formed in Wesley United Church under the leadership of R. C. Coxford, H. E. Ritchie and Stewart Hocking. North Renfrew, including Pembroke, has recently been given a seat in the older boys' parliament and they hope to send a member after the next election. A. R. Russell has been appointed returning officer.

Sutton West

The Wistogama Tuxis Square has a creamery manager, Mr. Burrows, as mentor. What more natural than that their industrial observation trips should first take them to the creamery to become acquainted with butter and cheese in the making? Trail Rangers have a proficiency badge entitled Observation Trip.

Cayuga

Members of the Trail Ranger group took charge of the United Church evening service recently. Eight boys presented a biblical drama. Donald Badge gave his report of the Boys' Parliament.

parks and beautiful homes, and the distributing point for the rich farm lands to the north, south, east and west.

HELPING EYE TO SEE

The eye, extraordinarily sensitive though it otherwise can be, experiences great difficulty in discriminating between white and nearly white substances. To this end, an instrument has been designed wherein the eye of the observer has been replaced by a photo-electric cell, which enables the instrument to measure accurately the extremely small differences between "white" surfaces. By this means differences inappreciable to the eye of even a trained observer can be detected.

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