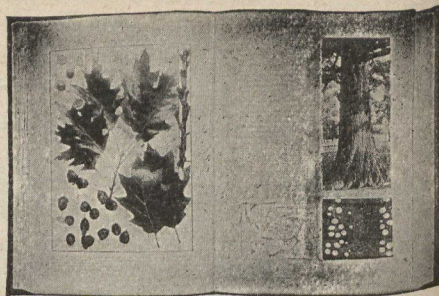


A Boy's Plucky Act.

The following letter is commended to the attention of every reader of the Journal. It was written at Danford Lake, Quebec, by Arnold Heeney, 14 years of age, to his father, Rev. W. B. Heeney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Winnipeg, and testifies to a genuine conservationist spirit in the lad, as well as to his courage and unselfishness.

After telling his father of the excessively dry weather, the boy proceeds:

"You almost lost your Holmes' place by fire. Uncle Percy went to Ottawa yesterday, and as he passed the place where the creek used to be, on the way to the station, he noticed smoke coming from the bush away to the right of the hill. He jumped off to investigate, and found fire in an old pine stump quite a way into the bush. He met Uncle Willie Rogan and asked him to see that we hired some men to put it out. As soon as we received the message I tried to get a man to help me, but as I couldn't I had to go by myself, and set out with an axe and a shovel. By the time I reached the fire it had burnt out of the stump about twelve feet, and was catching on the lower bows of the spruce and cedar. The flames were quite high, and the smoke choked me. The first thing I did was to quell the flames, and then I cut down all the trees in the fire area (about 7). As there was no water near, I threw sand on till the fire was extinguished. It took me about two to three hours. I have gone back to look at it several times since, and all danger is past, so don't worry. I was pretty tired when I finished, and was absolutely black."



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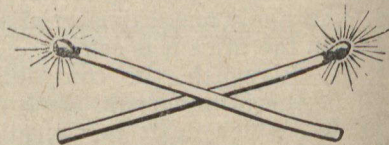
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