

On the following day the 18th June, having completed the repairs to canoes, and trying out our motors, we loaded our canoes and left Big River at 2.00 o'clock P.M. and proceeded up Crooked or Cowan Lake en route for Isle a la Crosse. The wind was against us and blowing heavily, but with our motors working we made fair headway; but it began to rain heavily at times, and we were compelled to make camp, about 15 miles from Big River. At 5.20 A.M. as the rain had stopped we broke camp, and ran up to the north end of the lake and camped at the dam on Cowan River, as the water was too shallow in this stream to risk travelling at night. I opened the dam, letting the water run through all night, which raised the water somewhat in the river. On the morning of the 20th at 5.20 A.M. after closing the dam we started down Cowan River. The water was very low, and canoes had to be poled down the rapids. After 13½ hours travel we reached Beaver River. We connected our motors on our canoes and travelled till 8.15 P.M. From here we reached Beauval or Lac la Plonge, where there is a fine Roman Catholic residential school, at about 8.00 o'clock P.M. I visited the Principal and arranged to examine the children and go through the school the following day. Although it was Sunday the Principal agreed to my request on condition that I wait till the afternoon as they had some kind of a church feast in the forenoon. I agreed to this, and at 2.00 o'clock P.M. a reception was held for us, by the pupils of the school. This consisted of singing songs of welcome by all the children, some solos, tableaux by some girls, and drill and calisthenics by the larger boys. This was very well done done

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