

OF THE HUNT, 1901

Reporter Hunt Club
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As told by the Scribe of the
ATHENS REPORTER.

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Sunday was one of the most beautiful of Indian summer days and Ed. and the Scribe volunteered to go out to Many Island lake to meet the settler who was to come in with the mail for the party and a lot of necessary supplies. It was about four miles by land and water out to the other lake, and taking the boat the two men started about eight o'clock in the morning. Ed. taking along his kodak thinking he might get some fine views on the way. The trip up the river, on that calm autumn morning, was one that any lover of nature, in its virgin freshness could not help but enjoy. On entering the mouth of the river, the banks were found covered with a luxuriant growth of Kentucky blue joint grass, reaching in many places to the height of a man. The stream was not more than three rods wide the greater part of the way, and in many places narrowed down to only a few feet. It was very crooked and required the skillful and constant use of the paddle by the man in the stern end of the boat, to turn the bows around the sharp bends in the stream. Heavy timber covered the banks and cast beautiful shadows down on the placid waters of the river. It was a good two miles up to the foot of the first rapids, where the boat was left. Here some former traveller by that route had placed the photograph of a young lady in a little niche in the side of a tree, whether by design or forgetfulness to remove it, no one can tell. No doubt he could sing like the hold sailor boy of "the girl I left behind me." From the rapids the trail led over an old edge road out to the shore of the lake where the settler was to meet the men. They had a couple of hours wait as the settler had to break a path for his canoe through the ice for several rods in the mouth of the creek at the end of the lake. He brought in a large bundle of papers and letters for the party, a two gallon of milk and twelve loaves of bread. These were placed in a couple of bags and slung to the backs of the two men. The Scribe took the can of milk, the bundle of mail matter and the kodak for his share of the load. At first it did not seem much of a load, but before the two miles was travelled, it got to weigh a great many pounds. However he never once unstrapped it from his back during the entire distance and on reaching the boat, took the oars, and pulled down to camp.

Before retiring each day it was always customary to lay out the plan of the hunt for the following day, and decide where each hunter should be stationed. It was also customary to try to put those who had not been successful in getting game thus far, in the best positions. As Charlie had only one notch on the tally stick to his credit, he was given the water watch at the head of the lake for the next day. Ed. and Phil took the dogs out on the mountains near where the bear was captured the day before, and the rest of the hunters were sent to runways where game was expected to be driven by the hounds. The morning was damp and lowly and promised to be a disagreeable day for hunting, but every man was ready to start for his post at an early hour. Ed's dog soon got a start and took the game around the hills for several hours before it lead off to the lake. It came down near where Charlie was located and swam out well into the lake before he started in pursuit. It is surprising how fast a deer can swim with no propelling power excepting its small slender legs, but it requires a lot of hard rowing and considerable skill to capture a deer in the water, as only the head and a small portion of the neck is visible above the water-line. It is a very small mark to shoot at, and if the water is the least bit rough it requires an extra good marksman, and then he must be quite close to the animal to make a sure shot.

It was so in the case of Charlie. The deer had got a long start and it required a long, hard pull to catch up with the animal, and the stiff breeze blowing down the lake made quite heavy troughs. The direction in which Charlie had to row kept his boat in these troughs and the moment he tried to shoot he found it impossible to steady his boat so that he could take good aim. The small mark presented by the deer, and which at times was completely hidden by a big swell. Charlie

had always prided himself on his marksmanship and especially since procuring his 30.30 Winchester. He watched his opportunity and as his boat rested for an instant on the crest of a wave, he caught up his rifle and looked round for the game. A big wave had covered the deer's head and body before he got in range, and when he emerged from the wave Charlie and his boat was down in the trough again. He caught a momentary glimpse of the deer as it shook the water and foam from its head and nostrils, and the sharp crack of the rifle told the listening hunters in their watches that he was in luck. That who passed through the fleshy part of the neck and did not disable the animal to any perceptible extent. He watched his opportunity carefully, allowing his boat to rise and fall with the waves. Just as the animal's feet touched the sand near the shore he fired again and the deer dropped. It was a very large one but the last shot broke the skull so that the horns dropped down along the animal's neck and rendered them unusable for mounting.

By this time the rain began to fall in torrents and the men all left their watches and hastened to camp. It rained hard all the afternoon and evening and did not clear up until daylight the next morning. The cook had prepared a large supply of "Bannocks" and a large haunch of venison for supper and the boys were thoroughly enjoying themselves when they heard a boat scraping on the sand at the landing, and on going out to ascertain who their visitors were, they found that the men working on the new buildings for the Kentuckian, at the lower end of the lake, had come up for a friendly visit and to have a tooth pulled for a lad who had come in with the mail bringing a load of supplies for their camp. Doc had not got any tooth



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pullers in his kit, so the task fell to Byron, who performed the job in quick time and to the evident satisfaction of both father and son, as the old man was tickled to think that it was a free job, and the boy that he had got rid of a troublesome molar.

The boss of the job on the island also acted as man of all work for the Kentuckian, during his stay at the lake in the summer months, and cheerfully consented to look after the Reporter camp, while at the lake next season. As the men had only a few days longer to stay in camp they decided to rush the hunting for all it was worth, hoping to be able to get their quota, as it is leave a few days before the close of the open season. The cook was to have breakfast at five o'clock and prompt to the minute he announced that the "tatties were boiled." Len and Doc were generally the last ones to roll out of their bunks, but on this occasion they were up first and had a good start in the stowing away process, before the rest had their oots on. They had been assigned stations down on the river and top of Bald mountain, and as they were certain (in their minds) that they were to see the lucky men of the day, were in corresponding high spirits. Charlie volunteered to assist Phil in putting out the hounds and Ed decided to guard the runways near Pine Lake and the Scribe was to stop the gap on the end of the "yard." Len, Geo. M. and Billy were to guard the lake and Byron and Marsh looked after the runways and upper end of the lake. The wind was blowing directly against

the way the dogs were expected to drive the game and the men on the watches never heard the sound of the dogs until near noon and then they were leading off in a wrong direction. About noon Ed. came through to where the Scribe was located and said that he had shot the biggest buck killed this season by the party and had shot several times at a doe, which he felt satisfied he had wounded, but as it was near the time set for coming out to camp, he had left the trail and come out to tell of his good luck and get help to carry out his game.

When the men gathered at camp, it was found that Len had not arrived, and considerable anxiety was felt for far he got astray in going to or coming from his watch. Dinner was hastily pertaken of and Geo. M. volunteered to go down the lake and signal for the missing hunter and if he did not get any response he was to fire the "lost man" signal and all hands were to start in on the hunt for the missing man. Fortunately this was not necessary and when he reached the place where Len had left the water for his tramp through the woods, he was observed building a huge bon-fire and pulling away at his pipe, happy as a lark in the morning. He was brought to camp and was soon filled with the good things left over from the dinner and was soon ready for work again. While part of the men went in and carried out the big buck, the rest put out the dogs and Marsh got a big pike horn and Billy a working which was considered pretty good work for the day.

The Reporter kodak got a snap shot of the party bringing in the game, which is reproduced. Ed. is carrying the big buck he killed and Charlie has just relieved Marsh of his load as from his looks it is evident that he is con-



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siderably blown, and Len with his love for always being "in it" has shoulder ed Billy's yearling and is toting it to wards camp.

Next chapter will tell of Len, Phil, and Ed. killing a deer each and the winding up of the hunt of 1901, followed by a few general remarks as to the quality of the land, timber and the facilities offered for settlement by the Muskoka, Nipissing and Parry Sound districts and the means offered by the Grand Trunk Railway system for getting to that part of Canada, either by sportsmen or those desirous of settling in that part of Ontario.

(To Be Continued)

SEELEY'S BAY

Mrs. S. Gilbert is improving nicely. M. Moore has secured a good position in G. R. Hawkins's store. Tenders are being advertised for a mail line from here to Long Point, three times per week, commencing April 1st. A young son of J. Bigford's was badly bitten by a dog on Saturday, 25th ult. The young lad is at present getting along nicely. Mr. Thomas Hurlbut, a few days ago, cut his hand slightly while opening a tin of canned salmon. Blood poisoning set in and at present grave fears are entertained for his recovery. Last Sunday, 26th inst., Mr. Geo. Cheetham had his collar bone broken while helping to get a horse belonging

My Lungs

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to Mr. G. R. Hawkins out of the manger, after it had jumped in having been scared by something in the stable. Mr. Cheetham is at present doing as well as can be expected.

Last Tuesday, a twelve year old son of Mr. Reuben Kenny, while hauling logs to the mill, slipped and fell, and one leg getting between the two bob sleighs, passed over it, crushing it so badly that it had to be amputated, which was done on Friday, as no hopes of saving the limb were held out, as gangrene had set in. The operation, which was successfully performed, was done by Drs. Gardner and Creagan. The patient is doing as well as can be expected.

The 40th quarterly and 11th annual session of Leeds District Division, Sons of Temperance, was held on Tuesday, January 28th, at Maple Grove Methodist church, and it proved to be a most enthusiastic meeting, seventy-five delegates being present. The reports received were most satisfactory and encouraging and future prospects bright. The meeting in the evening, open to the public, was well attended, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. H. F. Gilbert, D.W.P., was chairman and performed his duties in a satisfactory manner. A long and pleasing programme was given and was well received by the large audience. Stirring addresses were given by Rev. Delong, T. I. Ellis, P.W.P., and others. The next meeting will be held at Ellisville next June. The following officers were elected and installed for 1902:—D. W. P., H. F. Gilbert; D.W.A., Mina Randall; D.R.S., Arthur Lively; D. Treas., W. P. Moore; D. Chap., J. Dillio; D. Con., W. McCleary; D. Sent., A. Ferguson; D. Supt., Y.P.W., Mrs. H. F. Gilbert; D.P.W.P., Wm. J. Webster.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Athens Public School.

The following is the report for the month of January of the Athens Public School. When the percentage at attendance in any department drops below the 85% mark for the month, it is considered unsatisfactory.

FORM IV.

Sr.—Crystal Russell, John Donovan, Lena Walker, Ray Green, Eliza Smith, Jessie Arnold.
Jr.—Jessie Brown, Edith Brown, Kritha Brown, Wesley Stevens, Jimmie McLean, Edna Fair.

Aggregate attendance, 444.
Average attendance, 22.
Percentage of pupils present during the month, 85.

FORM III.—MINNABEL MORRIS, TEACHER

Sr.—Winifred Wilce and Mabel Derbyshire equal, Roy McLaughlin, Clifford Blancher, Steve Stinson.

Jr.—Glean Earl, Alan Everts, Roy Parish and Kenneth McLeary equal, Helen Donovan and Caroline La Rose equal.

Aggregate, 645.
Average, 32.
Percentage present, 87.

FORM II.—M. V. WATSON, TEACHER.

Sr.—Kenneth Blancher, Laura Blancher, Carrie Covey, Esther Kinraid and Elmer Scott equal, Beaumont Cornell.

Jr.—Keitha Purcell, Lulu McLean, Rae Kinraid, Lulu Smith, Bessie Johnson.

Aggregate, 539.
Average, 27.
Percentage present, 75.

FORM I.—A. LILLIE, TEACHER.

Sr. Pr. II.—Edith Brown, Kenneth Russell, Clarence Knowlton, Russell Bishop.

Jr. Pr. II.—Mattie Tanner, Lillie Gibson, Lloyd Pickett.

Sr. Pr. I.—Allan Bishop, Keith McLaughlin, Byron Derbyshire.

Inter. Pr. I.—Gladys Gainford, Kathleen Massey, Mary Pickett, Winona Massey.

Jr. Pr. I.—Walter Hawkins, Graft Darling, Clio Leder.

Aggregate, 973.
Average, 48.
Percentage present, 77.
Total average attendance for January, 129.
Percentage of all pupils enrolled present, 81.
C. ROSS MCINTOSH, PRINCIPAL.

ROPERTON SCHOOL.

The following is the report of Roper School for the month of January.

Sr. IV.—Zelda Frye, Alice Horton.
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Hazel Neff, Clarence Neff, Zita Dorman, Leatet Freeman, Mabel Irwin, Eva Best.

III.—Blanche White, Charlie Preston, Martha Dorman, Bertha White, Gladys Freeman, Gertrude Best.

II.—Lloyd Irwin, George Heffernon, Herbie Gray, Stanley Jarvis, Olive Halladay.

Sr. Pr. II.—Dina White, Jose Whitmarsh.
Jr. Pr. II.—Lena Horton, Harry Halladay.

Pr. I.—Helena Heffernon, Maggie Jarvis, Addie Jarvis, Lucy Dorman, Edmund Heffernon.

L. A. KELLY, Teacher.

CANNOT ALWAYS WIN.

Our senior hockey team took a twenty-seven mile drive to Merrickville last Thursday night for a game with the Merrickville team. The game was advertised to begin at 7.30. Our boys were on the ice at 7.15 ready to play but the home team did not get ready to play until 8.45. During this time our boys got completely chilled through and were in no condition to play. Added to this the rink was very small and badly lighted, particularly around the goal which Athens was defending in the last half when the Merrickville team rushed in six goals.

Merrickville boys play a rough game. Barber got a crack after about three minutes play and although the plucky player stuck to it he was forced to retire at half time. Merrickville laid off McLeod but that did not make up for the loss of Barber. "Shiner" also got a smash on the knee during the game which hampered his progress.

The teams lined up as follows:

ATHENS		MERRICKVILLE	
James	goal	Kyle	
Stimes	point	McIntyre	
Rowson	cover	Miskelly	
Hagman	cover	Crausman	
Arnold	forwards	McLeod	
Barber	forwards	H. Watchorn	
Lee	forwards	J. Watchorn	
Robeson	umpire	Young	
Lauch	time-keeper	Davis	
Caplan			

Referee—Dr. C. B. Lillie, Athens.
The score stood:—first half Athens 0; Merrickville 2.

Second half: Athens 0; Merrickville 6.

For Merrickville, Miskelly and J. Watchorn, and for Athens, Lee and Johns deserve special mention for their superior playing.

The Westport Mirror is publishing sketches of Westport's most prominent business men. The subject of last week's sketch was J. H. Whelan, J.P., the energetic postmaster.

Mr. R. B. Stet of Harlem, died at his son's residence on Saturday, 25th ult., in his 76th year.

Fall and Winter Goods

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BROCKVILLE.

Dyspepsia

From foreign words meaning bad cook, has come rather to signify bad stomach; but the most common cause of the disease is a predisposing want of vigor and tone in that organ.

No disease makes life more miserable. Its sufferers certainly do not live to eat; they sometimes wonder if they should eat to live.

W. A. Nugent, Belleville, Ont., was greatly troubled with it for years; and Peter R. Geare, Eau Claire, Wis., who was so afflicted with it that he was nervous, sleepless, and actually sick most of the time, obtained no relief from medicines professionally prescribed.

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