

with a golden tongue. Coming down to Plover Mills with four of the fairy boats what voyageur ever made a lighter portage? There, R. Y. had caught for me a *Menobranthus* and no stronger contrast could be found in nature than was presented between the burden of my right hand and of my left, in one a glorious flower, in the other a hideous amphibian.

The *Menobranthus* measured 11 3-4 inches; it was rather dark brown on the back with five lighter brown blotches and some large very dark brown spots all over the back and sides; abdomen yellowish brown with a few spots along the centre. The gill tufts (three pairs) had dark brown ends with blood red bases at the gill orifice; four toes on each foot; upper lip slightly overlapping the lower; many small teeth on palate, tongue large but short; head measured one and half inches in length; body from fold of throat to vent five and half inches; tail 4 inches. Is this *lateralis* or *maculata*? It seems to be the latter but it is *lateralis* that Dr. Brodie has. Dr. Garnier mentions another species which he describes as rare, namely *M. Huronense* which is said to be about one foot long, deep sooty brown on back, lighter beneath, throat white, upper jaw hooked over the lower. This seems to agree pretty well with mine. Concerning my specimen I should note that it was caught on a hook baited with earth worm; this was about 3.30 P.M.; the water was very dirty and the river high owing to recent rains.

June 28. At the head of Plover Pond I was looking at a red squirrel at foot of maple and black squirrel close to a nettle tree. The dog Dash made a run for the squirrels when I noticed a great blue heron rise from the shore; and closer, and of much more interest, a female merganser moving out into the water making a quacking sort of a sound. She then flew south half a mile and presently returned. While watching the squirrels I thought I noticed something like a large bird fly down from a dead tree close by the shore and the idea took hold that the bird may be breeding there. This is worth attending to. I resume the hooded merganser is the most likely species to be found here.