

adjacent are the resorts of moose, deer, caribou, beaver, and many of the small fur-bearing animals. Trout abound in great numbers in the streams and thoroughfares adjacent to the lakes, while the togue or namaycush, a fine species of lake trout, is found in at least one lake of the series — Long Lake.

Owing to the remoteness of this district, the difficulties of transportation, and the fact that the waters do not contain salmon, the lakes are seldom visited by fishermen. But in the fall of the year they are a great resort for moose and deer hunters, and in winter trappers visit the region. The "deadfalls" and other cunningly devised traps met with in every direction during the summer show the elaborate plans made for the capture of the small but valuable fur-bearing animals. The distance from the main waterways of the province is also an obstacle to lumber operations, but in proportion as lumber has become scarce in the more easily reached areas, this region has been penetrated to quite a considerable extent by lumbermen who have erected dams at the outlet of Trowsers, Serpentine, and some of the smaller lakes to hoard up an adequate supply of water for artificial freshets in the small streams that flow from these lakes. As a result, the water has risen five or six feet in the lakes, drowning the plants and roots of trees along the shores, which now present a desolate appearance from the dead trunks leaning out over the waters.

Our two day's journey over that portage road which brought us to Trowsers Lake gave plenty of opportunity to study the general features of the country and the plants by the wayside. The road, for the first three or four miles after leaving the Tobique river, led through bogs and low grounds with the vegetation usually found in such situations. The Labrador Tea (*Ledum latifolium*) exists in profusion; and should our tea-drinkers ever turn to the brewing of the home product there will be an abundant supply in this South Tobique Lake region. *Viburnums*, red and black spruces, *Rhodora*, *Vacciniums*, *Kalmias*, *Andromeda* and other heath plants were found. Then, as the country became more broken and we wound through valleys and over hills, the vegetation became entirely changed. Along the courses of streams the *osmundas* and ostrich ferns lifted their luxurious fronds, purple *trilliums* and *violets*, blue and white, reminded us that this northern country was still in the midst of its spring season. As we neared Trowsers Lake magnificent forests, some of them such as I had never

