

when one of the boys threatened to shoot his dog with a gun which had not been loaded for two days. But then these people never see anyone but themselves, and are all too willing to scrap with a stranger, especially if he is a tormenting boy. Nothing serious overtook us, however, and after re-stocking our store of provisions at St. Francois Xavier, we dropped a couple of miles down the river and camped for the night, making by far the longest and least profitable run of the trip.

Early Sunday morning I was out and found the woods alive with birds, but only observed the Maryland yellow throat and thrasher as new arrivals. Shifting camp about nine o'clock we paddled till noon, noting nothing new save that the banks for miles were covered with millions of small frogs, evidently the leopard frog. Landing at a favorable spot we rested for the afternoon and I skinned my specimens while the boys had a sleep.

On the morning of the 21st, our last day, I was up with the sun, and found a pair of thrashers and secured one, also a nest of the loggerhead shrike, containing one egg. Returning to this after breakfast we found the second egg and secured one bird. Starting on the river we found its changing character, widening and with steeper banks, afforded

little feeding ground for ducks and none save a few mallards were seen.

The sixth nest of the red-tailed hawk was discovered, containing three eggs; we passed several more of these nests on the trip but did not stop to examine them as the bird breeds in the tops of large trees, usually three feet in diameter and from 40 to 100 feet high, with a climb of 40 to 50 feet to the first branches, and as we already had 13 choice eggs we were content. I secured on this morning a fine female broad winged hawk. We reached the Headingly bridge at noon and had dinner; here we found another shrike's nest complete but without eggs. Packing up our stuff, we set off on our last run and without excitement worthy of mention, save a wetting in running the rapids, reached Winnipeg about seven o'clock in the evening; returning via Northern Pacific on Tuesday evening from the most enjoyable as well as the most profitable trip I ever took. I reached home satisfied that I had worked the territory between here and Winnipeg about as thoroughly as it could be worked. The boys want to go again and probably we will next month, if not then, certainly next summer.—*Educational Journal of Western Canada, July 1900.*

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1 Not enjoyment, and not sorrow
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

5 Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout
and brave,