



## HIS MAJESTY'S MAIL

"EARLY MORNING IN THE NORTH COUNTRY"

Painted by John Innes for the Canadian Courier.

The land of mineral and lumber, where in summer the tourist gambols and in the fall the hunter disports himself, reverts to utter desolation when the winter closes down. About the scattered lumber camps, the axes ring in the keen air. The timber falls and is piled on the skidway. The trapper wanders over his hunting grounds, and a few miners are working. The world is far, far away, the only link being "His Majesty's Mail." Through the bush and over the frozen reaches of the lakes, trotting in the bleak frosty dawn ahead of his dogs and taking no rest till his destination is reached, moves the mail carrier. Hardy and keen of brain, with the instinct of a homing pigeon, through all the long dark season of ice and snow and blinding storm, he carries the news of the outside world to the dwellers amongst the woods and rocks.

Artist's Note.