

staff of six or seven rangers, were erected during the summer of 1897 on the lake shore just south of the railway track. The rangers are supposed to be travelling about most of the time, in order to keep a sharp lookout for trespassers and poachers, and against fires, and to watch especially the waterways and usual entrances to the Park. They incidentally erect shelter-lodges, make other improvements, and wage war on wolves and other noxious animals.

On a rocky point, about fifteen feet above the water, and so embowered in birches and spruces that one might paddle by unconscious of its presence, stands "Fort Necessity"—one of the shelter-lodges. It is a small, rustic, one-roomed cabin, containing a sheet-iron stove, rude stools and table, and a platform bed the width of the building. The latter will accommodate, if necessary, six men, three at one end and three at the other, lying feet to feet.

The inlet of the lake is near by, and a paddle of half a mile up it brings you to White's Lake, in the vicinity of which—and within the sound of the locomotive whistle—a fine beaver-dam and other works of that exemplary animal can be seen.

Enough has, doubtless, been said about the Algonquin National Park to give some idea of its character and resources, and of the great inducements which it offers to the canoeman, the camper, the sportsman, the seeker after rest and health, and the lover of Nature.

#### ORNITHOLOGICAL NOTES.

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As announced in the May Naturalist, several observers in different parts of Canada and Michigan have agreed to send in their notes for comparison of records in the Ottawa Naturalist. This arrangement was brought about by Mr. Wm. Saunders, London, Ont., and Dr. James Fletcher; the notes, however, are being sent to the ornithological editor for tabulation. The gentlemen who contributed the notes are Mr. Alex. Gow, Windsor Ont.; Mr. Wm. Saunders, London, Ont.; Mr. J. Hughes Samuel, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. W. P. Melville, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; and Mr. L. McL. Terrill, Robinson Bury, Que.

The records of the common birds should prove of most value as often the rarer species are not seen until some days after their arrival and hence the comparison of records is misleading. Another table of records will appear in a later number of the Naturalist.