

nine years' experience of roughing it in this country, I a "greeny." To pay for my lack of experience I found the whole outfit, and we went on half interests.

As we intended working several new districts, we decided to take an Indian, but owing to its being near treaty time we were unable to get one in town. We started off, however, fully expecting to be able to get one at a reservation on the way. This, however, we were unable to do, and being dubious of our way, we struck over to an Indian fisher whom my partner knew, and who proved willing to guide us to the point at which we intended working inland. In an incredibly short space of time his wife, two children and grub were all in their birch bark, and, although our canoe was lighter and we carried less weight, in about five hours he and his wife had given us all the paddling we wanted. We camped on a small island, and the night being fine we did not put up the tent, simply rolling ourselves in our blankets and pulling the mosquito net over our heads. Not being as yet quite accustomed to my hard couch, I did not sleep particularly well, and we arose at four o'clock next morning. This happened to be fortunate, as at five o'clock a steamboat picked us up and we were able to dispense with the Indian. After carrying us about fifteen miles the boat dropped us and we made for our inlet, a small creek extending, according to the map, some seven miles inland. About half a mile from the mouth we came to some rapids and were compelled to make a portage of a quarter of a mile. Portaging on a cold day may not be particularly hard work, but at the hottest time of the year by the time one has carried some 300 lbs. of stuff, not including the canoe, with the flies rampant all the time, one is inclined perhaps to exaggerate the hardness of the conditions of working. We had three more portages, however, before we finished the day. The river was remarkably pretty, tiger lilies strewn the stream; the pine, poplar and birch reflected in the water all added to the attractiveness of the