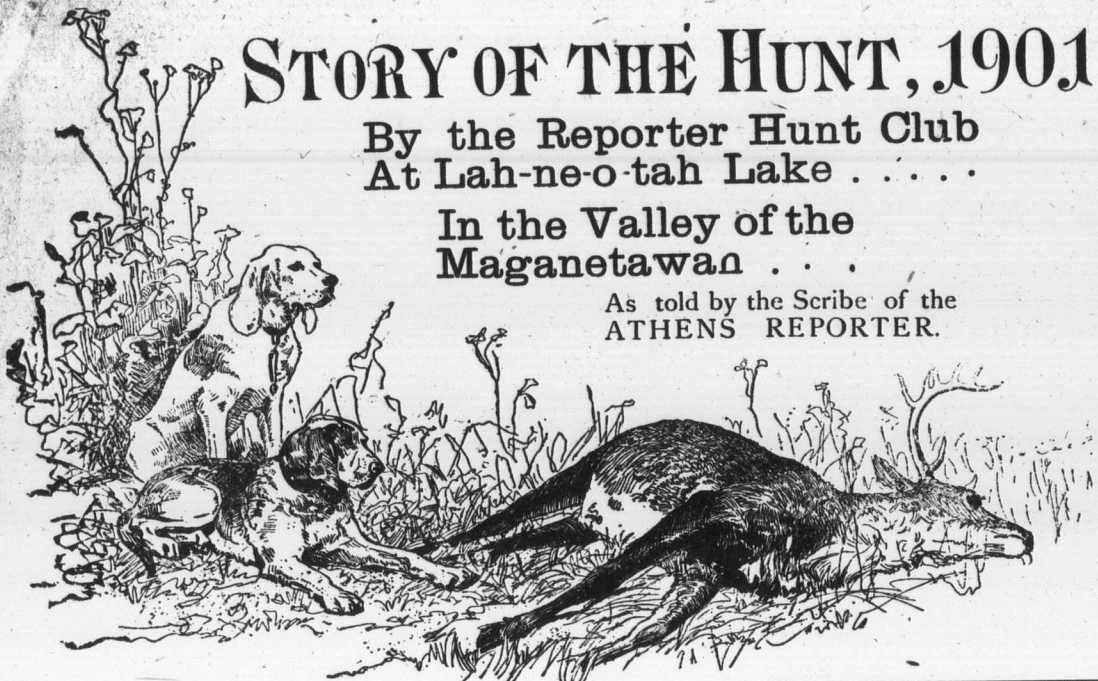


STORY OF THE HUNT, 1901

By the Reporter Hunt Club
At Lah-ne-o-tah Lake

In the Valley of the
Maganetawan

As told by the Scribe of the
ATHENS REPORTER.



(CONTINUED.)

The Highlands of Ontario or "Clear Sky Land" extending from the Severn river on the South, to the height of land toward Hudson Bay on the north, and from the Ottawa river and its tributaries on the east, to the Georgian Bay on the west, comprise the best hunting and fishing grounds on the American Continent. Within this radius is comprised the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing. Although until a very recent period the whole of this immense territory was known to the outside world under the common cognomen of Muskoka. The whole area included in these districts, was, in the early days, one vast pine forest, from which millions upon millions of the finest lumber was taken out annually by the Canadian and American lumbermen. The pine tree tops and rubbish left on the ground by the lumbermen was like a tinder box, and before the stringent laws relating to putting out bush fires were passed by the Ontario Government, large districts were almost annually swept over and all this accumulation of dry stuff, together with large amounts of valuable standing timber was destroyed. A dense growth of poplar, white birch and balsams, soon covered the ground again, affording hiding places for all kinds of game, and the side hills and exposed places soon produced a luxuriant growth of sweet succulent grass, and small twigs that afforded the kinds of food relished by moose and deer. Then from the hill, rocky nature of the soil over large portions of these districts, it was unfit for settlement and became the home of vast numbers of game animals, affording excellent sport for the hardy hunters, who yearly sought these favored spots in search of game and adventure.

For twenty one years in succession the Scribe of the Reporter has made annual visits to the hunting grounds comprised in these districts and has been made acquainted with their capabilities, not only as a game preserve, but also as a home for the hardy settler. The first few years the annual hunting trip was made out along the line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. Then a trip was made to the country convenient to the Ontario Central Railway, near Haliburton. The hunting and fishing was good in those districts, but the land was generally unfit for settlement, except in small patches. The timber, too, had been all taken off that was merchantable, and the probabilities are that vast sections of that district will be soon covered with a second growth of timber that will take many years to be valuable as a merchantable commodity. In the fall of 1896, the Reporter Hunt Club decided on going out into the Parry Sound district and for that year located at Me-saga-mesing, or "Lake of Many Bogs." Here, the pine timber had been taken out, but the remaining timber consisting of maple, black and red oak, black and white birch, hemlock, ash and elm with occasional groves of cedar and spruce was found in abundance. The lake produced large quantities of fish, and as there had been very little fishing they were a large size. All around this lake there were patches of land that would, if cleared up, make excellent farming grounds.

The only drawback to this locality was the distance from railroad communication, it being forty miles from the lake to the nearest railroad station, and the road was in poor condition for travel. The few farmers who had made homes for themselves along the old communication road, seemed to be happy and contented, while the buildings were mostly of logs. There was an air of thrift and comfort to be seen in most places. The next location was at Say-sag-a-saw, or Lake of Many Islands. This lake was reached by the Grand Trunk Railway to Bark's Falls, and thence by steamer down the Maganetawan river a distance of twenty-eight miles. Maganetawan signifies in the Huron tongue "Crooked river," and will deserve the name.

The land from the Maganetawan to the shore of the little lake is the first section are to be found deserted homesteads, where a small clearing had been made, a log cabin erected only to be occupied for a few years, and then the squatter, or homesteader, picked up his few belongings and moved farther on. We learned that this was one peculiar feature of frontier life. Many a man has gone into this and other sections, put up a little shanty, made a small clearing and as soon as others came within two or three miles of his location, he would pack up and move farther into the wilderness, giving as an excuse that he did not like to be bothered with neighbors so close to him. Around the shore of Many Island Lake there are vast tracks of the finest timber to be found in Ontario, barring pine which was all removed years ago.

The writer has often passed through tracts of forest, miles in extent, covered with a dense growth of valuable timber. One tract in particular is called to mind where following an old cudge road for over four miles he passed through groves of maple, oak, ash, elm and other kinds of timber, which if near a market would be worth a fortune. We believe there is enough cedar piled up on the shore of Many Island lake to fence an ordinary township. At Lah-ne-o-tah lake, where the Reporter party has spent the last three or four falls, there are groves of all kinds of the very choicest timber, which if cleared up, would make fine farming land. The only drawback to settlement in these districts is the distance from railway communication, but as the lumber and timber supply becomes exhausted in the older sections of the province, these sections will be opened up. Then all through the country just referred to search for minerals is being carried on and during the last summer an iron mine was opened up, within a few miles of these lakes, which employed nearly fifty hands, giving employment to all the young men of the surrounding country and the company were arranging with the farmers to haul the ore to the station (some fifteen miles), as soon as the sleighing would permit. There is no doubt but that in a few years there will be a large increase in the number of settlers going into this part of New Orleans.

Then as regards the prospects for game. There are no better places than either of the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound or Nipissing, for the sportsman or tourist to go to spend a few weeks, either in summer or fall. The small streams are alive with brook or speckled trout and the lakes teem with all the other game fish, from the sporty bass to the lovely salmon and maskinonge. The hills abound with partridge, and the dells with deer, while the health-giving properties of the hemlock, balsam and cedar make it an ideal spot for those seeking health and recreation. With the ample facilities offered by the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Muskoka Navigation Company's different lines of pleasure boats, it is easy to go and come to any point desired. The Scribe has passed over the line operated by these two Companies, a good many times, and can cheerfully bear testimony to the care, attention and courtesy extended by the agents and employees of these lines to the hunters and tourists who favored them with their patronage.

And now, indulgent reader, our Story of the Hunt for the year of grace, 1901, is ended. We have endeavored to give the main incidents as they occurred, or as were seen by us. If we have not given each hunter's experiences due credit it was because we could not put the same zest and expression to it as if we had been on hand and witnessed the event ourselves. It was the unanimous decision, all being well, to again visit Lah-ne-o-tah next season, and the Scribe expresses the earnest hope that all the members of the Reporter Hunt Club may be able to participate in the annual hunt for A. D. 1902.

Our old friend, Crawford O. Slack, has favored us with a doggerel poem, giving the personnel of the club for 1901, and will deserve the name.

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OFF ON DE BEEG HUNT.

You knew dat mans, Batoune Luvrin, he was great sport for hunt. He's editor dats tole de yarn, he's print him paper too—He's get him up some leetle crowd called de "Reporter Club." Dats gone crazy upon dereself for hunt de sam he do. Dey start it off when leaves she fall in de big norf bush, An' if dey fine beary dey'll have his fur; But dey go hunt for plaineet ing an mabee catch some moose But mosly for wan leetle deer, dey go for her.



"He's get him up some leetle crowd called de Reporter Club."

De sports dats make it up de big gang, dey's jolly boy for sure You wait on me I'm tole you who de be Wan mans he's levee on Elgin town, he's sell him mow-machine He's go him long for little hunt, his nam's Phil Haladee Wan other man's he levee close by de sport called Halladee He's go him long to have him little spree Dat tam he's have no wife at all but love nice leetle gal He was good man's for catch de fish, dats Marsh de Rip-ilee Dat Rip-ilee man's is no so good lake he was tam before Somehow he's don't come on de same ole move He's never told de leetle yarn, nor play de funny trick By gosh I'm fear de man is tink of love. Bime'by he's fine dats diffraunt ting when he is go for hunt He'll find de famm she's have it leetle say. When he is pack it up for hunt maybe she's want for go Well den de ting dat dey call "Deb" she's be tew pay. Tree sports dey come from county town, dats Brockville, great beeg Dats Beecher, Geiger an de Charlie Stagge. Now Beecher man's he's tole de truth, don't like de swear or lie Nor never take de ting dat makes de jagg An Geiger tew he's boss good man, jus' lie de leetle bit He's manage railroad dat lak blazes go. He's train she's run it every day, well dats in summer tam On winter tam some day she's stop de snow. Dat Billy man's he's do de cook and Stagge he's boss dog man An Cossitt, Len, is run de whole biznis An lanky Bi from de Greenbush is fix de boat and gun An pull one hundred tooth, dats more or less. Dey call on him de farmer boy, he's great beeg man's dats sure By gosh he's eat him plaineet venison stew An when he's leave him off pates dey no could fill heem up He's eat, eat, eat him all de tam jus lak for two. And dere was Doctor Coon, he's come from Elgin too He's go along an tak him two tree pill An if some man's was home-sick an want it some physice De good doctor he's cure him of dat ill. Well my dey go, Reporter mans he's got nice ting for tak'—Great big friedcake, you never saw de beat. He's eat him bak' it up on Hickey's corner, called Slack's place, He's big wan, too, as much as any mans can eat. He's tak' along with him some big white bean, Great pile of stuff, de lak' you never saw Of course, I don't say dat de man is drink him very much, But tink he should have tak' him whiskey blanc. For sure, it's good ting for to have in camp; Mabee some sport his lak' de sick, he's cotech de stomach ache; Mabee dat fisher boy he's lak' de cramp. Well, dats alright, an' all I'm say about dat hunt club now, Dey'll stay one week, mabee dey'll stay de two— You wait yourself jus' leetle while till editor come back, De whole bizness den he will tole you.

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A LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Luke Pipe, employed at J. P. Lamb and Son's, received the following letter from his brother, Dr. J. Pipe, a few days ago, which he handed to the Reporter, thinking it might be of interest to our readers.

Van Reenan's Pass,
Jan. 10th, 1902.

DEAR BROTHER,—I write to let you know that I am in the best of health and hoping that this letter will find you the same and I hope we will meet some day before long if God will give us some luck, dear brother. The war is still in progress in South Africa and I am still sticking at it. De Wet is still at large but has not got many followers now and they are getting smaller and smaller every day. De Wet had a haul at Christmas eve, taking one 15 pounder and a pom-pom only 8 miles from Harrismith. His burghers sprung on our outposts which were held by yeomanry, and killed them, and no alarm was given, so down they came on the camp while the men were sleeping except the artillery and they were playing cards. But they lost no time before they had the gun in action but it was of little use as the gunners were shot down while manning the gun and some of the drivers were wounded and have since died. One of them hid in a deep donga with an officer and these were the only two that came into Harrismith after the fight. The Boers killed 84 of our men besides a lot that were wounded and the rest were taken prisoners. This little column was about 400 strong. The pom-pom officer was riddled with bullets after firing ten rounds. It was a terrible disaster. They had just taken a convey to Bethlehem and returned to Harrismith. I had a lot of chums with the pom-pom and 79th battery, my old Indian Wallahs. I have been on that road lots of times and the Boers hover round us all the time through the Tiger Kloofs. I can tell you the yeomanry must have been asleep at their posts. Kitchener has issued a proclamation for commanders to shoot all Boers wearing khaki. They should be shot every blessed one of them. I am still at Van Reenan's Pass and doing well. It is better than on the veldt, only one wrong thing is the outpost duty. I don't care for that very much. I would sooner be home drinking ale with father. I am looking anxiously for the pipe and good tobacco you said you had sent me. We cannot get any good tobacco here. So it is a comfort even to expect something good. The Boers are fighting with our outposts up the veldt as I am writing this and I do not know what minute I will be called out to help repel them so I have to be quick and finish.
82700, Da. J. Pipe,
2nd Battery, R.F.A., British field force, Harrismith, South Africa.

Black bass are being caught in large quantities through the ice on Lake Opinicon.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Estate of Laverne E. Hamlin, late of the Township of Bastard in the County of Leeds, Married Woman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late Laverne E. Hamlin, who died on or about the Twelfth day of January, 1902 are required on or before the Fifth day of March, 1902, to send by prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the Executor and Executor of the said estate will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they then shall have notice and that the said Executor and Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

EMILY JACKSON, Executrix.
ELWOOD JACKSON, Executor.
Dated at Athens this 10th day of February, A.D. 1902.

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A. M. Chassells,

Spring, 1901. . . . MAIN ST., ATHENS

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The undersigned has a flat of four rooms over the telegraph office and Earl's tinsmith to let. Suitable for dwelling and dressmaking rooms combined. Possession given on March 1st.
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