

PREFACE.

THE following book had its origin in the requests of the members of Aura Lee Camp that the "Chief" would jot down the many items of useful knowledge which had been acquired, tested and approved by long experience, and which they wished to be made accessible in some convenient form. It covers concisely ground which, so far as the writer is aware, has not been occupied before. As no studied order has been attempted, a Table of Contents and also an Index have been supplied to facilitate references when preparing for a cruise or *en route*. Special thanks are due to the following experienced canoeists who kindly perused the manuscript as the book was passing through the press, and made many valuable suggestions: George M. Kelley, Alexander D. Crooks, B.A., B. Morton Jones, Harold B. Lefroy and Frederick C. L. Jones, of Toronto; Dr. Edward M. Hooper, of St. Catharines; and to J. N. McKendrick, B.A., of Galt. For the Notes of Route No. 23 the writer is indebted to Mr. Kelley, and for Routes Nos. 6 and 24 to Mr. Thomas Stewart, of Lindsay. For the use of several valuable photographs grateful acknowledgments are due to Rev. Dr. Withrow, H. B. Lefroy, George M. Kelley and Robert Parker. I am indebted particularly to my father, Rev. Septimus Jones, for his loving interest in the work and for many valuable criticisms.