

ter, but as sport is not food we determine to wade across at the head of the Rapids above the pool, rather than await the arrival of the boat which will likely be some time coming, in consequence of the low state of the River.

In a jiffy we are up to our waists in the cold water and glad were we reach terra-firma on the opposite bank.

The road is now open to us, clear of all obstructions to the house, three miles more, but oh! such long miles they seemed to be, never have I found a road so long.

I am leading with Martel close upon my heels we make a neck to neck race for the house, the remainder of the party are soon out of sight, and in 30 minutes, we stand in front of the much longed for abode, the first house we have seen since 13 days, it is a castle to us, and with a loud hallao! we announce our presence to the members who by chance may be within.

To our unbounded joy the door is thrown open and the jovial countenance, of my friend and companion (A. G. Demers) of the Big Batiscan Expedition (1887) stands before me, he welcomes me with open arms and after a cordial greeting during which time three sandwiches which I find in his hamper are devoured in quick succession, He attempts to get an explanation for my mysterious appearance, in such a costume and starved look, He is much amused at my account and good naturedly puts his hamper at our disposition, containing a good supply of sandwiches and, sufficient quantity of wines, these find little mercy at our hands, and would have completely disappeared had we not remembered that more hungry mouths were on the way here.

Mr. Demers has come for the day with his Son in Law, Wife and Daughter and expresses himself well pleased with all he has seen. Mr. Brown his Son in Law soon joins us, having fished the pool opposite the House for a little over one hour, and killing 30 fine Trout averaging 1 lb, he declares being not far off the spawning bed but preferred not fishing there, he could plainly see gathered on the beds fish of 3 to 5 lbs weight.

My two Lieutenants now come in and are given a cordial reception, it was a treat to see them go through the