

## 1913

This year brought a forest fire that threatened the camp with destruction. Fortunately the camp was spared. It started several miles below Canal Rapids. One day while the members of Camp were having lunch, a Fire Ranger came to the Camp and said the fire had traveled three mile since daybreak and had now reached the Porcupine spring about a mile west of camp. He advised the campers to be packed up and ready to move out on quick notice. All personal articles were gathered and put on the dock in preparedness in the event they had to go, but half an hour later the wind changed followed by a deluge of rain, which saved the Camp. The beautiful pines and birch trees around the Porcupine spring were destroyed.



The Camp, operated by the Deer Lake Syndicate, had not been given a name up to this point. The ladies in Camp this year gave it the name “Hyah-Hyah Camp”. This came about due to the fact that a respected member in the Camp, who had been a Corporal in the North West Mounted Police, would preform an Indian War Dance he had witnessed during his service. The performance consisted of dancing in a circle, Indian file, waving arms,

swinging war clubs, twisting and contortions of the body with high stepping accompanied by a chant of the words “Hyah-Hyah, Hyah-Hyah” which grew faster and higher with members beating on tom-toms (tin pans really) in rhythm with the dance. A pennant was made by the ladies and was proudly flown on the flagpole.

The cook was T. Longley for the main season and Jas Amsley for the hunting season.





