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Department of Lands and Forests
Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister
MAP OF
THE ALGONQUIN NATIONAL PARK
OF
ONTARIO
IN
THE DISTRICT OF NIPISSING
SCALE: 2 MILES TO AN INCH
1921

The party is four men plus a guide:

WBR – W. B. Redwan

DRM – D. (David) R. Midgley

FKB – Frank K. Bell

WMcC – Wm. H. McConnell

Guide – William Couchia, 69 Timmins St., North Bay, Ont.



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"Fri. night July 13"

KIOSK: Presumably arrived by train (Canadian National Ontario Railway) from Ottawa

"Peter Ranger, Ranger"

"Fri & Sat nights - 13 - 14"

KIOSHKOQUI LAKE

"Rock Bass" noted south side of lake across from KIOSK

"Camped - Amable du Fond River"

"Sunday & Monday nights - 15 & 16th"

"Rain on Sun. Fine on Mon."

just west of first set of rapids

"6 speckled WBR" at second set of rapids

"5 speckled WBR" at third set of rapids

"3/4 mile portage" around third set of rapids



"camped on island - Tues night 17th rain"

on Pine Island?, MANITO LAKE

"1 Lake Trout - Dave" west of Pine Island

"1 speckled Trout" rapids between TEA & MANITO lakes

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"1 Lake Trout - Dave" south east corner TEA LAKE

"Franks Rod" portage around rapids TEA LAKE to LONG L

"2 Speckled - WBR"

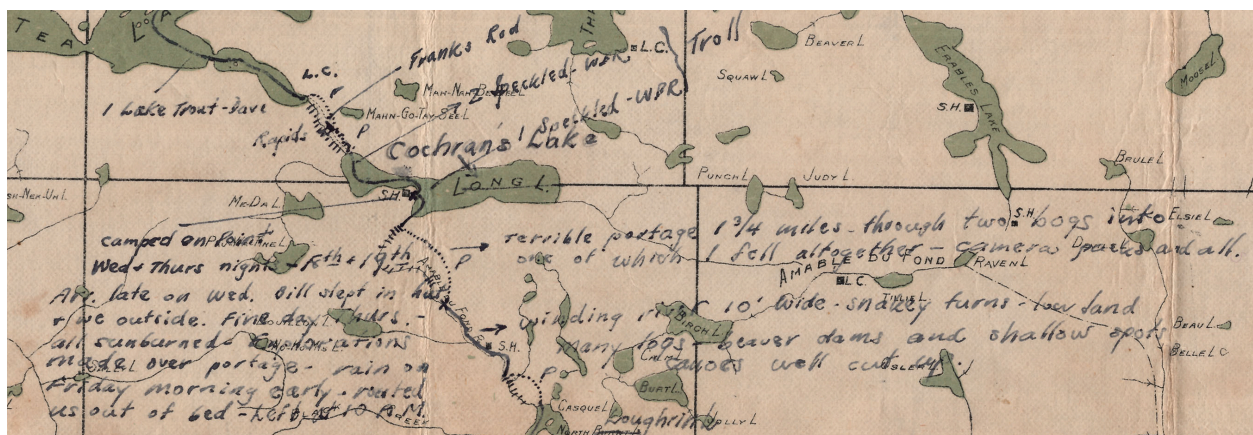
1 Speckled - WBR"

"Troll"

2 spots on LONG L

"Cochran's Lake"

LONG L renamed



"camped on point Wed & Thurs nights - 18th & 19th"

Arr. late on Wed. Bill slept in hut & we outside. Fine day Thurs. - all sunburned - Explorations made over portage - rain on Friday morning early - routed us out of bed - Left at 10 A M"
shelter hut on LONG L

"terrible portage 1 3/4 miles - through two bogs into one of which I fell altogether - camera packs and all."
portage around first set of rapids on AMABLE DU FOND R south of LONG L

"winding river 10' wide - snakey turns - low land many logs & beaver dams and shallow spots canoes well cut up"

below first set of rapids on AMABLE DU FOND R

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Corrections marked:

North and South Burnt lakes marked as North and South "Loughrin" lakes.

Unnamed pond added between NOD L. and NIPPISSING R.

*"camped Friday night 20th
not good spot - low marshy ground and bugs fierce - no fish"*
site on east side of SOUTH LOUGHRIN L.

"Bad portage - at one spot (.ec..?) end in morass"
portage from NOD L. to unnamed pond.

*"camped Sat. night 21st at Lumber camp - river in poor shape
because of old logs - no fish"*
at dam on NIPPISSING R - Stewart's Dam?



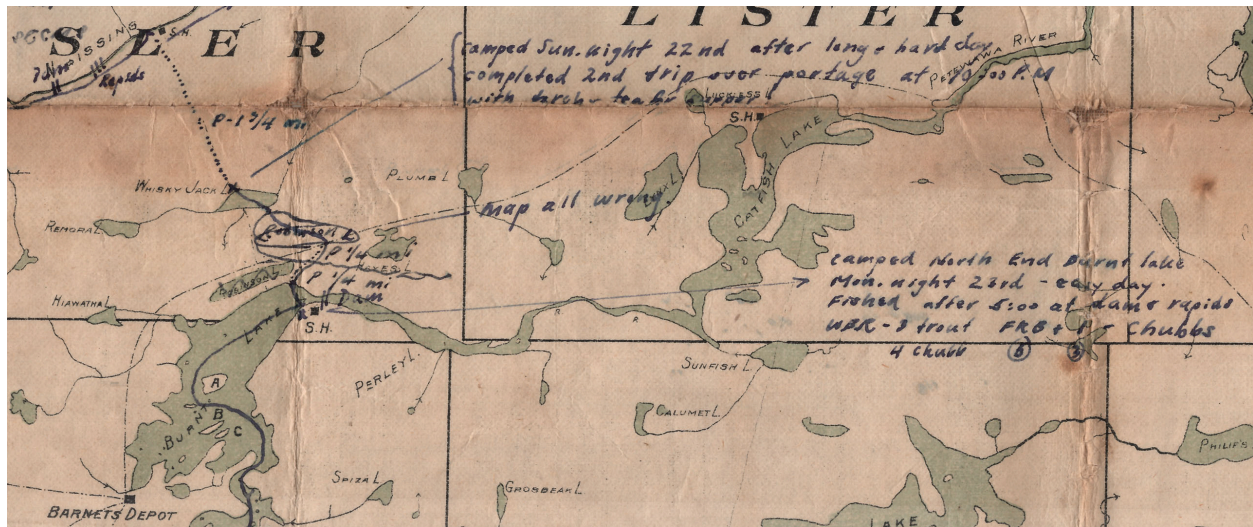
*"met Indian ranger Joe Odjick with squaw and boy here after
getting through worst rapids with some little damage!"*
east of Lumber Camp at first portage

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*"camped Sun. night 22nd after long & hard day
completed 2nd trip over portage at 10:00 P. M.
with (?..rch) & tea for supper"
portage end at WHISKEY JACK L.*

"map all wrong"

ROBINSON L shown almost attached to WHISKEY JACK L.



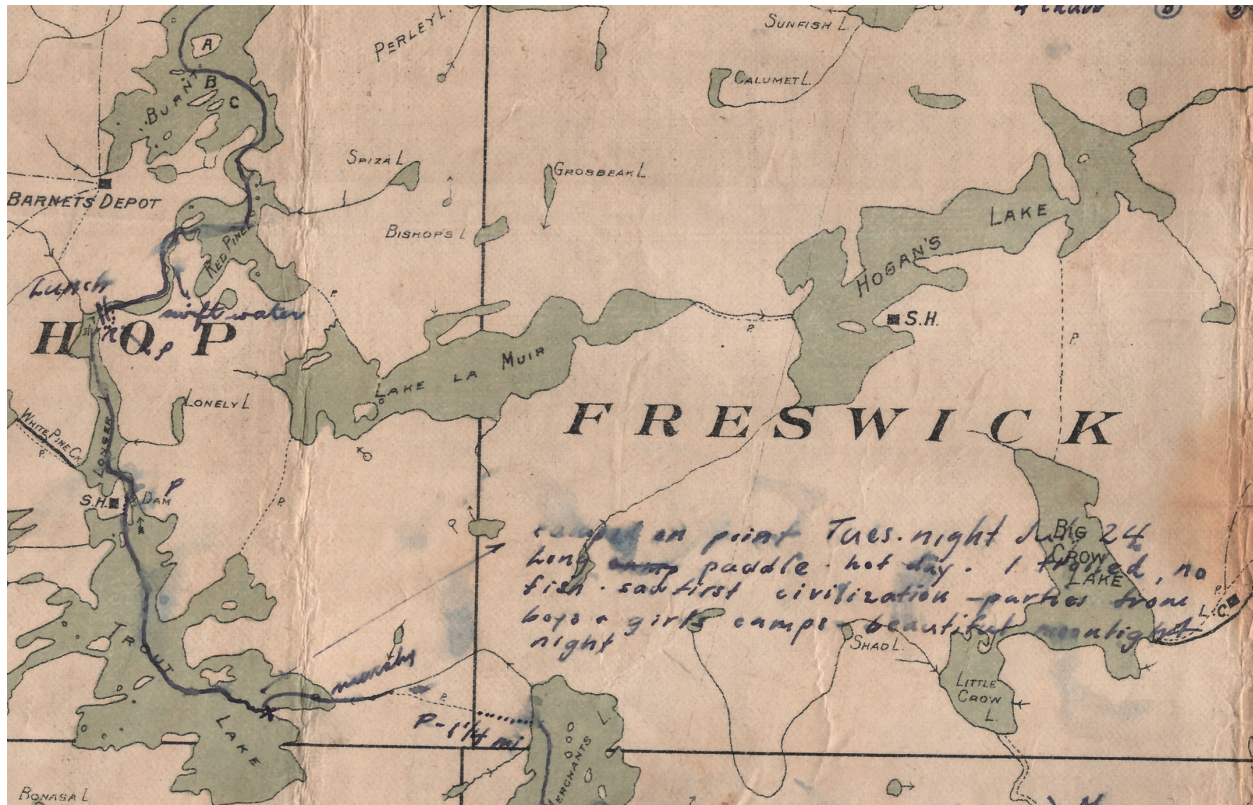
*"camped North End Burnt lake
Mon. night 23rd - easy day.
Fished after 5:00 at dam & rapids.
WBR - 3 trout, FKB & I chubbs
4 chubb 6 3"
near shelter hut at north end of BURNT LAKE*

"swift water"

on narrows of LONGER L.

"Lunch"

at rapids on LONGER L. where now there is nothing.



"camped on point Tues. night July 24 Long paddle - hot day - I trolled - no fish - saw first civilization - parties from boys & girls camps - beautiful moonlight night"

point at south end WHITE TROUT LAKE.

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"Trout 4 1/2 lb FKB" MERCHANT LAKE

"Trout 2 lb - DM" GREEN LAKE



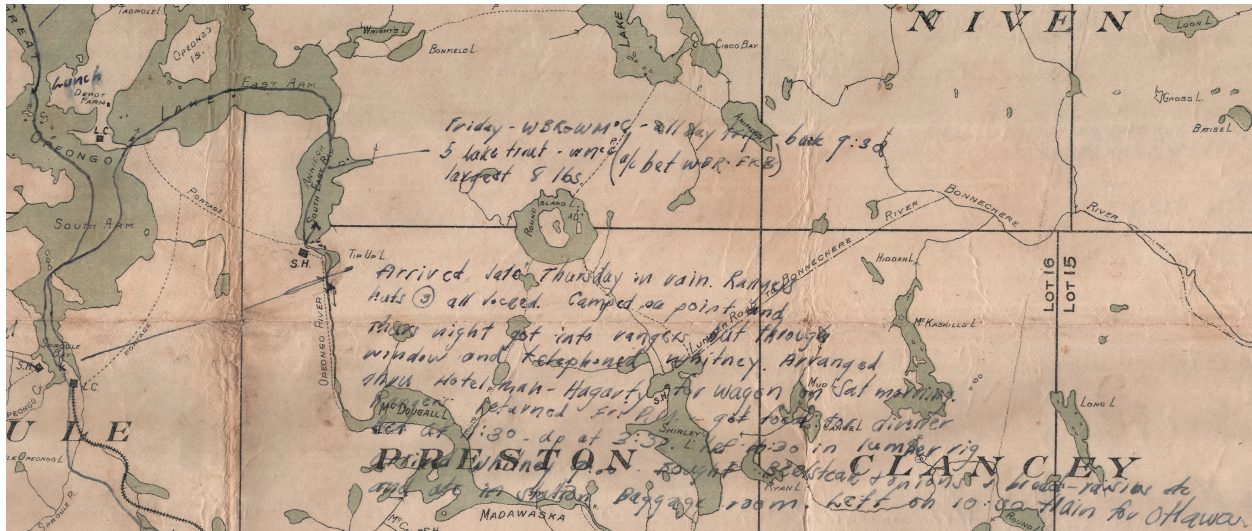
"camped Wed night 25th at invitation of two Rochester boys we met
on portage - cold night
started 9 AM Thursday"
point on east shore of GREEN LAKE

"Trout 4 1/2 lb - WBR" NORTH ARM of GREAT OPEONGO LAKE

"Lunch" east shore of Western Narrows on GREAT OPEONGO LAKE

"No shelter hut"

note re hut marked on map as being on west side of SPROULE BAY, GREAT OPEONGO LAKE.



"Arrived late Thursday in rain. Rangers huts (3) all locked. Camped on point and Thurs night got into rangers hut through window and telephoned Whitney. Arranged thru Hotel man - Hagarty - for wagon on Sat. morning.

Rangers returned Fri P. M. - got food for dinner

Bed at 11:30 - up at 3:30 Left 6:30 in lumber rig

Arrived Whitney 9:00 - Bought Beefsteak & onions & bread - raisin, etc. and ate in station Baggage room. Left on 10:00 train for Ottawa."

point on SPROULE BAY

"Friday - WBR & WMcC - all day trip - back 9:30

5 lake trout - WMcC largest 8 lbs"

trip from SPROULE BAY to ANNIE BAY & back

note added: *"(a/c bet WBR - FKB)"*

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Notes:

The author is not identified but it is not WBR or FKB (see page 5). From the handwriting and other nebulous clues, I would guess that it is Wm H McConnell.

The guide appears to be referred to as Bill (see page 3).

Place names from map are CAPITALIZED.

Most notes of portage lengths are not included here.

Year of trip is not specified on map.

We can assume year is 1921 or later but earlier than 1934. To get from Sproule Bay to Whitney they used a lumber rig (horse drawn: trip took 2.5 hours) but 1934 map shows a "Motor Road" (as opposed to a "Wagon Road") between Whitney and Sproule Bay.

1922 map shows telephones at Sproule Bay.

1923 is first year after map published when days align with given dates.

Log states "beautiful moonlight night" on July 24. On July 24 1923, moon was three days before full; it rose at 5:55 PM, was at zenith at 10:46 PM and set at 3:36 AM on 25th. (Lon: 78° 40'; Lat: 45° 50')

1928 is the only other year days and dates align before 1934. However, moon is at first quarter; it rose at 1:55 PM, was at zenith at 7:22 PM and set at 12:41 AM.