



Centennial Moment #19

From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Friday, December 9, 1921:

AUDUBON SOCIETY PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO F.L. ROY'S ART

GIVES FIRST PLACE TO ONE OF HIS PHOTOGRAPHS IN CALENDAR OF 1922 — SAME WORK HAS BEEN EXHIBITED HERE

The frontispiece of the 1922 calendar of the Audubon Society of Buffalo is a reproduction of a photograph taken by Fed. L. Roy of a nest of blue heron young at Sucker Lake in Cavendish Township. (*Fred was our club's founding president.*) Most persons in Peterborough remember the pictures of the cranery which he exhibited in the windows of the Roy Studio a little more than a year ago.

With what must have demanded a great deal of pains and presented no little difficulty, Mr. Roy obtained a sheaf of photographs, one of which was chosen by the Buffalo branch of the Audubon Society, an organization of bird lovers, for their cover design. It shows a gaunt limb of a withered tree, and in the horizontal fork half way out the limb, a pair of blue herons had tumbled together their rough and ready nest. The photograph shows two young blue herons on the nest, apparently with their attention fixed upon the photographer, who must have climbed a nearby tree to get the range and a desirable level.

At the request of the society, Mr. Roy submitted seven photographs, and two of them were used. **This is high distinction for Mr. Roy**, especially when it is understood that only seven photographs were required and chosen to illustrate the calendar.

The second one of Mr. Roy's to win preference is the nest of a loon on the shore of Gull Lake Narrows. The loon is something of a recluse among waterfowl, and its nest is rarely found. In fact it does not make a nest after the fashion of other birds, but picks out a damp patch of shore, pats down a nesting place, lays its eggs and manages to bring up its family in the nearby water, without being forced to the trouble of building an apartment such as the blue heron clumsily constructs.

Mr. Roy's many friends will congratulate him upon this recognition of his meritorious work by a society that is exceedingly discriminating in its search for the best photographic revelations of intimate bird life in America. Not only has Mr. Roy

exceptional talents and abilities in his art, but he has the instincts of the nature lover, a combination that gives his scenic work a touch of genius in this department of photography.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Back in the 1920s (our club was founded in 1921), it was common practice for our city hotels to report, in the *Examiner*, who was staying with them and their city of origin. The column "We have with us today" appeared in the paper on a regular basis. The Empress Hotel (where our club met) and the White House were the two hotels that reported. This would never be allowed today, under our privacy laws!

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Centennial Humour

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WISE and OTHERWISE

A compromise is the shortest distance between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Only the heads congested with brains can afford parking space for a new idea.

The great need of the day is not light without heat, but discussion of world problems without heat.

The difference between death and taxes is that death is satisfied with one lick at you.

Adjusting the affairs of the world is just a slow process of being resigned to the inevitable.

The difference between happiness and contentment is that happiness isn't nine parts laziness.

The difference is that you are a sane man who fights for his convictions, while the other fellow is a fanatic who fights for his prejudices.

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A BOON FOR ROTARY PRESIDENTS

Rotarian F. H. Dobbin, writing about our latest club meeting in the *Examiner* of December 2, 1921, made the following comment. If his suggestion had been implemented, 100 years of club presidents would have greatly benefitted!

Dobbin wrote: "During the time of consuming luncheon, club business was taken by President Fred Roy, who attends to the edifying of the members to the extent that he has little time to eat. **It might be well to give him an assistant to do the eating, while he is busy with the rulings of the club.**"