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Dear Ed-;

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I was very glad to get your letter enclosing a copy of the report of the conservation department on its survey of the fish conditions at Eagle Lake. It was particularly gratifying to have them confirm my statements regarding the sufficiency of minnows and small fish. I do not wish to appear critical but I can not entirely agree with the statement that "It demonstrated to me forcibly again the difficulties attendant upon survey work done in hot weather etc", at least not so far as applies to the bait fish situation for there never has been any difficulty in locating minnows in hot weather if you know where to look for them. I have one suggestion to make, and this applies to any kind of business, and that is the calling in of the local people who know something about the matter. If the department had asked the advice of some of the old timers, such as Hurd or myself, we could easily have convinced them of the abundance of small fish. Would it not be advisable to have a game committee in connection with our association, with your good self as secretary, so that in the event of any further surveys during the summer months this committee could work with the department? We may not know the technical side of the work but certainly we know the practical end and one without the other is worthless.

I am sending this to Eagle Lake although your letter indicated you might not be there until the end of June, but according to the English papers you have been having "some" weather which may have hastened your departure. I know some folks envy us our stay over here but between you and me, I personally, would give all of Europe and its attractions for my usual vacation in the "Garden Spot Of The World" and that is Eagle Lake. Perhaps I am fed up on it for I've seen it extensively and intensively and when all is said and done there is no place like the U.S.A.

We were intending to remain here in London but our plans are now somewhat uncertain. What with disturbed world wide conditions and uncertainties in connection with my own work I won't be absolutely sure for another month or two. However we are looking forward to spending the month of August in Switzerland. I have to do a lot of traveling and I can make that my headquarters as well as most any other place. Just as present Marjorie and I have a flat in London while the three girls are at a chateau in southern France trying to absorb a little of the language. When one of them wrote to Jack the forepart of May they were then on their way there, so in all they will have had three months there before they move on.

Marjorie and I have just gotten back from a trip lasting almost three weeks during which we were in Holland, Germany, Poland Czechoslovakia

slovakia, Switzerland and France. It was a business trip but we had some time for sightseeing and pleasures.

We were sorry to hear of Marie's operation and we hope that she is once again in good health. Please extend to her our best wishes and kindest regards.

I am enclosing a check for a dollar-that's the amount isn't it-for the association dues.

The population at Chilson certainly suffered during the past winter and I was sorry to see the old timers pass on. Tom's death was quite a blow to me. To many he was a peculiar personality but I have known him so long-over thirty years-that I understood him in all of his moods and was strongly attached to him. Of course he was extremely loyal to us and I think very fond of us also and we never thought of Eagle Lake without thinking of Tom. Some of the happiest moments I have ever had were spent with him on some of our camping and fishing trips. I hope his nephews take as much interest in Eagle Lake and Island Cottage as he did.

I know little about Nell's plans for the summer although I understand that there is some doubt about their going to the lake. Nan and Alfred may be there, depending upon whether he can find a job and the last I heard from Paul was that the old "urge" to go Chilsonwards was beginning to exert itself.

Please convey our regards to the summer colony and give our very best to Nettie.

Sincerely,

*Walter*

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