

LONE ROBBER LOOTS ADIRONDACK CAMPS

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PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y., Aug. 29.—For the first time in its history the Adirondack section has been visited by robbers, or so far as can now be learned, one robber, who has ransacked the camps of a number of prominent Summer residents located near the southern end of the upper Saranac Lake.

The thief got away with property variously valued at from \$10,000 to \$50,000, the latter believed to be nearer the correct amount. He took advantage of the custom among the campers here to leave their buildings unlocked and unguarded during the few hours or days that they might be away visiting neighboring places.

How he got away with the booty is not known, for the authorities are keeping the matter quiet in the hope, they say, of catching the thief, of whom they have a good description. Police officials throughout the Adirondack region are on the alert.

Among the camps ransacked are those of Dr. E. L. Holt, Isaac N. Seligman, and Mrs. Stanley Mortimer. There are others whose names the police will not give.

The Mortimer camp is on an island, and the robber was obliged to row to it. Mrs. Mortimer is entertaining a large house party, and Saturday went on a visit to Lake Placid, taking with her all the guides connected with the camp. Mrs. Mortimer and her guests took with them, it is said, many of their personal effects of value, but the robber found silver, wearing apparel, and clothing, which he removed. Dr. Holt and his family lost considerable jewelry.

At Mr. Seligman's camp the robbers made a bold attempt to locate some of the valuables recently recovered from the ruins of the Fish Rock Camp, and searched through the tents and sleeping apartments, with the exception of the cottage occupied by Mrs. Seligman.

The robberies have made every camper in the Adirondacks nervous, and instead of leaving their properties unguarded camp watches have been established by night as well as by day, and the lodges are never left unguarded.

It is said that the clues lead to Saranac Lake. A guide who rowed the stranger to one of the camps is able to give a good description of his charge, and he is among those sought after.

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