

## Target Practice

In the 1950s, my grandfather Charlie Fowler had a contract with the Park to build equipment warehouses at Boundary, Sturgeon Crossing, and Rabbit Cabin. The one at Sturgeon Crossing still stands today. He also had a contract to do an addition to the Sturgeon Crossing Cabin. The cabin addition was to the kitchen and included a hand operated water pump from a cistern in the basement and a sink that drained via a pipe down the hill into a concrete septic tank. Whoever poured the concrete for the septic tank failed to include a hole into the tank for the drain pipe. Without the benefit of power tools, creating the required hole would take many hours of labour with a hammer and chisel.

The Park issued firearm for Sturgeon Crossing was a surplus World War I .303 caliber Ross Rifle. It came with a generous supply of surplus metal jacketed ammunition. My dad and my grandfather spent a leisurely afternoon of target practice while shooting the hole in the septic tank.