



a little bit of rapids." **Langdell's Pine Lot**
We asked Trescott Abele about his favorite spot on the river. "My favorite spot? Well, it all depends. I say for excitement it would be the stretch just below the Pepper dam. I think that the prettiest is don't know where it is. I guess it is New Hampshire, where it widens out into a pond. Um, well let's see that Langdell's pine lot. On the west bank Langdell was an old woodsman and in his retirement he had been doing a real fancy job of pruning his woodlot. This made it look like a park, very pretty there with cardinal flowers. When my daughter was a child living at home why sometimes

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there was a tree down all the way across the river. And just when the snow was melting the current was strong and neither of us has had experience. Well, we both paddled but we did not have experience with strong currents. We paddled, I knew you should not get at right angles to the current, so we paddled at an angle to the base of the tree. Um, but see we were going this direction, see there is the ground there. Um, the current is coming this way. If you have studied your vectors and physics at school, when this current hits the canoe going this way, the effect of the current is to push it off this way. We were paddling in this direction, the current is pushing us off in this direction so the result, we hit the tree right in the middle of the stream and naturally dumped us and, well, I guess it was a little bit over their heads.

"We were not very far from shore and of course on the tree we had no trouble getting ashore. So we took all our clothes off and wrung them out then put them back on again, walked a mile and a half back to the car through snow up to our knees. Drove home, put on some dry clothes, came back, got the canoe out and finished our trip. It was a year or so after that I joined the Appalachian Mountain Club which has a training program for white water canoeing. The first thing I did was to get into their program on white water canoeing and find out what I did wrong. Actually the Nissitissit is a flat water canoe trip but down below the dam on Hollis Street and the

