

CATALOGUE OF RECENT PAINT-
INGS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN
BY FRANCIS P. PAULUS
DETROIT MUSEUM OF ART
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FOREWORD

Mr. Francis Petrus Paulus returned to Detroit four years ago, an artist exile from Bruges, Belgium, where for many years he had made his home. In that medieval city of unusual charm he had found inspiring and sympathetic subject matter for his facile brush and had won an esteemed place among his European contemporaries. The great war with the impending disaster which faced the Allies at the outset, had a paralytic effect upon the art production of Mr. Paulus. Sensitive beyond the ken of most humans, he agonized over the titanic struggle that was going on, feeling keenly the disasters, or jubilating over the victories as they were reported. His mind could not concentrate upon his art. For three years he waited for the inspiration which did not come, (three years which saw the Allies tighten slowly, but surely their strangle hold upon the devouring monster of autocracy), and then the artist in him suddenly blazed forth anew, a fresh keenness for observation, a new impulse to paint.

Seductive summer beckoned him northwards, and on the Pointe Aux Pins, near Mackinaw, he opened his kit and with a vigor that knew neither weariness nor difficulty, he created in a few weeks the exhibit here shown. To him the Pointe Aux Pins was an enchanted isle full of resplendent color. He never grew tired of its magical charms as it changed from the promise of late spring into the fulness of summer, followed by the effulgence of autumn.

That his well-trained hand and eye were equal to any performance is shown in the spirited craftsmanship evidenced in the comprehensive result of his delightful summer's work.

LIST OF PAINTINGS

1. Clearing Weather
2. Tanglewood Creek
3. The Red House
4. A Bright Morning
5. Entrance to Nature's Cathedral
6. Toward the Blue Waters
7. A Perfect Morning
8. The End of a Beautiful Day
9. The Indian Trail
10. Along the Path
11. The Beech Trees
12. The Birch Bark House
13. From the Bluff
14. Indian Summer
15. "La Crepuscule"
16. A Wet Day
17. The Lady of the Woods

18. A Northwest Gale
19. And the Spirit Moved Over the Deep
20. The Enchanted Isle
21. Racing Clouds
22. The Fairies' Retreat
23. A Burst of Color
24. A Clump of Birches
25. Sunset on the Straits of Mackinaw
26. Red, Green and Gold
27. In the Depths of the Woods
28. In Fairyland
29. Far from the Madding Crowd
30. A Bit of Nature's Tapestry
31. A Stroll Through the Woods
32. The Farewell
33. Solitude