

The Product Spotlight with Mike Marchewka

“The Lost Conibear Letters. How one Canadian and the Animal Trap Company Revolutionized Trapping
by Scot Dahms”

Yes, he has done it again! Prolific historical trapping writer Scot Dahms, has written another fine, very detailed book based on Canadian trapper, Frank Conibear and the development of his Conibear trap. This book of almost 400 pages is loaded with the history and stories of how this Canadian trapper first got the idea for the body gripping trap. And then proceeded into the years of many trials and tribulations that went into refining the construction of the trap to get it finally to function the way he and his financial backers expected.

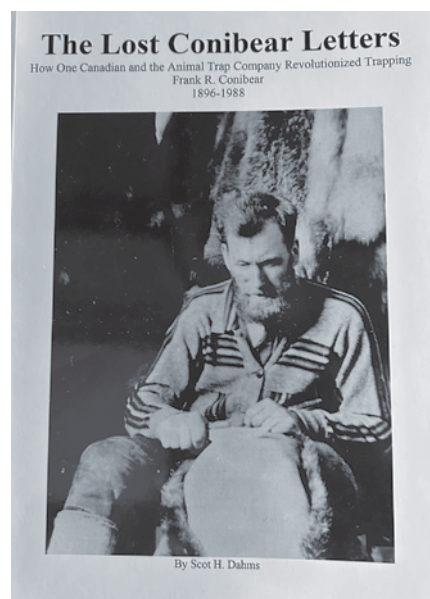
The reader gets a feel for the frustration that went along with designing this new trap. Mr. Conibear certainly had no idea of the complicated process that went into this new creation and his letters describe the personal burden of the project. This book is really a sort of an extension of material from Mr. Dahm's other fine book, “Hardware For Hitler.” But because of the vast amount of information of Mr. Conibear's long term trial and error process that paralleled a similar time frame in trapping history, he did not include it in ‘Hardware For Hitler.’

The ironic involvement of The

American Humane Society gives the reader another insight of just how long trappers have been in contact with these organizations. Overall, with the many fine pictures and hand written letters, the book gives the reader a feel for the time when this trap was first created. Times were harsh and wild fur was needed and the money was hard earned. A lost pelt was a huge hit to the pocketbook. Mr. Conibear sought to find a better way to harvest his fur and hit upon a winner. A trap that changed the way we trappers harvest wild fur and nuisance animals today.

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-Mike



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