

THE BIGELOWS [9-98]

**The Bigelows of western Maine,
Are something to behold.
'twill take a chapter in my book,
A story yet untold.**

**I'll write about the mountains lush,
With birch and fir and spruce.
You'll read about the porcupine,
The beaver and the moose.**

**I'll write so vivid you will hear
The calling of the loon.
Across the silent, high-held ponds,
Pure diamonds in the moon.**

**You'll understand why *Percival
And †Myron loved this place.
I'll paint in words, a picture,
Of its majesty and grace.**

**And when you go to close the book,
And put it on the shelf-**

BEWARE!

**'twill haunt you till you've seen,
The Bigelows...yourself.**

*PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER 1876-1969-A native and former Governor of Maine. He gave the land now known as Baxter State Park, location of Mt. Katahdin, to the people of Maine. Percival loved the Bigelows. <www.gorp.com/gorp/resource/statepark/me_baxte.htm>

†MYRON HALIBURTON AVERY-1899-1952-A native/resident of Maine all his life. Myron most single-handedly built the Appalachian Trail. He, too, loved the Bigelows. A 4000-footer in the Bigelow Range is named in his honor. <www.patc.net/avery.html>