

Plates 3-34
Building the Canoe



Plate 3
Rolls of bark



Plate 4
Pulling out the roots

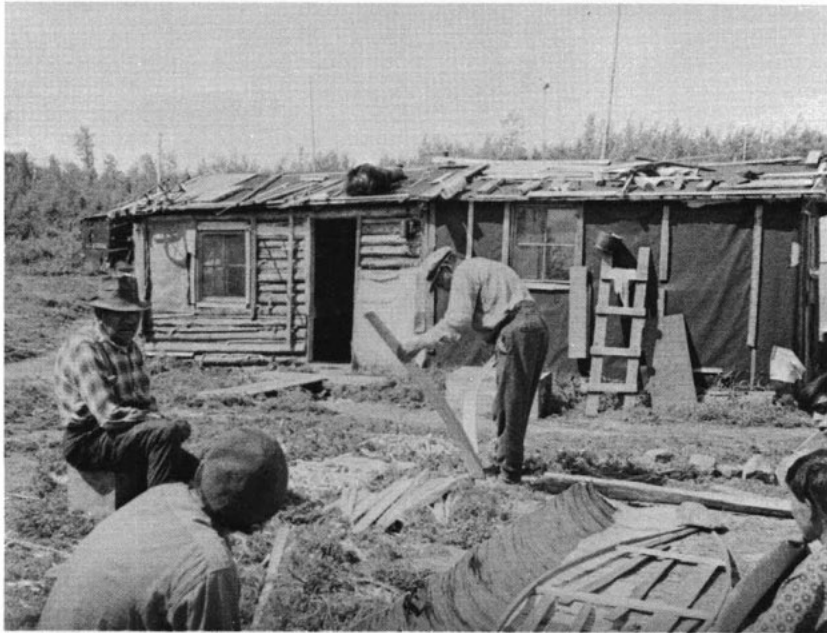


Plate 5
Splitting the cedar into thin strips



Plate 6
Using the crooked knife



Plate 7
Assembling the gunwales and thwarts to make the building frame



Plate 8
Unrolling the bark beside the building bed



Plate 9
Centring the building frame on the bark



Plate 10
Adding split planking to protect the bark



Plate 11
Weighting the building frame



Plate 12
Slitting the bark from edge to frame



Plate 13
Plank set crosswise to raise the ends of the canoe



Plate 14
Folding the bark around the stones



Plate 15
Placing the first stakes and lengthwise laths in position



Plate 16
Tying the stakes in upright position



Plate 17
Internal supports and bracing laths in position



Plate 18
The complete set-up for raising and shaping the sides



Plate 19
Marie Nekwito prepares to lash the joints



Plate 20
The building frame raised to gunwale height



Plate 21
Trimming away the surplus bark



Plate 22
Beginning to lash the bark to the gunwales



Plate 23
Lashings: note the restraining disc used to sheer the gunwales



Plate 24
Marking and numbering the ribs



Plate 25
Bending the ribs in pairs



Plate 26
Bracing the canoe with temporary thwarts, and inserting the first rib



Plate 27
The ribs drying in their canoe "mould"



Plate 28
Installing the gunwale caps



Plate 29
Caulking the inside of the canoe



Plate 30
Lashings of the extension and bark reinforcing gusset



Plate 31
Installing the sheathing and the ribs



Plate 32
Tapping the ribs into place with a mallet



Plate 33
The tip of the finished canoe



Plate 34
The finished canoe