



Above Kazan Falls (from L to R: George Luste, Mike Good, John Martin, John Blackborow)

Reindeer Lake to Baker Lake 1974 **Following the 1894 route of Joseph Burr Tyrrell** **Story by John Martin** **Photos by John Martin and George Luste**

In January 1974, George Luste walked into my office and proposed a canoe trip of over 800 miles, from Reindeer Lake on the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border to Baker Lake in the Barren Lands during the upcoming summer. While I had been paddling a canoe all my life, it had all been on lakes

and tame rivers in southern Ontario, so this opportunity was immediately intriguing and I soon agreed. I had only been at the University of Toronto for a year and it amazes me now that I got away with an eight-week absence from the lab so early in my career!