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# Some of the Principal Resorts of Ontario

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So much ignorance prevails on the question of Canadian Summer Resorts, which to thousands are only known as names on the map, and to many more are practically unknown, and so many enquiries are constantly made concerning these resorts, as to their fishing, hunting, climatic conditions, etc., that the publisher feels assured that the information contained in this work will be of considerable assistance and benefit to those in the United States and England, and even in this country, in forming some idea of all the varied attractions to be enjoyed in the unrivalled lakes and rivers of Canada.

In the following pages the object has been to furnish practical information on the accommodation for tourists, facilities for obtaining all necessary articles, camping outfits, etc., required during a summer's outing, and the sports and amusements to be enjoyed in the various places mentioned and described.

It has not been possible in this work to do more than give a brief description of a few of the principal resorts in Ontario, but every succeeding edition will be more complete and comprehensive; at the same time, if the perusal of these pages should but serve to dispel some of the existing ignorance and erroneous impressious concerning this country, and to induce many of the thousands who are actually in quest of such places as are here described, to visit these resorts, our efforts will have been successful.

For considerable statistical and meteorological information, the writer is indebted to E. Herbert Adams, M.D., of Toronto, student of climatology, and one deeply interested in and identified with Canadian health resorts.

While the bulk of the information contained between these covers has been the result of personal observation and enquiry, with a view to its reliability, the writer will cheerfully receive any suggestions, in order to make such corrections and additions as may be necessary in future editions.

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## SUMMER EXCURSION LINES AND RATES.

Niagara River Line connecting with New York Central, Michigan Central, and Falls Electric Railways. The magnificent steamers Chippewa. Chicora and Cibola make six round trips daily to Niagara (32 miles). Lewiston and Queenston (10 miles). Fare, one way, \$1; round trip, \$1.50; round trip excursions, returning same day, 75 cents; book tickets, twenty round trips, 40 cents each.

Empress of India runs to St. Catharines (32 miles), two round trips daily. Fare, one way, 45 cents; round trip, \$1.25; round trip excursion, 50 cents; book tickets, twenty round trips, 40 cents each.

Modjeska and Macassa run two trips each, daily, to Oakville (21 miles). Burlington Beach (30 miles), and Hamilton (36 miles). Fare, one way, 75 cents; round trip, \$1.25; round trip, excursion, 50 cents; book tickets, ten round trips, 50 cents each.

The Toronto Ferry Co.'s Island Ferries run from 6.30 a.m., until 11.00 p.m., at intervals of ten to fifteen minutes. Fare each way, five cents, or 150 tickets for \$5.

The well-known trips of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company to Montreal, Quebec and the Saguenay; of the North Shore Navigation Company, and Great Northern Transit Company, through the beautiful scenery and the 30,000 islands of the Georgian Bay, etc., are among the most dese vedly popular of our summer excursion routes.

Baggage.—Tourists and passengers to Toronto by boat or rail will consult their convenience by availing themselves of the services of the Verral Transfer Company's officers, who board all incoming trains and meet all steamers, and will take charge of baggage checks, thus relieving passengers of any further trouble in looking after the forwarding of their effects.

#### CLOSE SEASONS FOR FISH AND GAME.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

FISHING—Salmon trout and white fish, Nov. 1 to Nov. 30th, bo h days inclusive; fresh water herring, Oct. 15 to Nov. 30th; speckled trout, Sep. 15th to May 1st; brook river trout, Sep. 15th to Jan. 1st; bass, May 10th to June 30th; pickerel, April 15th to May 15th; maskalonge, April 15th to June 15th. Special Provisions—Bass may be taken by hook and line only; not more than twelve may be caught in one day by any tourist. All bass under ten inches long must be returned to the water. Speckled Trout—Hook and line only allowed to be used; 50 only may be caught in any one day; 15 lbs. weight may be taken in any one day; trout 5 inches in length or under must be returned to the water.

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NOTE—Sportsmen from foreign countries are not charged any license for fishing in Canadian waters when Canadian Boats and Guides are employed.

HUNTING—No quail shall be taken or killed between Dec. 15th and Oct. 15th following. Grouse, pheasants, patridges, between Dec. 15th and Sep. 15th; swans or geese, May 1st to Sep. 15th; woodcock, snipe, plover dock. Dec. 15th to Sep. 15th; beaver may not be killed until Nov. 1st. 1897; muskrat, May 1st to Nov. 1st. but muskrat may not be shot during month of April; otter may not be killed until Nov. 1st, 1897. Special Provisions—Non-residents are obliged, before shooting any bird or animal in Ontario, to take out a license at a cost of \$25; obtainable from the Chief Game Warden. No person can take more than 400 ducks in any one season. Snip, woodcock and partridge may not be sold, bartered or exchanged in Ontario, no matter where taken or procured, until Oct. 15th, 1897. Moose, elk and caribou may not be killed until Oct. 20th, 1895. Deer, close season, Nov. 15th to Oct. 20th of year following. following.

SPORTSMEN—For sportsmen in parties of five or more travelling together on the going journey on hunting or fishing expeditions, return tickets, good for one month, will be issued at single first class fare aad a third, and two bundred (200) pounds soing journey on nunting or asing expectations, return tickets, good for the hiotical will be issued at single first class fare and a third, and two hundred (200) pounds baggage, consisting of wearing apparel and sportsmen's outfit, such as tents, camp utensils, etc., including a fish or game catch of 50 lbs. in weight, will be carried free for each bona fide sportsman. One dog will be carried free in the baggage car, for each sportsman, but all dogs in excess of this allowance, will be charged for at regular rates. Guns in wooden, canvas or leather cases may be taken into passenger cars, but if not so protected they must be conveyed in the baggage car, at the owner's risk. Canoes, skiffs and other boats will not be taken into baggage car, but must be forwarded by freight train or by Express. The foregoing fares and arrangements apply only to Cobourg, Penetang, Orillia, and all points north of Orilla to North Bay; to all stations on the Midland Division north of but not including Agincourt, Myrtle, Millbrook and Belleville inclusive.

TROLLING—Trolling for salmon trout begins about the 21st of May and lasts about two weeks. The Indians think the best time in spring is while the blossoms are on the wild plum trees. In the fall it begins about the middle of October and lasts about the same time. Bass, pickerel and maskalonge will take the spoon freely during the period allowed by the Game Laws.

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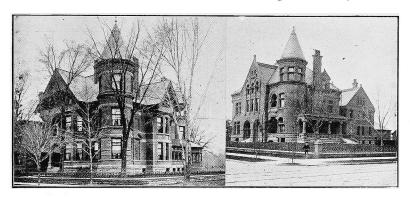


Toronto Looking South from Queen's Park.

# Canadian Summer Resorts.

#### TORONTO.

THILE there are many cities possessing special interest to tourists from their greater antiquity, and which can boast of older historical associations, yet are there few, if any, cities in the world combining such attractions as these, with the advantages of a busy metropolis, and possessing at the same time a grand climate, beauti-



Private Residences in Toronto.

ful scenery, and unequalled facilities for all kinds of outdoor sports to such a degree as Toronto, the "Queen City" of Canada.

It is not our purpose, nor is it within the scope of this work, to deal with Toronto's history, but rather to give some idea of her importance as a great industrial and educational centre, and specially to justify her claim as being pre-eminently a tourist and health resort.

From its position on the north shore of Lake Ontario, with a beautiful natural harbor, almost land-locked, and with the centralization of an eyer-increasing network of railways, Toronto possesses unequalled shipping facilities, while that its citizens fully appreciate the opportunities for yachting and boating afforded by lake, bay and neighboring

rivers and streams, is abundantly evidenced by the hundreds of small craft of every description to be seen on the water at all times in the summer season.

#### CLIMATE.

The proximity of such a large body of fresh water as that of Lake Ontario, undoubtedly assists largely in equalizing the temperature. The climatic conditions of Toronto, such as humidity, temperature and number of clear, sunny days compare favorably in summer with those of the most noted resorts in the world.

The average temperature in summer is between ten and twenty degrees hotter than that of the resorts of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina in winter, and between ten and twenty degrees cooler than the temperature of these states in summer, while the elevation above the sea is about the same, and there is little difference in humidity.

Places.	Temp.	Places.	Temp.	
Toronto	66.25	Humboldt Bay	57 <b>.</b> 50	
San Francisco	60.00	Denver	67.16	
Sacramento	69.50	New Orleans	81.06	
Monterey	59.00	New York	71.33	
Santa Barbara	69.58	Chicago	67.23	
San Diego	71.00	Jacksonville, Fla	81.60	
Fort Yuma	90.00	Columbia, S.C	80.00	

MEAN SUMMER TEMPERATURE.

The average temperature of Toronto for the past ten years for the day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., was for the month of June,  $67.39^{\circ}$ ; for July,  $71.74^{\circ}$ ; and for August,  $69.20^{\circ}$ 

#### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

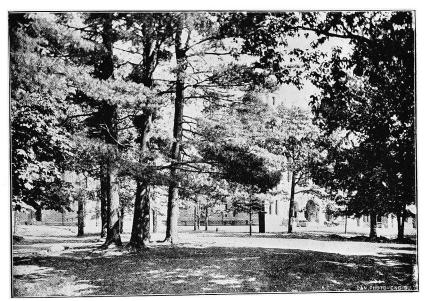
CLUSTERED around Queen's Park, and in sight of the Provincial Parliament, are a number of handsome and well equipped educational buildings which justify Toronto's claim of being one of the great educational centres of the continent.

University College, is of course the central figure, both as to location, importance, and beauty of architecture. Fronted by a spacious lawn, and surrounded by beautiful ravines and trees and shrubbery, this massive and handsome grey stone building of Norman architecture looks like some immense baronial castle of by-gone days.

To the south of the University College is the new library building, the College Y.M.C.A., the Biological building, which has no superior of its kind on the continent, and the School of Science.

Immediately south of the School of Science is old Wycliffe College, and to the west of this a small and peculiarly shaped building which is the Meteorological Observatory of the Dominion of Canada.

Behind University College is the new Wycliffe College, and north of this, and separated from it by forest trees and the erstwhile lawn of the Toronto Cricket Club, is McMaster Hall, of red brick with brown stone facings, and fronting on Bloor Street West. This is the main seat of



In Queen's Park.

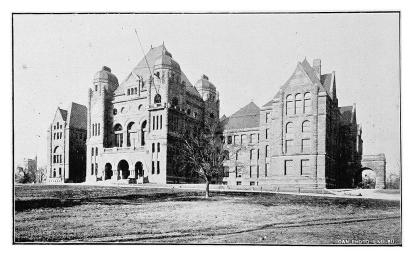
ecclesiastical learning of the Baptists. Near the Northern entrance of Queen's Park is Victoria College, a handsome brown stone building which, under the popular name of "Old Vic," is the pride of Methodism throughout the Province. To the east of this is St. Michael's College, and near by the Wellesley School, one of the largest and most efficient public schools of a city justly noted for the excellence of its public school system. All these important educational buildings are within a small radius, and can be visited with little trouble.

Among the other large and important educational institutions is Trinity University, Queen Street West, which is conducted under Augli-

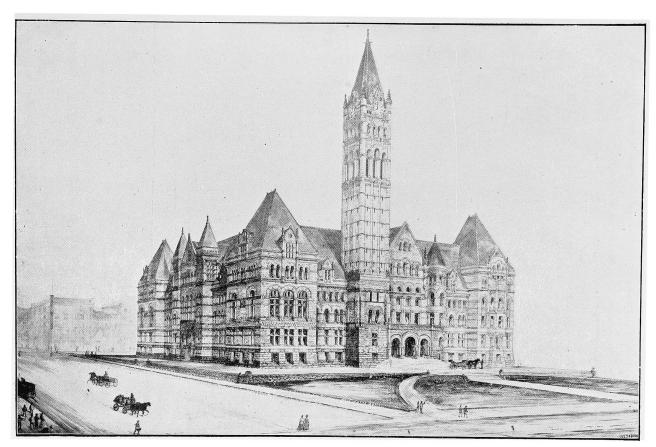


Toronto University and Main Branches.

can auspices; Knox College, under Presbyterian auspices, in the centre of Spadina Avenue, just above College Street; and the new Upper Canada College, at the head of Avenue Road, near the northern limit of the city.



Parliament Buildimgs



New City Hall and Court House.

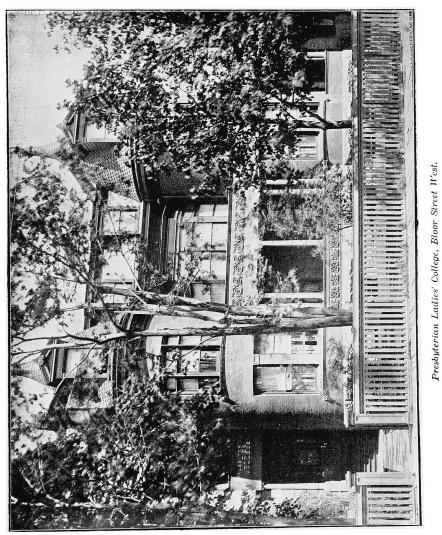
There are over fifty public schools in Toronto not including a large number of separate schools. There are also three collegiate institutes and a large number of kindergarten schools. The public school system of Toronto has admittedly no superior anywhere. Notwithstanding the excellence and efficiency of the primary and secondary schools, a description of the Toronto system of education would not be complete without reckoning on the useful work done by the *Ladies' Colleges*. With the increasing wealth of the country there is a growing demand for schools of a private character providing facilities for the higher education of young women. The Presbyterian Ladies' College, open to students of all



Main Drive, High Park.

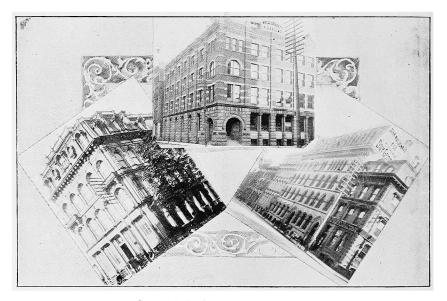
denominations, was founded in 1889 by Dr. T. M. Macintyre, who has had a wide experience in every grade of our educational system. It is beautifully located on Bloor Street West, facing the Queen's Park, and thus in the educational centre of the city. Whilst enjoying the advantages of the open country and invigorating pure air, the electric street railway belt line places it within easy reach of the business centres and railway stations. The building itself gives an impression of a private residence, yet the internal arrangements provide for extensive educational work. Pupils are in attendance from every part of the Dominion from Quebec to Victoria, and from many of the states of the Union,

North and South. The courses of study in Literature and Science are broad and liberal, ranging from elementary classes to University Matri-



culation and First Year work. Its proximity to the University has enabled the management to secure masters, specialists in every department, and this feature has contributed largely to the high reputation

gained, and the thoroughness of the work of education. In conjunction with the literary studies students may prosecute extensive courses in Music, Elocution and the Fine Arts. The Musical Department is in connection with the Toronto Conservatory of Music, sharing all the advantages of a large and efficient staff of teachers and with systematic courses prescribed, enabling students to proceed to the full course of graduation, or to obtain certificates for the work of any year. The Art department is under the charge of one of Toronto's leading artists, T. Mower-Martin, R.C.A.



Group of Leading Dry Goods Houses.

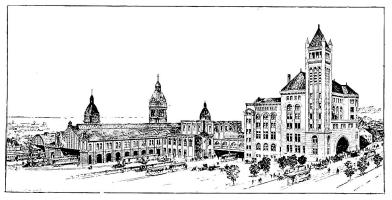
Moulton Ladies' College on Bloor Street East is an excellent school for girls, under Baptist auspices. The Bishop Strachan College on College Street, near Yonge, is another ladies' college of high standing. St. Hilda's, on Shaw Street, is the women's department of Trinity University, and ladies attending this school can receive the degree of bachelor of arts. There are also many other ladies' schools and academies in the city.

The Normal and Model schools occupy a large square bounded by Gerrard, Victoria, Gould and Church Streets.

## INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURES.

TORONTO has in the last few years attained great prominence not only as a manufacturing centre, but as a great mart for the distribution of produce, staples, etc., for that phase of commerce which has helped to make Loudon the commercial metropolis of the world.

Many manufacturers throughout the Province have found it to their interest to have their main establishments in the Provincial Capital. Many proprietors of the large industries in the United States have found it necessary in order to successfully compete for the Canadian trade, to have branch establishments in this country where they can manufacture their goods, and have located in Toronto. The selection of



New Union Station.

the Queen City as their location is but natural, for Toronto possesses exceptional inducements and advantages to manufacturers. It is not only the chief city of importance in the Province and the second in size in the Dominion, but it is also a great railroad and shipping centre and the chief entrepot for the commerce of half a continent.

On account therefore of its geographical position and its many natural and acquired advantages Toronto must necessarily in the future become a great industrial and manufacturing centre.

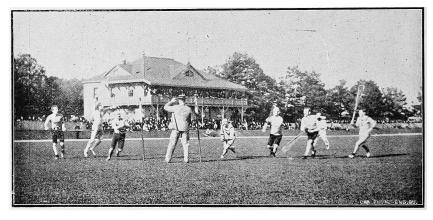
To enumerate the present list of Toronto's industries and manufacturies would not be within the scope of this work, but a brief history of the business career of one of the leading wholesale dry goods establishments of this city will give some idea of the forces that have been at work in the making of Toronto the great metropolis which she is to-day. We refer to the firm of John Macdonald & Co., which is the oldest dry goods

firm in the city, and one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the Dominion of Canada.

On September 27, 1849, the late Hon. John Macdonald opened business at 103 Yonge Street in the retail general dry goods, with a stock of about \$2,000. His business turnover for the first nine months was \$12,000, and thus he progressed onward and upward.

In 1853 Mr. Macdonald moved into larger premises on Wellington Street, almost opposite the present magnificent warehouses of the firm and commenced doing a wholesale business entirely, and so the firm of John Macdonald & Co. has increased in stature from strength to strength until to-day it stands one of the oldest firms and doing the largest business in Canada.

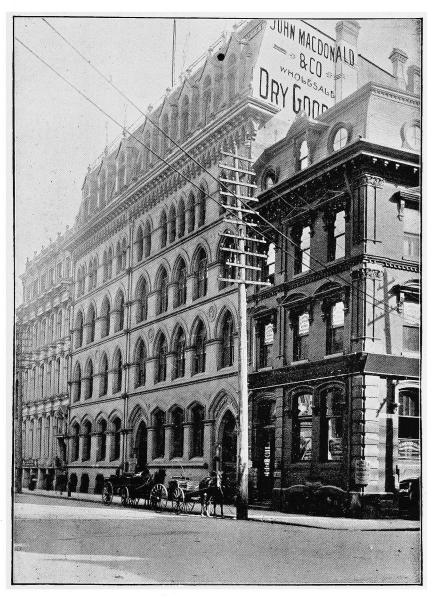
The present warehouses cover a considerable amount of space, extending right through the block from Wellington Street to Front



Canada's National Game-Lacrosse at Rosedale Grounds.

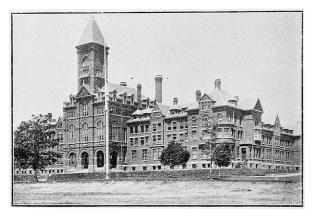
Street, with a frontage on both streets of over 100 feet, and about 110 feet high from base to roof. The warehouses are separated by fire proof walls, extending from base to roof, having entrances on each flat which are closed every night by iron doors, thus making two distinct buildings. The building has five flats, or floors, and basement. The basement is used as entering, packing and shipping rooms.

The first flat is occupied by the linen and staple department and general offices; the second flat by the woollen and tailor trimmings department and Mr. Macdonald's private office. The third flat contains the silk, dress goods, hosiery and glove department. The fourth flat the gents' furnishings and haberdashery department. The fifth floor is the carpet and house furnishing department.



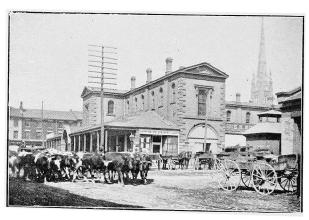
John Macdonald & Co.'s Warehouse, Wellington Street East, through to Front Street East.

The members of the present firm are Messrs. John Macdonald, Paul Campbell, and James Fraser Macdonald. Mr. John Macdonald, eldest son of the late Hon. Senator John Macdonald, though only a young man,



Upper Canada College.

is in the front rank of Canadian commercial men, his integrity, diligence and careful attention to duty having obtained for him a reputation for trustworthiness which is so essential for business success.



St. Lawrence Market.

His being head of one of Canada's greatest wholesale houses does not prevent him devoting some of his talents and time to society and religion. He takes great interest in Church work, and is an active member of

the Yonge Street Methodist Church, being chairman of its Finance Committee, trustee and member of its official board. He is vice-president of the North Toronto branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society. He is a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Council of the Board of Trade, a trustee of Upper Canada College, a director of York Township and North Toronto Agricultural Society. He is a member of the Y.M.C.A., the Prohibition Club, the National Club, the County and Hunt Club, the Ontario Jockey Club, and one of the founders of the Toronto Humane Society.



View in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Mr. Paul Campbell, when a boy, entered the employ of the firm, of which he is now a member, gradually rising as opportunity presented itself, when, in 1887, he was admitted as a partner.

Mr. James Fraser Macdonald, second son of the late Hon. Senator John Macdonald, entered the firm, of which he is now a member, in 1885.

It is men like Messrs. John Macdonald, Paul Campbell, and James Fraser Macdonald who have done so much to give Toronto its great commercial standing among the large cities of the North-American continent.

## HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

TORONTO has numerous hospitals, dispensaries, asylums and charitable institutions.

The buildings of the Toronto General Hospital are situated on Gerrard Street East, between Sackville and Sumach Streets, and are surrounded by four acres of ornamental and well-kept grounds. The resident medical staff consists of a medical superintendent and eight house surgeons. There is besides a large and excellent clinical and teaching staff consisting of some of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city.

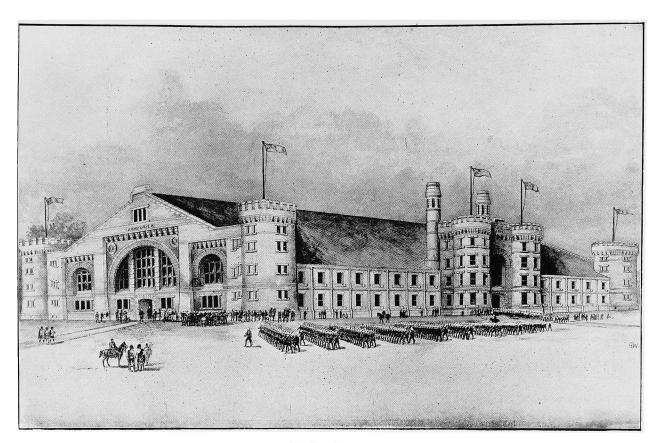


 $General\ Hospital.$ 

The Victoria Hospital for sick children, situated on the south side of College Street, has few, if any, superiors. It is an architectural ornament and is exceptionally well equipped in the most approved modern manner and is well worthy of a visit.

The Lakeside Home for little children is the summer home for the inmates of the sick children's hospital. It is situated on the southwesterly point of Toronto Island, and is a monument to the liberality and philanthropy of Mr. J. Ross Robertson.

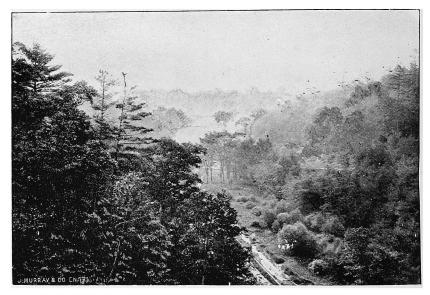
Among the other hospitals are Grace Homoeopathic Hospital, St. John's Hospital for Women, Hillcrest Convalescent Home, Isolation Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, and Toronto Home for Incurables.



The New Armory.

There are several private sanitariums in the city which prove very attractive, not only to Canadians, but also to their cousins across the border.

Among these we would mention Rotherham House, on Isabella St., a private hospital or sanatorium, for diseases of the nervous system, (both sexes), surgical and other diseases of women, Rheumatism, Incipient Phthisis, etc., etc., one of the most complete institutions of the kind in America. A special feature is the fact that the Hospital comprises three houses, two being semi-detached with a brick dividing-wall, and the third detached and connected by bridges, thus securing to patients



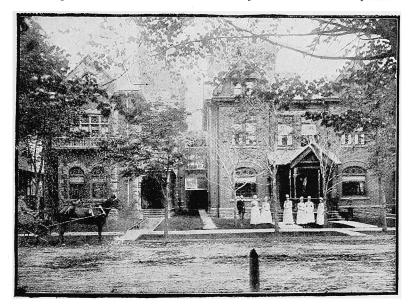
South View, Rosedale.

more perfect quiet when desired, or complete isolation if necessary, the whole contributing to a more perfect homelike life, and avoiding the daily or nightly disturbances absolutely unavoidable where a single large building is concerned. The flat roof over the semi-detached building has been converted into a hurricane or promenade deck, shaded from the sun by a roof, and as the Hospital is situated on a height of land, a cool breeze from the lake can always be enjoyed.

We feel specially warranted in recommending Rotherham House to invalids, from the fact that it is under the constant personal supervision of Dr. Holford Walker, a Specialist in diseases of the nervous system, surgical and other diseases of women. The Doctor having been in

Philadelphia in order to study Dr. Weir Mitchell's methods of rest treatment, and having been assistant for some months to Mr. Lawson Tait, a surgeon of world wide repute, besides attending Apostolle's clinic in Paris in order to further study his methods of applying electricity for the cure of various diseases of women, has thus qualified himself for the special work of treating diseases of women, either by surgical or electrical means, as the requirements of the individual case indicated, or as the physician of the patient might desire.

Rotherham House was established in 1887, being the first in Ontario, and its growth and advance have been steady and marked. The system



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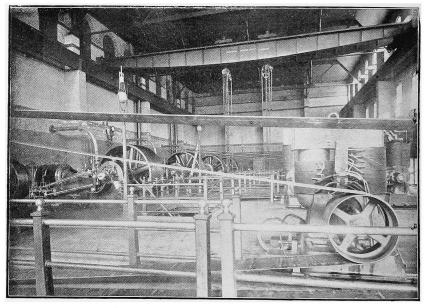
known as the Weir Mitchell treatment for diseases of the nervous system has been in vogue from the beginning, and the many marked results obtained thereby have contributed not a little to the success of the Institution.

The staff is composed of young ladies of education and refinement, thoroughly trained in the theory and practical application of massage, and the application of electricity in its various forms. There is also a thoroughly trained masseur for the administration of massage to men. Altogether Rotherham House is a credit not only to Toronto, but to the Province at large.

### STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM.

THE street car system in Toronto is one of the finest on the North-American Continent, from a standpoint of speed, utility and comfort. The large, easy riding and elegantly finished cars make travelling in and about the City a pleasure.

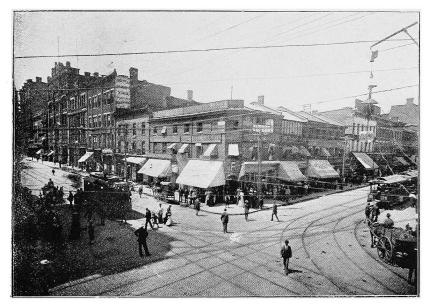
Since the introduction of electricity three years ago, an evening trip over any of the main lines of the railway has steadily grown to be a popular source of amusement and pleasure. One of the most popular routes is the Belt Line, which makes a circuit of about six miles, passing through some of the finest business and residential streets in the City.



Interior of Power House, Toronto Railway.

Many notable public buildings may be seen along this line, among them being St. James' Cathedral, Town Hall, Bank of Commerce, Horticultural Pavilion and Gardens, McMaster's Hall, Moulton College, Knox College, besides hundreds of magnificent residences, surrounded by large lawns and trees, of which the owners may well feel proud. The King Street line connects High Park in the extreme west with Victoria Park in the extreme east, the round trip being a little over seventeen miles. This line parallels the water front its entire length and passes through the "Flowery Suburb" of Toronto. A trip on this line is

gradually growing in popularity with the citizens who desire a pleasant outing. The Scarboro' route has lately been added to the King Street line, extending the service from the Woodbine, near the eastern terminus, to the famous and beautiful Scarboro' Heights, and direct to the entrance gate of Victoria Park, Toronto's popular east end resort. Kew Beach, another favorite spot for summer visitors, is rendered easily accessible by this line, and many of Toronto's fashionable summer residences are located at this beautiful lakeside resort. The Dundas Street motors make a direct connection with the cars in Toronto Junction, quite a large manufacturing town to the north-west, while the Parliament and Broadview

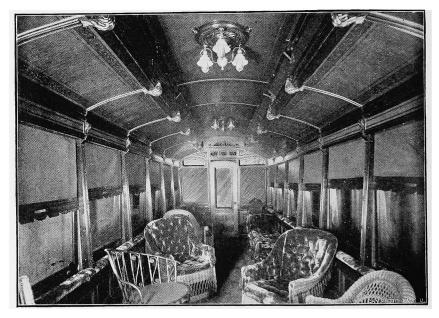


Junction of Railway Tracks, Cor. King and Yonge Streets.

motors give a good service to the north-east. Carlton and College motors make a cross-town route and run directly into High Park. This line is very popular with picnic parties as it makes a direct route to the Park from the residential sections of the City. College and Yonge motors connect at Lansdowne Avenue with Dundas Street cars for Toronto Junction. The rates of fare, with free transfers to or from any part of City, are:

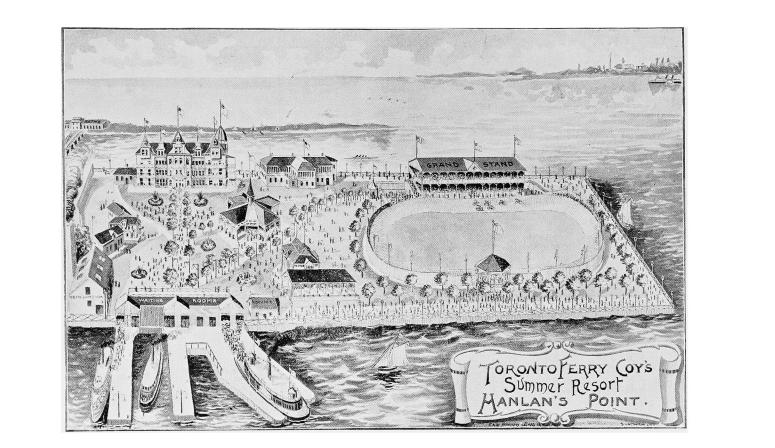
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During the year 1894, over 23 millions of people were carried with a car mileage of about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  millions of miles. There are at present about 80 miles of track, and 150 motor cars, which have trail cars during the summer season. Some idea of the extent of the street railway system of Toronto may be had from these figures, but a glimpse into the construction shop where all the cars are constructed, and into the great power station situate at the corner of Frederick and Front Streets will at once give an idea of this gigantic concern. Connection is made at the west end of the King and Queen Street line with the Mimico



Interior of Private Car, Toronto Railway.

and Lake Shore Electric Railway, which follows the shore westward for a distance of six miles. From the double decker cars on this line an excellent view of the harbor, island and city may be had, and upon bright clear days the banks of the historic Niagara River can be distinctly seen across the lake. As soon as the passenger crosses the River Humber westward, leaving the City behind, he glides along the scenic route, over hills and creeks, through orchards and market gardens, while Lake Ontario is spread out before him to the left like a boundless ocean. A trip over the Mimico and Lake Shore Electric Railway should not be missed by any.



## HANLAN'S POINT SUMMER RESORT.

(TORONTO ISLAND)

The citizens of Toronto are specially favored—to a far greater degree, in fact, than is really appreciated or even realized—by the proximity of Toronto Island, as

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The Island is about two miles south of the city, and forms a natural breakwater, providing a safe harbor for boating and yachting, hardly to be surpassed or
equalled. The central portion has been vastly improved by the city Council, but it
remained for the enterprise and foresight of the Toronto Ferry Company to undertake a work far greater than anything yet attempted. It would require a whole
chapter to adequately describe this resort as it now is, but we will endeavor to give
a brief description of the chief features as they present themselves to the visitor.

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At the date on which the formula kerry company commenced operations—the beginning of July, 1894—Hanlan's Point consisted of about one-and-a-half acres of land, covered mostly by planks; from that time—when the sand pumps began filling in the adjoining water lots, lately acquired by the Company—to the present, the work has been pushed forward with such rapidity that now, in the early part of May, 1895, there are ten acres of beautiful park, sodded and planted with trees, with

1895, there are ten acres of beautiful park, sodded and planted with trees, with flower beds laid out, and gravel walks lined with shade trees intersecting the grounds.

The hotel is situated on the lake front, but facing the park, having been moved back 100 yards from its original position; it is handsomely furnished in modern style and is lighted throughout with incandescent electric lamps. From the three spacious verandahs or balconies encircling three sides of the hotel, a splendid view is obtained of the lake, island, and city across the bay. Terraced lawns and flower beds form a beautiful setting to this handsome hotel, which has been greatly enlarged and improved, and which now contains sixty bedrooms. The rates are \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day and \$10.00 to \$18.00 per week. There are six first class bowling alleys, and a large billiard room containing six tables, the equipments being of the best quality and manufactured by the well known firm of Reid Bros. & Co. of Toronto. There is also a capacious refreshment pavilion for picnic parties and excursionists, for whom hot water is provided free of charge.

The merry-go-round for children was built by the New York Carousal Coy of Brooklyn, and is by far the largest and handsomest ever imported into this country. There are also numbers of the universally popular swings which are looked for in

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every complete resort.

A handsome grand stand, built after the model of the Exhibition grand stand, and capable of accommodating nearly 3000 people, overlooks the lacrosse and baseball grounds and bicycle track, which are situated in the northern part of the grounds and bicycle track, which are situated in the northern part of the park. These grounds are nearly as large as the Rosedale lacrosse grounds and will be the scene of many attractive events, such as balloon ascensions, fireworks, etc. Every week special events will be held there, including lacrosse and baseball matches and bicycle races, while the Tecumsch Lacrosse Club and the Crescent Baseball Club will play all their principal matches on this oval. The quarter mile bicycle track, surrounding the oval, which is built of plank, is operfectly and smoothly laid that it is claimed by bicycle experts to be the fastest track in existence.

Between the grand stand and the hotel is the Toronto Rowing Club's handsome Club House, overlooking the lagoon, with a three-quarter mile lagoon course or a one and a half mile Bay course at their choice, thus ensuring at all times a good

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Free band concerts will be given by city military bands every evening and Saturday afternoons. Boats and canoes can be hired at reasonable rates.

The Toronto Ferry Company has erected a splendid electric plant with two Wheelock engines of 125 horse power each, built by Goldie & McCulloch, Galt, and two boilers built by the same firm. There are also three arc dynamos and one incandescent dynamo built by the Canadian General Electric Oo. This extensive plant will furnish sufficient light to render the park almost as brilliant at night as if it were mid-day, and colored clubes will be placed or the large trivians very content.

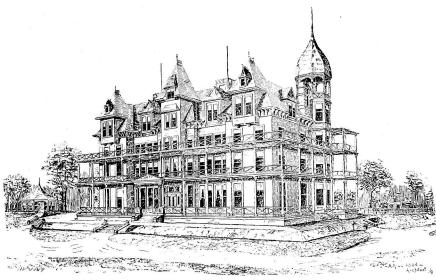
plant will furnish sufficient light to render the park almost as brilliant at night as if it were mid-day, and colored globes will be placed on the lamps, giving a variegated and brilliant effect at night.

Abundant fire protection is afforded by a large fire protection pump capable of a pressure of 100 pounds on the pipes, which have been laid throughout the grounds for this purpose and for the water fountains, etc.

The Company operates a large fleet of steamers, among them being some of the finest ferry boats in America, with a combined carrying capacity of 3,364 persons. Owing to their perfect system of handling large crowds the Toronto Ferry Company have not had a single accident during their five years of existence.

The boats start from the wharf at the foot of Yonge street, on the east side, and from Brock street, every few minutes, during the season, between the hours of 7.00 a. m. and 10.30 p.m. Fare for the round trip is ten cents for adults and five cents for children, with special rates for excursion parties.

Only passengers by the Toronto Ferry Company's steamers are admitted free to Hanlan's Point Resort.



"Hotel Hanlan," Hanlan's Point.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN HOTELS.

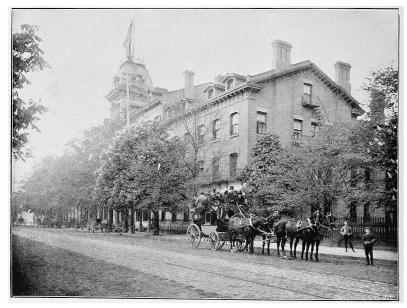
Toronto is variously known as a "City of Churches," a "City of Conventions," and, more characteristic still, a "City of Homes," and while we would not institute invidious comparison with other large centres by calling Toronto a "City of Hotels" yet, as bearing out the general impression of home life, and as an additional evidence of that all pervading home-like atmosphere of this beautiful city, Toronto hotels occupy a unique and enviable position amongst those of the chief cities of the continent. While elegance of appointments is not sacrificed, at the same time a spirit of rest and comfort prevails, which is very grateful, and almost indispensable to those travelling for health as well as pleasure, and this feature of hotel-life in Toronto (a feature which is the great charm of first-class English hotels), has often been remarked upon.

#### THE QUEEN'S HOTEL.

Specially noted in this respect is the Queen's Hotel, one of the largest in Canada, and the headquarters of members of the Royal Family, Governor-Generals, Prime Ministers, and distinguished English and American visitors and tourists on the occasion of their visits to the city. This hotel has been patronized by the Prince of Wales, Prince Leopold, Princess Louise, the Marquis of Lorne, and many other members of the nobility, who have graced this country with their presence. The "Queen's" is but a few minutes walk from the Union Station, and

in the heart of the business section of the city, yet so happily situated as to command a full view of the bay and lake. On either side are beautiful, well-kept grounds, with fountain playing, and stately trees casting a grateful shade on all sides of the house, combining, with the refreshing lake breezes, to render this house remarkable for its coolness in the hottest weather.

All the latest and most approved appliances have been availed of in the ventilating, heating, lighting, etc. The building is but three storeys in height and covers a large area, with numerous means of exit, thus the fire protection is absolute; on each floor are rooms, en suite, with



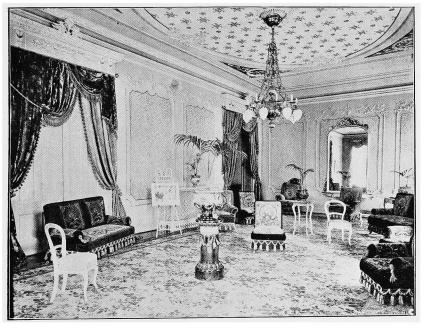
The Queen's.

bathrooms and dressing-rooms; the *cuisine* is a combination of the excellence of the best English and French chefs. The proprietors, Messrs. McGaw and Winnett, owing to their long and varied experience in this business, are well qualified to fill their positions as hosts to the many distinguished travellers who "put up" at this popular house. The rates are \$3 to \$5 per day, and there is accommodation for about 400 guests.

The Queen's Royal Hotel, at Niagara, across the lake, a branch of the above named hotel, is carried on during the summer months by Mr. Winnett, and is the fashionable resort of many Canadian and American families and travellers from a distance.

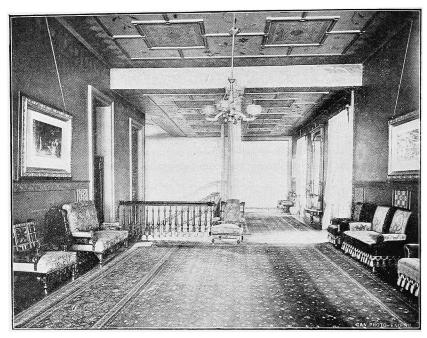
#### THE ROSSIN HOUSE.

In point of size, the Rossin House is the principal hotel in Ontario, It occupies a commanding position at the corner of King and York Streets, about five minutes' walk from the Union Station, and close to all the theatres and the fashionable retail stores. This hotel contains handsomely appointed and furnished parlors, dining-room, and bedrooms, detached and *en suite*, electric bells are in all rooms, hot and cold baths on each floor; the rooms and corridors are lofty, and the entrances

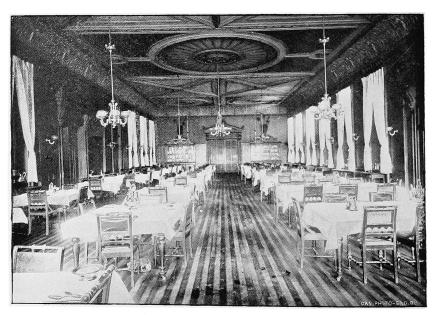


Parlor, Rossin House.

and offices very imposing. The Rossin House has been patronized by many distinguished English and Foreign visitors, among them the Prince of Wales, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Bonaparte and others. The increased demand for accommodation rendered necessary the addition lately of 75 rooms, elegantly furnished, en suite, with baths, etc. The Rossin, which will accommodate over 400 guests, is presided over by Mr. Alex. Nelson, who, with his efficient staff, spares no efforts to ensure the comfort of his guests. It shares the honors as being one of Toronto's first-class hotels. Rates, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day.



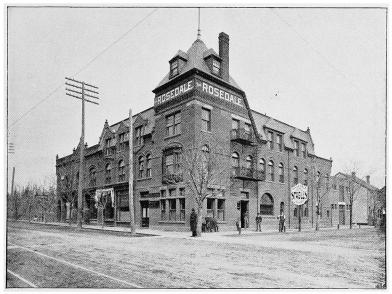
The Corridor, Rossin House.



The Dining Room, Rossin House.

#### ROSEDALE HOTEL.

This hotel is in one of the healthiest parts of Toronto, built on the rise of the hill near Deer Park, one of the city's most charming suburbs. There is always a breeze here in the summer, either from the lake or the adjacent ridge of pine-clad hills. The building is a fine new red brick structure, at the corner of Shaftesbury Avenue and Yonge Street, and is within one minute's walk of the northern terminus of the city street cars, and on the line of the Metropolitan cars, running north some miles into the country. The Rosedale Hotel is near the Rosedale lacrosse grounds; and Reservoir Park, with its beautiful flower beds and



Rosedale Hotel.

shade trees, adjoins the hotel. This park is one of the prettiest in Toronto, and is a model of landscape gardening. The rooms of the Rosedale are well furnished, the table good, and the appointments show the care bestowed on his house by the proprietor, Mr. John Elliott. There is accommodation for fifty guests, and the rates are \$1.00 and \$1.50 per day. This hotel boasts of one of the finest stables in the country. The buildings are of brick, and connected with the house by covered passages and outbuildings. There are loose boxes, big driving shed and stalls, with asphalt floors, capable in all of accommodating 100 horses;

### THE PALMER AND KENSINGTON.

These two hotels are very popular with the travelling public; as regards location they have the same advantages as those previously mentioned, being situated respectively on the north-west and south-west corners of King and York, and are under the supervision of Mr. J. C. Palmer. The Kensington being on the European plan, and the Palmer on the American plan, all tastes are suited. They have a combined accommodation for 350 guests.



The Palmer and Kensington Hotels.

#### THE ARLINGTON.

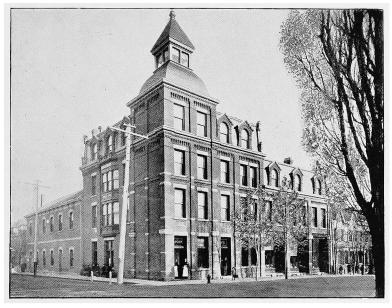
This fine building is probably one of the pleasantest summer hotels in Toronto, being specially adapted to the requirements of tourists. It is a red brick building, five storeys high, nearly new and very attractive in appearance both as to the exterior and interior arrangements. The handsome piazza and balcony on the front of the building and overlooking the beautiful garden and flower beds are pleasing features and have a seating capacity for about 400 people. The main entrance, at the southeast corner of the building, is very striking in appearance, and leads to the general hall and office. The finishing of the interior in polished maple, black ash, and oak, gives an elegant appearance to the whole. The diningroom is very handsome and spacious and is in considerable demand for regimental dinners and other swell social functions.

The Arlington is on the corner of King and John Streets, and is within three blocks of the Union Station. Electric cars pass the doors every five minutes to all parts of the city. This hotel boasts of patron-

age from cabinet ministers, judges, etc., and the autographs of titled personages are to be found on its register. The rates are reasonable, being from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a day, with special terms for families by the week. There is accommodation for 200 guests. Mr. W. G. Havill is the enterprising manager of this house.

### LAKE VIEW HOTEL.

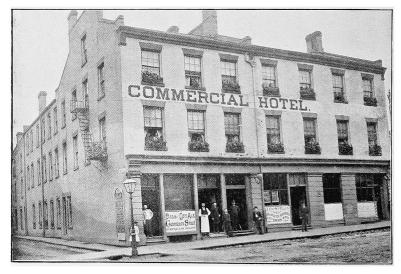
For thirty years and more the corner of Winchester and Parliament has been occupied by an hotel, the present structure having been built



Lake View Hotel.

about eight years. This hotel is four storeys in height, of red brick, and is essentially a family hotel. It is exceedingly comfortable, with lofty rooms, well ventilated, and well lighted. There are 75 bedrooms, some en suite, and all well furnished. There is a bathroom on each floor. The building is well heated by steam. The office and reading and smoking rooms are all on the ground floor; the latter deserve special mention on account of the air of comfort imparted to them by the old-fashioned English style of upholstery and furniture; spacious leather lounges and easy chairs inviting the visitor to sink into their capacious depths and be

at rest. The Lake View Hotel is well named, not from its proximity to the lake, but because of the splendid view of lake, island, bay and surrounding country, which is obtained from the tower and observatory, at the extreme top corner of the building. There is a pretty garden at the back of the hotel; and the streets in the neighborhood are lined with well kept boulevards and shade trees. Street cars connecting with all parts of the city pass the door every few minutes. There are well furnished ladies' and general parlors, and a dining room which will seat 100 people. The rates are moderate, \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day, or \$8.00 to \$10.00 a week for families, etc. The proprietress is Mrs. M. A. Ayre, while Mr. J. H. Ayre, the popular young manager, attends personally to the wants of the guests.



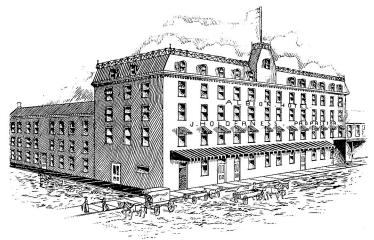
Commercial Hotel.

### COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

This comfortable house at 54-56 Jarvis Street, near the St. Lawrence Market, has been styled the "hotel of home comforts." It contains all modern improvements, and is near the business centre of the city. Its enterprising new proprietors, Messrs. Meagher & Peacock, are prepared to sustain its old time popularity. It is a good \$1.00 a day house, and the bill of fare is excellent. The Commercial has been recently refitted and re-furnished; there is good stabling in connection with the hotel. Special rates are made for weekly guests.

# THE ALBION HOTEL.

This is Toronto's leading \$1.00 house for tourists and commercial men. While not so centrally situated as those already mentioned, it is close to many of the principal residential streets of the city, and is opposite the St. Lawrence Market, being at No.'s 37 to 41 Jarvis Street, a few doors south of King Street East. The Albion contains 140 well ventilated, well heated, and well furnished rooms, lighted by electricity, and contains electric bells, billiard parlors, barber shop, and fine diningroom. The cuisine is first-class. Mr. John Holderness, the proprietor, is an old-time hotel man, and is well-known to the travelling public of Canada and the United States.



Albion Hotel.

# LIST OF LEADING TORONTO AND SUBURBAN HOTELS.

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Hotel and Name of Proprietor and Manager		Per Day.	Per Week.
Queen's McGaw and Winnett Rossin House Alex. Nelson Palmer House (American plan) J. C. Palmer Kensington (European plan) J. C. Palmer Arlington W. G. Havill Albion John Holderness Commercial Meagher & Peacock Lake View J. H. Ayre Rosedale John Elliott Hotel Hanlan, Hanlan's Point, Toronto Island, M. A. Thomas Long Branch, nine miles west of Toronto, E. Smily, mngr, or W. E. Cornell, Toronto	450 200 150 200 175  100 50	\$3.00 to \$5.00 2.50 to 4.00 2.00 0.50 to 1.50 2.00 to 3.00 1.00 1.00 1.50 to 2.00 1.00 to 1.50 2.00 to 3.00 1.50 to 2.00	Special. \$8 to \$10 Special. Special. \$5 to \$7 Special. \$8 to \$10 Special. \$10 to \$18

# LONG BRANCH HOTEL AND PARK.

In the neighborhood of Toronto there are many delightful summer resorts and hotels, easily reached by rail, street car, or steamboat; the prettiest and most convenient of access being Long Branch.

Long Branch is about nine miles west of Toronto, on the Lake Shore, and is reached by steamboat, street car, or by the Grand Trunk Railway. In the centre of the park, and facing the lake, stands the picturesque

hotel, with wide shady verandahs and balconies, and cool parlors and refreshment buffets.

The bedrooms, parlors and dining room are large, lofty and handsomely furnished, and the cuisine and appointments such as to induce many of Toronto's fashionable families to spend the whole summer season at the Branch. The rates are \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day; \$8 and \$12 per week.



Long Branch Hotel.

In the park are two large dancing pavilions, and a refreshment pavilion for picnic parties. Numbers of pretty cottages are owned and occupied by summer residents, and a few desirable ones are still to be secured by lease or purchase. Suitable lots can be obtained by those desiring to build cottages.

Full information will be supplied by Mr. E. Smily, manager, at Long Branch, or Mr. W. E. Cornell, proprietor, at 82 Church St., Toronto.

# European Hotel....

ENGLISH . . . CHOP HOUSE

EDWARD B. CLANCEY, Proprietor

. . . .

Finest Bar in Toronto. One Hundred Splendidly Furnished Rooms.

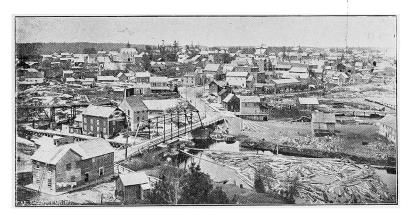
Steam Heated. Private Dining Room for Ladies and Gentlemen Up-stairs.

Most Complete Lunch Counter in Dominion.

30 King St. West, Toronto

# BRACEBRIDGE.

This thriving and prosperous town, of 2,000 inhabitants, 121 miles north of Toronto, on the Northern & North-Western Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, is picturesquely situated on the Muskoka River, at the junction of its three branches, the one to the west being the outlet to Lake Muskoka, the northern branch having its source in Fairy Lake about twenty-five miles to the north, while the south or east branch (as the river has a sharp bend to the east), flows from the Lake of Bays, north-east of Bracebridge. From its position this town is specially suitable for those delightful canoe trips which form such an attractive and healthful means of spending the summer months, that to Fairy Lake and Huntsville up the north branch being delightful.



Bracebridge.

En route the canoeist will encounter the Wilson Falls, half-a-mile from the town, while six miles further on are to be seen the beautiful High Falls—with a straight drop of eighty feet—the journey being varied by portages and a change of scenery at Port Sydney, a pretty resort where a beautiful lake takes the place of the equally beautiful river.

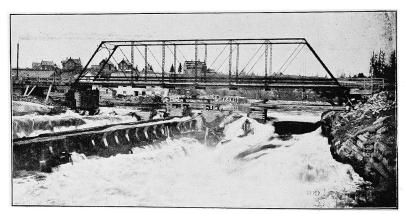
Taking the south branch with Baysville as the destination, again the water-fall confronts the traveller, this time the South, or Grand Falls, three miles from Bracebridge, and another portage; but what is a portage more or less to the sturdy canoeist, merely an incident and a change of exercise, and what is a canoe trip without portages, well—something very unusual, and will be, until the deep water-way canal system shall have extended its operations somewhat. These make two delightful canoe trips; or better still, a combination and extension of these two river

jaunts would be, up the north branch of the Muskoka River to Huntsville with a cruise on Lake Vernon, and then by way of Fairy Lake through the canal to Peninsula Lake, with a halt for refreshments at



Grand Falls-110 Feet-and Log Chute, Muskoka River.

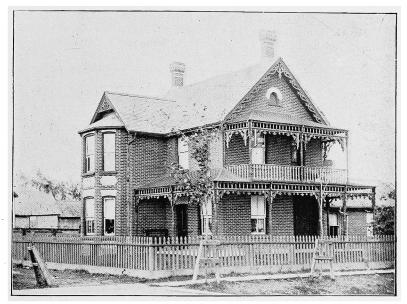
Lake View Hotel, then a mile portage on foot or by stage to Lake of Bays, and once more afloat, making for Baysville and the south branch of the river and back to Bracebridge. This trip of course can be reversed.



Bracebridge Falls, Muskoka River.

The Muskoka River abounds in water-falls, and excellent liveries take the visitor from the town to these and other places of beauty and interest, while even in the town itself is to be enjoyed the picturesque, for the North Falls can be reached by a few minutes walk from the hotel.

Writing of hotels, Bracebridge is well supplied with good comfortable houses. The "Queen's," near the station, has been recently enlarged, improved and renovated, with a special regard to the accommodation of tourists, it is also convenient to the steamboat wharf on Muskoka River; a good table is set, and to this fact is due the steadily growing popularity of the house. The hotel is heated with hot air, while all conveniences such as hot and cold water, baths, etc., add to the comfort of the guests.



Residence of E. B. Burt, Bracebridge.

Another very comfortable hotel is the "British Lion," kept with true British hospitality by Mr. W. Sibbett. Built on an eminence overlooking the Muskoka River, a splendid view is obtained of the course of the stream as it winds its way to the Lake, of the Falls, and the railway and passenger bridges and surrounding country, while the steamboat wharf of the Muskoka Navigation Company, from whence steamers leave for the Muskoka Lakes daily, is but ten minutes walk from this commodious hotel.

Bracebridge is fortunate in having merchants who are alive to the requirements of the times, and who realize the natural advantages they possess in the splendid water power at their very doors, which has been utilized in the running of tanneries, woollen and other mills, while the town operates its own system of water works and electric lighting (by water power), and enjoys excellent telephone communication. The town is well supplied as to retail stores, a few of which it is within the province of this work to mention, dealing as they do in all the chief requisites for the camper and tourist. It is a constant source of worry and anxiety when contemplating an extended trip as to what kind and quantity of ammunition, tackle, etc., will be required, also the carrying of a large stock of provisions, etc. The enterprising merchants of Bracebridge have simplified this department of the traveller's outfit, by supplying everything needful for cottager, camper and tourist.

Mr. G. R. Simmons on Main Street, for ten years a resident of this town, and with a life-long experience in all branches of the manufactur-



High Falls, Muskoka River.

ing and repairing of guns, rifles, etc., etc., keeps a complete stock of all descriptions of fire-arms, sporting goods, compasses, fishing tackle, hunting knives, ammunition, and in fact is prepared to fit out any hunting or fishing party with all things necessary. Having a thorough knowledge of the surrounding country, Mr. Simmons can also furnish full information as to the varied sport to be had, and is well worth cultivating by the enthusiastic hunter and angler.

More important than sport, however, is the all absorbing question of provisions, for, while fish and game are plentiful enough, it is not necessary to rely solely on the rod and rifle for food, and at Messrs. Hutchison Bros. establishment a full stock of provisions can be obtained for the longest journey; campers also and cottagers on the

lakes can be supplied daily with provisions, and tourists arriving on a certain day can, by wiring or writing to this firm, be furnished on the same day with everything necessary in this line.

Excursionists up or down the lakes have three hours in Bracebridge to do their shopping during June, July and August, between boat services. Another tourist supply store is that of Messrs. Burt & Co., on Main St., where special attention is paid to this important phase of the summer season, and where travellers may be sure of receiving every courtesy and assistance in supplying their wants. A very necessary adjunct to the culinary department of many a traveller and many a jovial camp, is the liquid refreshment department. Mr. Geo. W. Sibbett, recognizing this fact, has made a specialty of supplying excursionists and camping parties



Burt & Co.'s Supply Store.

with everything of the choicest in wines and other beverages, thus saving a great deal of unnecessary trouble to travellers from a distance.

A visit therefore to Bracebridge is advisable for residents on the Muskoka lakes in order to replenish their stock of provisions in any and every department.

A word or two before leaving Bracebridge as to sport in the immediate neighborhood. For the fishermen good pickerel fishing is to be found near the town, at the foot of the Falls in spring, while deer hunting in the vicinity, in Oakley, Ryde and Macaulay townships, in the fall, will alone repay a visit to this lively town.

# GRAVENHURST.

Is popularly known as the headquarters or junction for the Muskoka Lakes, 110 miles north of Toronto on the N. & N.W. Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, and at the foot of Lake Muskoka. A visit to this town with a few days spent in the popular Windsor Hotel, will repay the tourist, for while there, abundant fishing can be enjoyed under the personal care and guidance of the proprietor, Mr. D. B. La Franier, who owns a fine well wooded island of 185 acres in extent, eight miles up Muskoka Lake, which, with its pretty summer cottage and boats, is at the disposal of guests. Some of the neighboring islands are occupied by Col. Denison, Col. Moberley and Commander Law of Toronto and others, while the bass fishing in the vicinity is equal to any in Muskoka, a catch of 185 bass averaging two to three pounds each, being the result of one day's sport by a small party of fishermen.

Gravenhurst besides being extremely healthy, situated as it is on rising ground between Gull and Muskoka Lakes, is also headquarters for tourists' supplies for the Lakes. Messrs. Homer & Co. carry on a large business, supplying by special steamer everything necessary for campers and cottagers. The Muskoka Navigation Company's steamers start from Muskoka wharf, near the town, for the Lakes and Bracebridge. The census gives Gravenhurst 2,000 inhabitants.

#### MUSKOKA LAKES.

These beautiful lakes lie north from Toronto 112 miles, northwesterly from Hamilton 132 miles, the route being by the Grand Trunk Railway (Northern and North-Western Division) to Gravenhurst (Muskoka wharf), connecting there with the Muskoka Navigation Company's steamers for any point on the lakes. Through tickets are issued direct to destination, the steamers landing passengers at hotel, camp or cottage.

The principal lakes are three in number, Muskoka being the first and largest, Rosseau the second and next largest, and Joseph the third, being somewhat smaller than Lake Rosseau.

From Muskoka wharf to Port Carling, the junction of Lakes Muskoka and Rosseau, the distance is twenty-one miles, from the same starting point to Rosseau, at the head of the lake of this name it is thirty-three miles, while the farthest point on the three lakes, Port Cockburn at the head of Lake Joseph, is forty-five miles from the wharf at Gravenhurst; the width of the lakes varying from channels a few hundred yards across, to open stretches of water about six miles wide.

The lakes are fed by several rivers and streams, chief among them being the Muskoka River, entering Muskoka Lake about midway

between Gravenhurst and Beaumaris, on the eastern shore of the lake, and the route for the M.N. Company's steamers to Bracebridge. The Dee River connecting Three-Mile Lake with Lake Rosseau near Windermere, Skeleton River from Skeleton Lake to Lake Rosseau, and Rosseau River, with the pretty Rosseau Falls, all feed this, the second largest of the three lakes on its eastern boundary, while Shadow River, one of nature's gems, at the head of the lake, will alone repay the tourist for the entire journey up the lakes. With its deceptive shadows and reflections it is nature "holding the mirror to nature." Two other notable streams, dear to the heart of the sportsman and the intrepid canoeist are the Moon and Muskosh Rivers, the outlet of the lakes from Muskoka Lake at Bala, which flow into the Georgian Bay to the west.



On Shadow River, Lake Rosseau.

Perhaps the chief attraction to many of the thousands who annually visit Muskoka—that is the three lakes—is the life and gaiety, the meeting of friends from distant parts, and the renewing of acquaintanceships formed around some bonfire, or at some of the numerous pretty cottages, or in the more cosmopolitan hotel, in the past.

Hotel life in Muskoka has a charm of its own. As London—is London, and Paris—is Paris, so Muskoka—is Muskoka.

The hotels of Muskoka are in every respect first-class in situation and appointments. There are in all about two dozen, besides boarding houses, and a description of a few noted ones will serve to form some idea of the accommodation to be obtained in these wilds.

Perhaps no one is so well-known to the traveller and tourist both from Canada and the "Sunny South" as Edward Prowse, who conducts the Beaumaris Hotel at Beaumaris. This hotel, situated on a breezy eminence on Tondern Island commands a splendid view of the lake (Muskoka) and surrounding islands. This is the first hotel in the "up the lakes" trip that the steamers of the M.N. Company stop at; it is fourteen miles from Gravenhurst, and the trip is through some of the most beautiful scenery on the lakes. It is a great resort for tourists from all parts of Canada and from many States of the Union, especially Pennsylvania. Beaumaris is also a social centre, being the headquarters for large camps from Pittsburgh, Sharon, etc. The Sharon Social and Fishing Club of Sharon, Pa., and one camp from Mercer, Pa., have returned to this spot annually for about fourteen years.

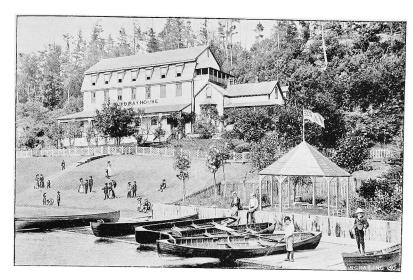
In connection with the hotel there are billiard, ball and concert rooms, bowling alley and lawn tennis grounds, while boating, bathing, fishing and cricket are among the amusements indulged in by the guests. There is accommodation for 200 guests, and in the season the capacity is taxed to its utmost. A daily mail and express office add to the many conveniences of this house. The fishing is good, bass and pickerel chiefly; and hay fever disappears as by magic, the high elevation, bracing atmosphere and fresh breezes allowing this disease no abiding place; it is in fact unknown in Muskoka. Beaumaris is the connecting point for Bala Falls and the Moon and Muskosh rivers already referred to.

There is a prevailing impression among strangers, that if Canada has a summer, it is very short, or that winter follows close on the heels of the regulation summer season. Those who only spend the dog days in Muskoka miss some of the grandest foliage effects to be witnessed there in the fall months, when the varying tints of burnished gold and red of beech and maple, contrasting with the deep, cool green of pine and balsam, and set on fire, as it were, by the rays of a brilliant sun, burning from out a cloudless sky, produce a scene, the beauty of which defies the artist's pencil or the poet's pen to do more than suggest.

Violets have been gathered at Beaumaris on Christmas Day and kept in full flower during Christmas week. Boating and fishing are at their best during August, September and October, and on many days in November the writer has rowed and paddled in summer costume.

Another pretty hotel is the Milford Bay Temperance Hotel, situated on the shores of the beautiful Milford Bay on Muskoka Lake, just behind Tondern Island; the island being joined by a bridge to the mainland.

The host, Robert Stroud, gives his personal attention to the accommodation, comfort and enjoyment of his numerous guests, both Canadian and American, and provides a first-class table, with fresh milk, butter, eggs and vegetables from his farm; while from the orchard surrounding the hotel can be obtained an abundance of fruit, besides wild fruit from the far-famed huckleberry rock, which rises from the



Milford Bay House.



Tennis Court, Milford Bay House.

back of the hotel to the height of about 300 feet above the level of the lake, and from the summit of which can be enjoyed the finest views of lakes, islands and surrounding country.

The dining-room and halls are large, lofty, and cool, and the commodious bed-rooms furnished with good spring beds; the pleasant double parlors and spacious balconies and verandahs ensure the indoor comfort of the guests.

Lawn tennis, croquet, quoits, swings and boating, with a fine sandy beach quite safe for ladies and children, with ladies' and gentlemen's



M. N. Co.'s S.S. "Medora, at Port Carling.

bathing houses, and good fishing from the wharf in front of the hotel and around the shores of the bay, furnish amusement and sport to satisfy all tastes.

A fine fleet of boats is kept for hire, there are good camping grounds on the premises, and a small general store is kept for the convenience of campers, cottagers and guests. There is a church a short distance from the hotel, reached either by walking or rowing. A daily mail affords constant communication with home and friends. A great feature of this resort is the spring of pure cold water, possessing properties to eradicate malarial fever, and providing in the hottest weather the coolest and healthiest of beverages.

These and many other features combine to make Milford Bay House one of the most enjoyable places in which to spend the summer.

Shortly after leaving Beaumaris and Milford Bay the steamer enters the beautiful Indian River, and after following its windings with engines at half speed, it is not long before Port Carling is reached.

Port Carling is a picturesque little hamlet situated on the Government locks between Lake Rosseau and the Indian River. It is the most central port in Muskoka; all the Muskoka Navigation Company's steamers, as well as all craft passing from Lakes Rosseau and Joseph to Muskoka Lake, must pass through the Port Carling locks. This adds to the variety as well as convenience of summer life at the Port, affording a chance to see strangers or old friends who may be passing to and fro, and also a daily opportunity to take an excursion boat to any point on the lakes. It is a cool and pleasant place on account of its location; there is always a breeze blowing through from some quarter. There are many pretty walks: one through the woods to Ferndale, another to the Indian burial grounds (the mounds are still visible), and also a short charming walk to Silver Lake, which is about 140 acres in extent, and has a local reputation for its black bass fishing, the bass caught ranging from one-half to seven pounds in weight. In addition to these attractions the woods around Port Carling afford many opportunities for the botanist, the geologist, the artist, and lovers of animated nature, to indulge in their favorite pursuits. Among these varied delights the over-worked professional man, the harrassed man of business, and all who seek quietness and rest will find that recreation and repose which exhausted nature requires.

About half-a-mile beyond this lake is a morass full of the curious pitcher-plant, which is well worth a jaunt to see. There are no mosquitoes or black flies at the Port. The cost of living in the place is at least as inexpensive as anywhere else on the Muskoka Lakes. There are three churches, which are well attended, and the appearance, on the water, of the yachts, boats and canoes on Sundays, forms a pretty sight.

The Port has a free Public Library and Reading Room, with about 400 volumes of standard works, and the leading Toronto dailies, as well as *Hurper's*, *Century* and other magazines and papers.

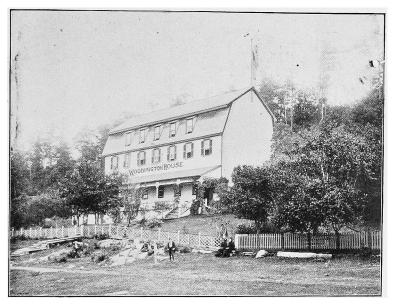
The Stratton House, which is kept by John Fraser, has accommodation for fifty guests, and the grounds, with the tennis lawn, are well kept, from which, and the hotel piazzas, some of the finest views may be obtained. The bedrooms are airy and comfortable, and the whole establishment has quite an air of neatness and cleanliness. A liberal table is kept. There is a suitable dancing room, and the reading room referred to is just across the way. There are ample facilities to supply visitors with boats and canoes.



Stratton House, Port Carling.

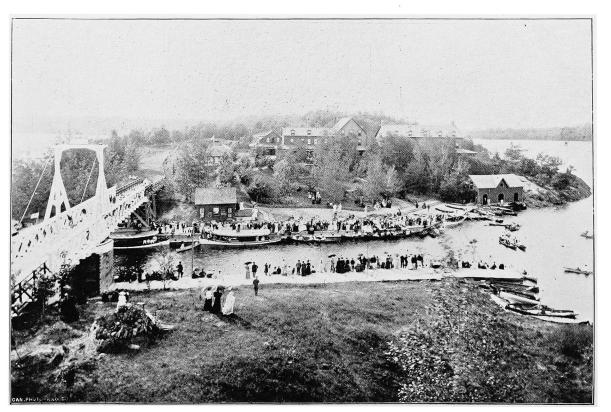
After leaving Port Carling and continuing up Indian River, we emerge into Lake Rosseau; and, if the Lake Joseph route is taken, six miles further on, Port Sandfield is reached, situated on the channel between Lakes Rosseau and Joseph. Prospect House is the hotel at this port, under the efficient management of Mr. Enoch Cox.

There is a good lawn tennis court, an excellent sand beach—perfectly safe for non-swimmers, specially ladies and children—good bathing houses, a large boat house for guests' boats and canoes, a ball-room equal to many in our towns and cities, reading and writing and smoking rooms, and broad



Wood's Hotel, Lake Rosseau.

piazzas around three sides of the hotel of over 115 yards in length. The table is excellent, the rooms comfortable and well aired, and there is accommodation for 160 guests. An annual regatta is held at the Port during August, when the Port Sandfield cup and other prizes are offered for competition. The handsome white swing bridge across the channel between the two lakes, and leading to the "Mountain," 187 feet high, from which a view of the surrounding country can be enjoyed, are among the many attractions of Port Sandfield. There is also an Episcopal church close by the hotel, and post and express offices in the building-Prospect House is 800 feet above Lake Ontario.



Regatta at Prospect House, Port Sandfield.

Another good hotel on the Lake Joseph route is Wood's Hotel or Woodington House, situated at the point of that name, and built on a bold rocky bluff. This house, recently built, is also about six miles from Port Carling, at the southern end of Lake Rosseau. There is accommodation for about sixty guests. From all the rooms a fine view of the lake and adjacent islands can be enjoyed; the dining room and parlor are large, and the bedrooms airy. Surrounding the house are cosy retreats for noontide siestas; on the north and south sides are sandy beaches for bathing, while but a short distance to the south-west is the beautiful Joseph River. There is a daily mail, with post office in the hotel, good boat service, and the table being supplied from the proprietor's own farm with vegetables, milk, butter, eggs, etc., a substantial healthy dietary is assured. Mr. Wood, the proprietor, attends carefully to all the requirements of his guests. On Lake Rosseau there are some very fine hotels, the first of importance on this route, and probably the largest on the lakes, being the Windermere House at Windermere.

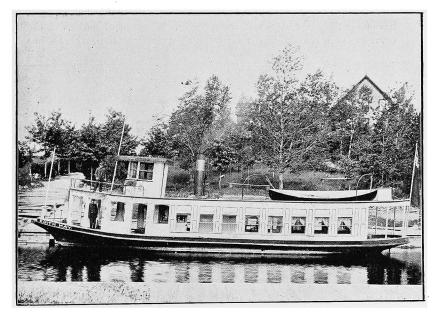
Windermere is nearly four miles from Port Carling, and possesses many notable advantages; it has a fine bay on which is held yearly a regatta, and last year the annual regatta of the lakes was held here. It is situated on the Government road which leads to Skeleton River and Lake, five miles distant; in this river brook trout are caught, and Trout Lake, three miles from the hotel, affords good bass and salmon trout fishing. The bathing at Windermere is excellent and perfectly safe, while tennis, quoits and bowling are among the out-door amusements. The rooms in this hotel are unusually lofty and commodious, the dining room can seat 200 guests, and there is a separate room for children and servants. Together with adjoining cottages for those desiring more seclusion, this establishment can accommodate 200 guests. The building contains smoking rooms, general and ladies' sitting rooms, and from the bedrooms-many of which are arranged en suite-fire-escapes ensure the perfect safety of guests. There is a daily mail with post, telegraph and express offices in the building. Two general stores, a Methodist and a Presbyterian church, are among the conveniences of civilization found here. Two fine boat houses supply all the craft necessary for boating and Around the hotel are broad piazzas of about one-eighth of a canoeing. mile in extent.

Any description of the Muskoka Lakes would be incomplete without referring to the splendid service given by the five fine steamers of the Muskoka Navigation Company. These boats, which make two trips daily in the season, are handsomely fitted up and equipped; a first-class meal is provided, so that no apprehension on that score is necessary; the boats make connections with all trains from Toronto, Hamilton and



Windermere House, Lake Rosseau.

London, and everything possible has been done to make this one of the most comfortable and efficient steamboat lines in Ontario. Campers, cottagers and hotels are supplied with all necessary provisions, etc., by the institution known as the "Supply-boat," bringing goods from Rosseau, Gravenhurst and Bracebridge, from general supply and provision merchants in these places, which are elsewhere mentioned. A fair sample of this kind of craft is that operated by the popular Capt. John Rogers, of Port Sandfield. This boat is in constant demand for excursions through the lakes, by the guests of the hotels, and is eminently adapted for this



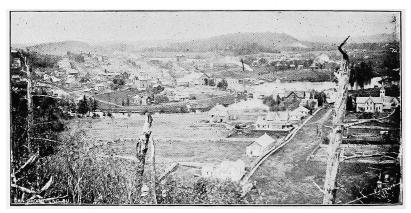
"Edith May"-"Supply Boat."

traffic, while a very large business is done by this boat on its regular "supply trips." The best fishing in Muskoka is, for bass, all September and October; for salmon trout October, especially during full moon, when large quantities can be caught by trolling. The elevation of these lakes is about 800 feet above Lake Ontario.

For a more complete description of the Muskoka Lakes, we would refer our readers to a work published in the spring of 1894, entitled "Toronto and Adjacent Summer Resorts," which can be procured from newsdealers, or the publisher at Toronto.

# HUNTSVILLE.

One hundred and forty-five miles north of Toronto on the Grand Trunk Railway, there nestles a little town in a peaceful valley, surrounded by placid sheets of water, and flanked by low, verdure-clad hills forming a scene, lacking only distant snow-clad peaks, to complete the resemblance to the famous lake districts of Switzerland. The name of this charming retreat is Huntsville, deserving of a more euphonius and poetic title. The first and all-pervading impression is that of restfulness; its sylvan beauty, the long stretches of lake, blending in the distance with the hazy outlines of far off shores, render this spot an ideal haven for the tired body and weary brain. The central portion of the town is but a few minutes walk from the railway station, where a bus



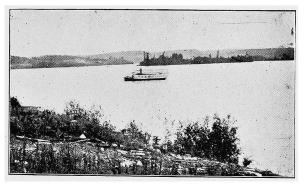
Huntsville.

meets all trains to convey passengers to the hotels. At the farthest end of the town, and with a view from its windows of lake, farm and forest, stands the fine new brick hotel for tourists, under the proprietorship of Mr. Reid, fitted up with electric lights, furnace, hot and cold water, and baths, speaking tubes and electric annunciators in rooms; with, in short all modern conveniences.

For the information of tourists a brief description of the lakes surrounding Huntsville will be of interest. The town itself is situated between two beautiful little lakes, viz., Lakes Vernon and Fairy, the former to the west and the latter to the east, and an account of a trip on the fine steamer "Empress Vic" of Capt. Marsh's Huntsville and Lake of Bay's Line, will give some idea of a few of the pleasures in store for the sojourner in this fairyland. The steamboat wharf being but a

stone's throw from our hotel, we step on board the boat just as she is about to start, and soon are steaming slowly down the Big East River (called also Huntsville River), and presently emerge into Fairy Lake. This is a charming little lake which outflows into the north branch of the Muskoka River, down which excursion trips can be taken by Capt. Marsh's line through Mary Lake to Port Sydney, at the southern extremity of the Lake, and where the Muskoka River again takes up the thread of travel.

But we keep on across Fairy Lake, arriving shortly at a narrow opening into which the boat is carefully steered; this turns out to be a canal (formerly a creek) connecting Fairy and Peninsula Lakes, and crossing it we arrive at the Portage. Disembarking here we descend a hill, and our eyes are gladdened by the sight of a picturesque building, which is sufficiently characteristic to be recognized at once as a tourist hotel.

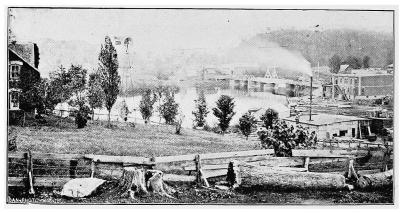


Peninsula Lake, from the Portage.

This is the Lake View Hotel, and very acceptable is the refreshment we partake of after our nine miles trip from Huntsville, before taking the stage which is to convey us over the one mile road or portage between Peninsula Lake and Lake of Bays. A description of this house in passing will not be out of place here. It is situated on the lake shore in a grove of silver birch, maple, ash and evergreen, surrounded by good camping grounds, with a fine sandy beach a mile 'ong, with bathing and boat houses; a good table is set, and the rooms are commodious and airy. No malaria or hay fever is found here, and we make a mental note of this charming place for future reference, as being just the spot for a quiet period of rest with abundance of fishing, boating and bathing. Steamers call here twice a day, and guests are privileged to use these boats on either Peninsula Lake or Lake of Bays. The hotel is kept by Mr. J. G. Henderson, who is also the postmaster for this point, and who

will answer all enquiries. There is a daily mail in summer; the address is Peninsula Lake P.O.

After crossing over the narrow isthmus or portage we embark in the "Mary Louise" of the same line, and are soon travelling over one of the prettiest sheets of water in Ontario. The Lake of Bays is well named; it is twenty miles long, its width being difficult to determine, as the shores are indented with bays, some being four miles in length, making a total coast line of 365 miles. Baysville is our destination, and is reached after a delightful trip across this charming lake. This is a nice little village where good fishing is to be had, and here the Lake empties into the east branch of the Muskoka River, which has been mentioned as one of many trips for the canoeist en route to Bracebridge.



Fairy Lake.

Hillside, Grassmere, Dwight, Coleridge and Dorset are also worth a visit, and are reached by Capt. Marsh's line of boats; this line connects at Huntsville with the Grand Trunk for all these points.

The country around Fairy Lake is good farm land, well wooded and gently sloping to the lake, while the scenery in the neighborhood of Lake of Bays shows the somewhat rocky nature of the country, but is very picturesque. Lake of Bays is 106 feet higher than Peninsula and Fairy Lakes, and nearly 1,000 feet higher than Lake Ontario; one of the highest lakes therefore in the Muskoka district.

One of the objects of interest near the town of Huntsville is the Good Templar's camp meeting ground, at their beautiful park, on a commanding hill overlooking the surrounding scenery, and where thousands can gather at a time.

Huntsville can boast of some very fine stores, which are supplied

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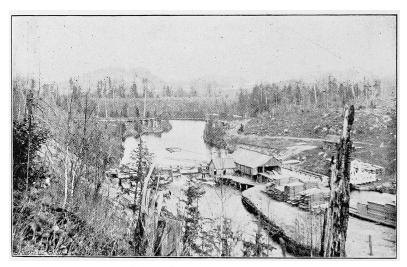
with complete assortments of all requisites for the camper and tourist, and visitors may rely on being well served at reasonable prices. Chief in appearance and elegance of appointments we may mention the establishment of Mr. A. Sieveright, chemist and druggist. This is an important business to any town, and a great convenience to the traveller who wants his favorite prescription prepared, or some tonic to assist in building up impaired constitutions. This gentleman has been nearly seven years established in the town, and is one of Huntsville's most enterprising young merchants. He is a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy and has also had experience in New York. A full line of drugs, etc., is kept, with the leading Toronto papers, stationery, choice cigars, tobacco, etc. Telephone communication is established with the principal doctors of the town and with the hospitals, of which there are



Residence of Dr. Howland.

two in Huntsville, thus ensuring perfect immunity and every comfort in time of possible sickness or accident. These hospitals are private, and were established for the convenience of the inhabitants of the surrounding country, and often are they sought as a means of relief by persons living many miles distant. The terms are exceedingly moderate, an annual ticket admitting holders at all times during the year to the benefits of either hospital, costing but five dollars; the cost to transient patients (or non-ticket holders) is \$6 to \$15 per week. Dr. J. W. Hart, medical superintendent of Huntsville Hospital is also proprietor of a branch institution at Sudbury, the latter being under the medical superintendency of Dr. J. S. Goodfellow. In the Huntsville Hospital complete appliances are to be found for every description of patient, including the very latest improved Lawson-Tait bed as used in the Royal Victoria

Hospital, Montreal, hot and cold baths, etc. The situation is healthy and quiet, close to the town, but escaping its noise; fine grounds surround the building, which is commodious. On the ground floor are the medical offices, patients' parlor, dining room, and kitchen, and rooms for residential staff. The second floor is similar in construction to a hospital ward, with modern conveniences, and numerous rooms for special cases and convalescents. Good trained nurses are employed, all departments being under the careful supervision of Dr. J. W. Hart, M.D., C.M., Trinity University, member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario, etc. Another private hospital is that of Dr. Howland, situated near the village and steamboat wharf, and convenient to the railway station'; this



Brunel Lock, near Huntsville.

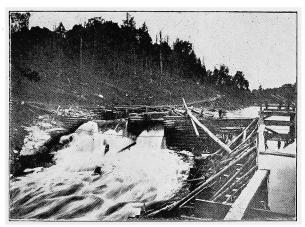
institution is conducted on modern principles; the building is commodious, well ventilated, is heated by hot air furnaces in the cold season, and contains medical, surgical and lying-in departments, Lawson-Tait beds, with modern system of hot and cold water baths. This establishment is under the personal care of F. L. Howland, M.D., C.M., Member C.P.S.O., Ont. Med. Assoc., etc., etc., aided by a competent staff of assistants and nurses. The rates are similar to the other hospital.

Huntsville is in the centre of a splendid farming country, undulating, well wooded, and fed with springs and creeks which find their way into the many lakes in the vicinity. It also contains important industries, chief among them being its lumbering trade. It has a population of 1,400.

# BURK'S FALLS.

ONE hundred and seventy miles north of Toronto, and about fifty seven miles south of North Bay, (the terminus of the Northern and North-Western Division of the G. T. R.) is the headquarters of the famous Magnetawan excursion route of the Muskoka Navigation Company, during the summer months, and also the headquarters for numerous hunting parties in the fall season. This is an ideal spot to spend a summer's vacation; the fishing is excellent, bass and pickerel are caught in great numbers in the neighborhood of the village, and the gamey trout is found in large quantities in the numerous streams.

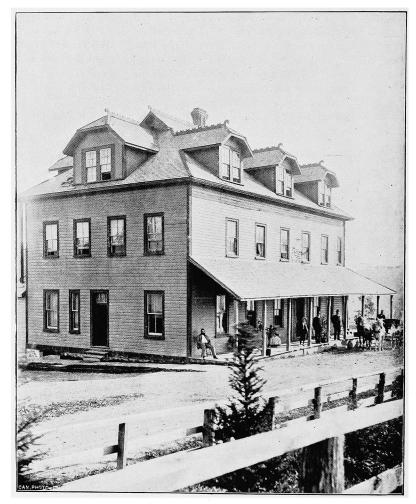
The famous Algonquin Park of over 1,000,000 acres is but twelve miles to the east of this place.



Burk's Falls.

As for accommodation, there are few more comfortable houses for the tourist and hunter, than the well-known "Burk House," presided over by Mr. D. F. Burk, who is popular with the many fishing and hunting parties who make this their objective point for their season of sport. The hotel is prettily situated, overlooking the Magnetawan River and Falls, the rooms are lofty and well furnished, and in the large and handsome dining room the traveller will find such provision for the inner man as will compare favorably with many more pretentious menus in towns and cities. This house is heated by a furnace and has electric bells, telephone communication with the village, and a shady verandah on the west side overlooking a well kept lawn. A bus meets all trains. The fine steamer "Wenonah" of the M. N. Co., which is moored to the

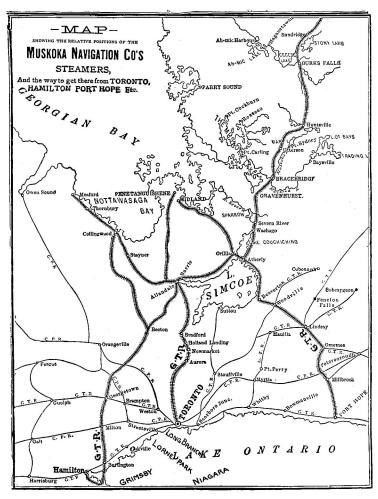
wharf but a short distance from the hotel, claims our early attention, and a trip down the Magnetawan River on this boat is one that must not be missed. Starting from just below the Falls, we steam for four miles



Burk's Hotel, Burk's Falls.

down the river and pass Stoney Creek which is worthy of mention as affording a splendid trip for the canoeist; there are some portages to be taken along its seventy miles northerly course before Stoney Lake is

reached, and the gun and rod should not be forgotten when undertaking this journey, as the sport along these wild shores will surprise many a keen hunter and fisherman. Stirling Falls, fifteen miles up Stoney



Creek, and twenty-three feet in height, is alone a sight worth seeing. And here the peculiarity of this river (Magnetawan) will strike the stranger most forcibly, for it is the most erratic stream perhaps possible to find, its convolutions being most remarkable. At one time we are travelling

due north, and the next minute, with a rattle of steering gear, as a sharp bend occurs in the river, we find the boat heading due south, and so on through the journey, while the banks are so close on either side that one wonders on which bank the boat will strike, but she does not strike, thanks to the skill and dexterity of the ever watchful captain, and so after sixteen miles more of this delightfully interesting river trip, we reach the beautiful Cecebe Lake. dotted with islands on which can be espied pretty cottages, built by wealthy Canadian and American tourists, who love the quiet, and abundant sport of this part of the Muskoka dis-The scene is now changed, and for eight miles the journey is across the lake, in places four miles wide, in others but half a mile. Soon Magnetawan village is reached, Cecebe lake narrowing into a river for a mile before the village is arrived at. Passing through the Government lock we are soon steaming across Ahmic Lake, which is somewhat similar to Cecebe Lake, but larger, with its cottages and islands, and after a twelve mile run through this delightful scenery Ahmic Harbor is reached, where we land for a short space of time before commencing the return journey. Arriving back at Burk's Falls in the calm of the evening, we are quite ready for the bountiful repast provided at our Hotel, in spite of the excellent dinner supplied on the Wenonah.

Another pleasure jaunt is down the south branch of the Magnetawan River to Doe Lake, ten miles distant by river, and about four miles by the road from Burk's Falls. An excellent canoe trip is up the Northern branch of the Magnetawan to Pickerel Lake twelve miles distant, with rapids, which necessitate portages.

The Falls, which is one of the sights of the village, have a drop of 26 ft. 4 ins., and it is worthy of note that the village and falls take their name from our genial host of the Burk House, who was the founder of the village twelve years ago. The population is 600

From Ahmic Harbor a stage conveys passengers to Dunchurch and Deer Lake. The hunting and fishing in this neighborhood is excellent, the speckled trout weighing from 3 to 5 pounds, bass 5 to 8 pounds, pickerel 8 to 14 lbs. Deer and large game are plentiful.



#### COBOCONK.

Is reached by the Grand Trunk Railway about 107 miles north-west of Toronto or five hours journey, and is the northern terminus of the Coboconk division of this line, also reached from Rochester, via Port Hope, by same line. This little village is situated on the pretty Gull river which flows through its centre, and the surroundings are wild and romantic in the extreme. It boasts a population of 500.

Abut ten and one-half miles to the north is Gull Lake, to which Gull River is the outlet. Gull Lake is six miles long and one mile in width. Through a picturesque country the Gull river flows for six miles, then mingles its stream with the waters of Big and Little Mud Turtle lakes, small sheets of water, two and one miles long respectively, another



Scene in Coboconk Village.

mile-and-a-half of river and Coboconk is reached. Flowing past the village for another three half miles this pretty stream empties into the beautiful Balsam Lake, famous for its scenery and unsurpassed trout and maskinonge fishing.

A favorite excursion trip is from Coboconk, through Balsam Lake in a south-easterly direction, to Rosedale, at the mouth of Burnt river, up Burnt river a short distance, and through locks to Cameron lake. Crossing this lake, Fenelon Falls is reached, and through another lock the steamer emerges into Sturgeon lake, and continuing south down the Scugog river into Scugog lake and on to Port Perry.

Coboconk has two pretty hotels, the Queen's and Pattie's. The Queen's, kept by Mr. D. C. McRae, is situated opposite the steamboat wharf, and overlooking the river and dam above the handsome bridge

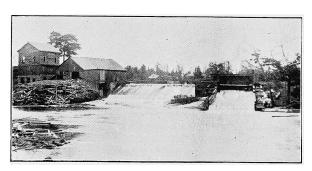
which spans the stream, its windows commanding a view of the surrounding country, with hills dark with cedar, relieved by an occasional well-tilled farm; this hotel is comfortable and clean, and the table is supplied with a well-cooked and substantial bill of fare; full information is cheerfully



Big Mud Turtle Lake.

given about the fishing and hunting in the neighborhood by the proprietor.

The fishing in the neighboring lakes and streams is all that the most sanguine angler could desire, maskinonge are caught weighing from five to thirty pounds each, bass two to five lbs., white herring are to be caught by the barrel, salmon trout are also plentiful; an ordinary catch of black



Norland Dam and Timber Slide.

bass in these waters is said to be 30 pounds in half-a-day. Deer and partridge are plentiful in the fall, and bears are shot near the village.

The lakes are dotted with islands, from a mere excrescence, to Grand Island, 1,300 acres in extent, which make very desirable locations for summer cottages and camps.

Boats can be hired and excursions taken in small steamers at very low rates, and supplies for campers and cottagers may be obtained in the village at moderate prices, Mr. J. F. Ross, an enterprising merchant, making a specialty of this business, supplying everything necessary in groceries, canned goods, fishing tackle, etc. Tourists making this place their headquarters for the summer will do well to call on this gentleman for their stock of provisions.

Another enterprising and prominent resident of this pretty village is Mr. J. O. Revell, who is extensively engaged in the lumbering business and also operates a steamboat on the lakes; this gentlemen possesses a fund of information about the country and is well worth cultivating, while his brother, Mr. M. Revell, should be communicated with by those who may prefer to rent rooms and obtain board at the hotel, which is near by.

Mention might also be made of the establishment of Mr. G. T. Drinkall, who keeps a varied stock of organs and pianos, which may be rented by cottagers for the season, or purchased at moderate prices, thus supplying the added charms of music for indoor amusement. Arrangements can be made for the building, fitting up, painting and decorating, and furnishing or cottages; camp and cottage furniture may be rented from Mr. Drinkall for the season.

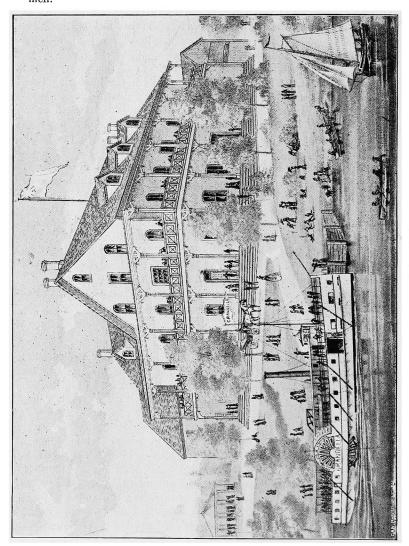
Beautiful drives can be enjoyed in the neighborhood, one along the shores of Balsam Lake, and through the Laidlaw estate, with its miles of stone fences, being particularly interesting. From \$60,000 to \$70,000 was spent in improving and beautifying this property.

#### STURGEON POINT.

On the north shore of the beautiful Sturgeon Lake, twelve miles from Lindsay, is the popular "Sturgeon Point Hotel," reached by the Grand Trunk Railway, via Lindsay (from Toronto), and from Rochester (via Port Hope), connecting at Lindsay with the Trent Valley Navigation Co.'s steamboat, or the "Crandella" of Captain Crandell's steamboat line.

This famous resort in the heart of the best bass and maskinonge fishing in Ontario, is much frequented by tourists in search of good fishing and hunting, boating and sailing, and sports of all sorts. The hotel, a fine three storey building, with accommodation for 150 guests, is situated in a natural park of about 100 acres, and surrounded by an oak grove of thirty-six acres. There is a good sand beach for bathing, quite safe for ladies and children, pretty walks and drives, and good boats and canoes. Carriages may be procured from villages near by, by telephone, and guides can be supplied for fishing and hunting parties. The hotel contains a dancing hall, billiard room, bowling alley, and bathrooms, while

from the verandah a pleasant view is obtained of lake and forest. A lawn tennis court affords pleasant outdoor amusement for ladies and gentlemen.



Added to all these attractions are the life and gaiety of the many camps and cottages in the neighborhood of the hotel, and the numerous excursion trips which may be taken through the beautiful chain of lakes of the

Midland District of Ontario. Steamers call six times daily at the wharf for all points on these lakes, chief among which may be mentioned the "Crandella," of Capt. Crandell's Excursion line, with headquarters at Lindsay. The numerous excursions made by this fine steamer afford opportunities for sight-seeing to lovers of scenery, which must be taken advantage of to be appreciated.

Bass and maskinonge are the principle fish caught, a New York enthusiast bagging fifty fine bass, in one day, of one-and-a-half to four pounds weight, which is a good record even for good waters. Maskinonge are caught weighing twenty-five pounds. Duck and partridge are shot close to the hotel, and deer and bear are plentiful in the vicinity.

There is a daily mail for all points on the lakes, and the hotel contains a telegraph office. Sturgeon lake, which is 400 feet above the level of Lake Ontario, is about eighteen miles long, and from one to three miles wide, and extends from Fenelon Falls to Bobcaygeon. With its wooded game-stocked shores, it is indeed a sportsman's paradise.

# BOBCAYGEON.

Known in the vicinity by the abbreviation of "Caygeon," is reached by the Grand Trunk Railway from Toronto or Port Hope to Lindsay, connecting there with the Str. "Esturion" of the Trent Valley Navigation Co. (whose headquarters are at Bobcaygeon), a journey in all of but six hours. Connection is also made by the "Maple Leaf" with Chemong on the G.T.R. seventeen miles to the south-east.

Bobcaygeon is twenty-two miles from Lindsay, the county town of Victoria, and has more than a local reputation as affording the finest fishing, perhaps without exception, in the country. This is due, to a great extent, to the special protection by the Government of the waters of Sturgeon Lake during the close season.

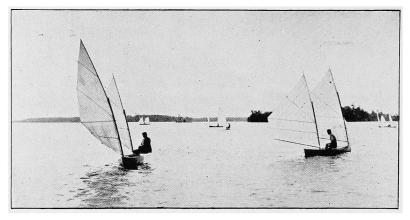
The name Bobcaygeon, in common with many places in this country, was derived from the Indian, meaning in this case "beautiful foliage," and it well deserves its title. In the matter of bestowing names, the poetic instinct of the untutored red man never erred, and both the name and the foliage have outstayed the Indian. He is fast disappearing, almost as fast as the beaver, while the beautiful scenery is just beginning to be enjoyed by the modern excursionist.

Bobcaygeon, which has a population of about 1,200, is charmingly situated at the junction of Sturgeon and Pigeon Lakes and is built on three islands and the mainland. The river, or rivers, called Big and Little Bob, flowing between these islands and around the village, is spanned by four fine stone bridges.

Between the two south-easterly islands is a good stone lock for the accommodation of the many steamers and small craft which ply throughout the chain of lakes east and west.

The village contains good stores, boarding houses and hotels, with a fine fire-hall, Mechanics' Institute, Agricultural Hall and good medical attendance.

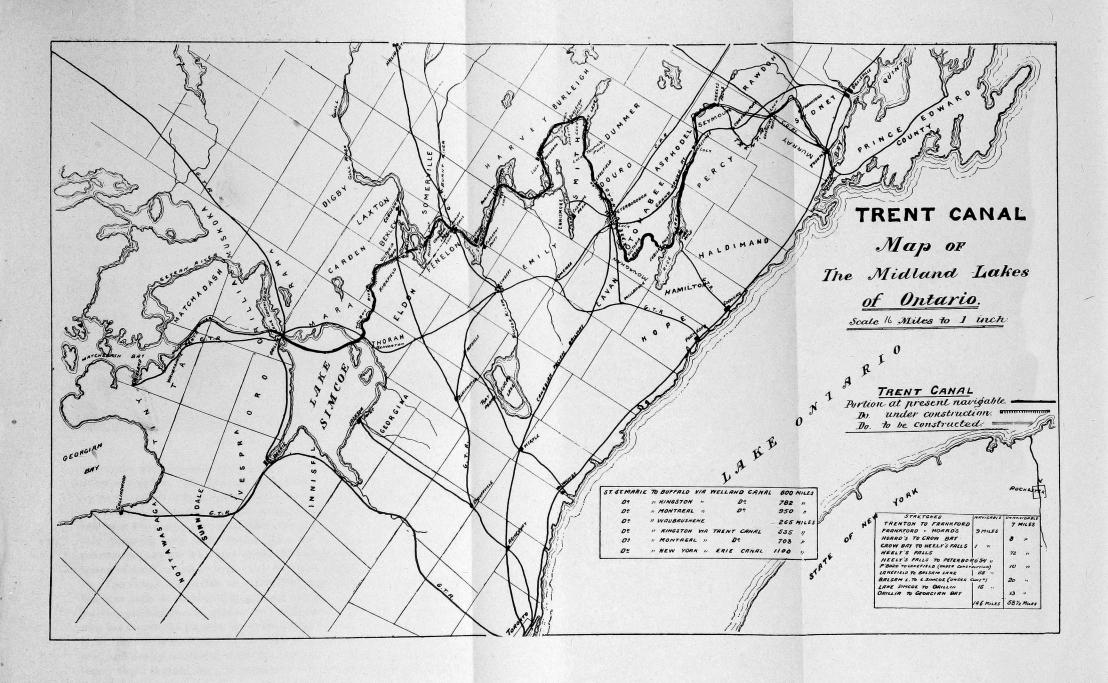
Of the fishing, (bass and maskinonge) too much cannot be said, but a sample catch of one dozen bass, averaging from two pounds to three pounds each, in one hour, should be sufficient to satisfy any sportsman, while thirty-five to fifty good bass in a day is no uncommon sport for these waters; fish may be had for the trouble of merely walking from the hotel to the bridge, a few paces away, and sturgeon of no mean size are still to be found in the lake which took its name from the quantities of this fish once caught there. The hotel, that is the Rockland House, for it is the summer hotel of this popular resort, is a fine three storey white brick building, with accommodation for 100 guests, with large, well furnished parlors,



Sturgeon Lake.

bedrooms and dining room, electric bells throughout the house, and contains a good piano and billiard room; while a spacious double verandah around two sides affords a pleasant shady lounging place, from whence can be seen the river with its panorama of excursion steamers, small pleasure boats, and fishing parties. The menn is excellent, and the whole appointments are first-class, the establishment being under the proprietorship of Mrs. Goulais who, with her manager, Mr. Harvey Thompson, attends carefully to every requirement of the tourist. Full information will be given by Mr. Thompson about guides, boats, etc. There is a mail service daily to all points.

The waters around Bobcaygeon are sheltered by surrounding hills from rough winds, rendering boating at almost all times safe and agreeable, and there are good sites for camping on points of the main island,



also on the shores of Sturgeon Lake and other places, making this a desirable rendezvous for canoe parties.

No doubt need be entertained regarding provisions and supplies by those contemplating making this place their headquarters for camping, for in few places will there be found such a well stocked emporium for the fitting out of canoe parties, for supplying campers and cottagers regularly with provisions and all things necessary, as that of Mr. J. T. Robinson, the enterprising proprietor of one of the best equipped supply stores in any summer resort in Ontario. Nothing that might be wanted from a straw hat to a chest of tea or barrel of flour, but can be supplied by this gentleman and at exceedingly moderate rates. This store is situated a short distance from the hotel and steamboat wharf and is therefore easy of access. Parties camping or living in cottages along the lake shore within a reasonable distance of the village, can have goods delivered by waggon. All orders by mail are promptly attended to by the energetic



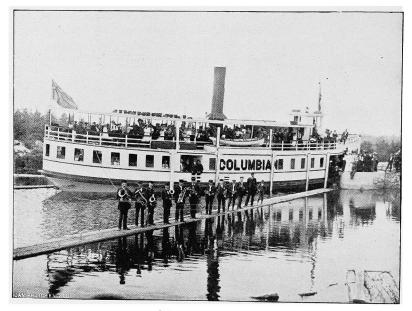
Deer Hunting Party.

proprietor, and nothing is left undone to ensure the quick and careful delivery of supplies. Mr. Robinson has made a specialty of this business for years and his long experience of the requirements of camping parties has qualified him to cater to their wants, and gained for him a very large and ever increasing patronage from the many who every season make this charming spot their resting place for the summer. We would recommend anyone who may choose Bobcaygeon as the spot for their season of sport or rest to write to or call upon this gentleman.

The village is supplied also with first class stores in other lines of business such as ammunition, fishing tackle, etc., and has good boat building establishments, guides, etc., while for a typical old resident, one who has known the place in the times of the beaver, the name of Capt. E. H. Bottum is associated in our mind as a gentleman full of information, and deeply interested in all that concerns the place and its surroundings. Capt. Bottum, sen., is lockmaster and collector of canal tolls for this port.

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A feature of great importance and one which adds considerably to the interest and general attractiveness of a summer resort is the accommodation, in the shape of cottages for tourists and those seeking a long, healthful rest amid quiet and beautiful surroundings and with a bracing atmosphere which is in itself a sure cure for hay fever and such ailments. In this respect the far-seeing citizens of Bobcaygeon have displayed considerable judgment and foresight, notably the well-known firm of Messrs. McCamus & Co., composed of the brothers, William and Thomas. These enterprising gentlemen own five gens of cottages at Port Harvey, on the shore of Pigeon Lake, three and a half miles from the village,



S.S. "Columbian."

and built on a space of ground occupying no less than forty to fifty acres, laid out with beautiful shade trees and supplied with the coolest of water from fresh water springs. The spot is noted as being the best fishing locality on the lakes for bass and maskalonge, which is saying a great deal. The cottages are built with shady verandahs and are furnished with appropriate rustic furniture, they will accommodate families of about eighteen or twenty persons and can be rented for from \$50 to \$100 for the season, according to size, situation and appointments, or may be rented by the month. Application should be made to Messrs. McCamus & Co. and from our personal knowledge of these gentlemen we can give assurance of every attention;

boats can be furnished to guests and the occupants can also be supplied with pure ice for drinking purposes throughout the summer. There is a good wharf for landing tenants and their baggage, and the steamer "Columbian" which is owned and operated by the Messrs. McCamus, calls at the wharf, by arrangement, to pick up and leave passengers on its numerous excursion trips. Cottagers can get their supplies delivered direct from Bobcaygeon, while fresh milk and butter and eggs can be obtained from neighboring farmers.

The fine steamship "Columbian" already referred to will accommodate 375 passengers, and is in constant demand for excursion-parties between Bobcaygeon, Sturgeon Point, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Chemong Park, Lakefield, Burleigh, Stony Lake, and various small and pretty lakes such as Lovesick, Deer, Ball, Katchawanooka, etc. Meals are furnished on board the steamer. During the months of July and August regular trips will be made between Bobcaygeon and Lakefield, calling at Chemong and Burleigh. From this it will be seen that the McCamus brothers make a specialty of catering to tourists and excursionists; and those desiring "all the comforts of home" while enjoying the best fishing, the most beautiful scenery and the best climate in the American continent, will do well to write to the above for information.

#### LAKEFIELD.

Is about 105 miles north-west from Toronto, forty-five north from Port Hope, and fourteen north from Peterboro', on the Lakefield branch of the Grand Trunk Railway. This pretty town is easily reached from the chief railway centres of Ontario, and from the United States via Rochester to Port Hope or Suspension Bridge to Toronto, etc.; it is also reached by steamboat from adjacent points. It has a population of 1,200.

Lakefield is appropriately named, as it lies on the borders of the Katchawanooka Lake (or Lake of Rapids), and at the head of the Otonabee River, and is in fact the headquarters for the splendid chain of the Upper Lakes. These waters may be best described by following the route of the "Golden City," the fine excursion steamer of Capt. Reynolds of Lakefield.

Leaving the wharf at Lakefield the five miles stretch of Katchawanooka Lake is first covered, bringing us to Young's Point where a six foot fall has rendered necessary the building by the Provincial Government of a lock; passing through the lock we enter Clear Lake, (so called from being clear of islands). This lake is five miles long by one-and-a-half miles wide, and on its shores are first-class sites for camping parties, free of rent, tax or molestation. The fishing here is excellent. Next we come to

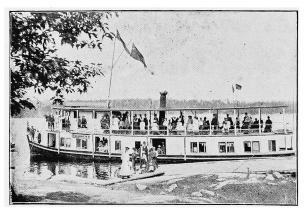
Lower Stony Lake, five miles long, and two miles wide, with its numerous islands, and passing through the Boshink Narrows enter Upper Stony Lake, six or seven miles long. Mount Julian on the mainland is one of



Stony Lake, from Juniper Island.

the places of interest to campers and tourists on these waters. There is a hotel here, with stores and post office.

Stony Lake has the honor of having been chosen as the place for the annual meet of the American Canoe Association in 1883 and 1887.



S.S. "Golden City."

Taking the westward course of the Trent Valley canal system, Burleigh Falls is soon reached, with its thirty-seven feet of a rise, with here another fine lock; there is a good hotel at Burleigh Falls. The journey

may be continued, if fresh beauties are sought, through numerous charming lakes, such as Lovesick, Deer, Chemong, Buckhorn—another lock here—Pigeon, Sturgeon, with lock at Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, etc. The lakes in the vicinity of Lakefield furnish the clearest of drinking water, numerous springs abounding throughout the district. Nearly 900 islands, ranging from small mounds showing above the surface to large bush covered islands of 100 acres, dot the waters of these lakes; they are principally of red granite, moss covered and well wooded, and harbor deer, bears and other fur bearing animals, which seek refuge from the hunter's rifle when driven to the lakes from the mainland. Duck and partridge are plentiful, and the waters teem with black and silver bass, maskinonge, white fish, salmon trout, etc. Stony Lake is 180 feet higher than Peterboro' and 526 above Lake Ontario, Lakefield being but thirty feet lower than this lake.

Numerous pretty cottages nestling in the foliage or perched on some jutting rock, of the many islands, lend an added charm to the wild beauty of the surroundings.

The "Golden City," before mentioned, calls at all islands, carrying cottagers and campers and their supplies from Lakefield and other points. Captain S. Reynolds, who operates this boat, is deservedly popular with the travelling public. The steamboat leaves Lakefield on arrival of the morning train from Peterboro', returning to connect with the evening train at Lakefield for Peterboro'.

Lakefield has long been famous for its canoes, many of which have been sent to



Captain Reynolds, Lakefield.

all parts of the globe wherever canoeing is practised, and the names of Strickland, & Gordon, as models of this dainty craft, are household words with canoe men. Both these firms have fine factories on the bank of the Otonabee River; the Strickland factory has a branch house in England, and a very large trade is carried on with the mother country.

The Queen's Hotel is a good sample of the Lakefield hostelries, and guests will find it well appointed, comfortable and very clean, with good bill of fare and a courteous host in Mr. R. J. Munro. It is prettily situated near the river and bridge, and convenient of access to the station and steamboat wharf, where the bus meets all trains and boats.

#### YOUNG'S POINT.

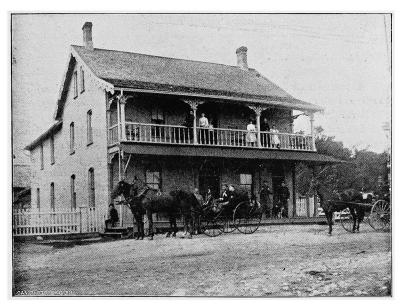
This little hamlet, already referred to, is famous for its unsurpassed bass fishing. It has a good hotel, the Carleton House, with accommodation for thirty people, kept by Mr. W. McFarlane; at this house guides for fishing parties can be obtained, also bait, a very necessary thing to be provided with, as it is very difficult to obtain, just when required, in this section.

A good general store is kept by W. J. Young, next to the hotel, where campers' and tourists' supplies are made a special feature of.



S.S. "Mary Ellen," in Lock, Young's Point.

Young's Point is also the headquarters of the staunch craft "Mary Ellen," with Capt. P. P. Young as master. This fine new steamer is in constant use for excursion parties, and makes sharp connections with Lakefield trains, with special Saturday to Monday arrangements for the convenience of business men from Peterboro', Toronto, etc. The boat has capacity for 175 passengers, and its capacity is often fully taxed, carrying excursion parties to the many lakes and points previously mentioned.



Carleton House, Young's Point.

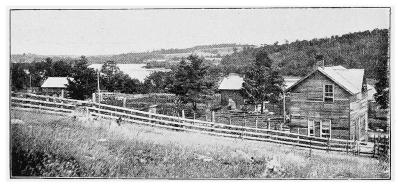


W. J. Young's Supply Store, Young's Point.

#### HASTINGS.

REACHED from Toronto (114 miles) or Port Hope, (fifty-six miles) by the Grand Trunk Railway, is the famous fishing resort of Hastings, on the River Trent, with a population of 900.

The waters of the Trent River have a continental reputation as fishing grounds, while the country of the Trent Valley is famous for shooting and hunting of all kinds. Prominently identified with the gamey sport of bass fishing, as a headquarters for several fishing parties from the United States and elsewhere, is the popular "Clarendon Hotel" at Hastings, a pretty village on the banks of the Trent River which is here spanned by a swing bridge; there are also a lock and slide for logs built by the Government, with a fine dam. A short distance from the village is Rice Lake which empties into the Trent. This lake, as its name



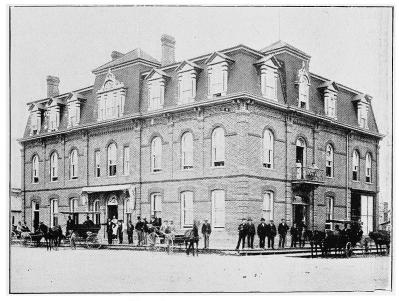
Scene at Hastings.

would indicate, is famous for its duck shooting, the wild rice beds, which are the natural feeding ground of this elusive fowl, fringing its borders. At Gore's Landing, near the South west extremity of Rice Lake, is the well-known canoe factory of Herald Bros. Mr. A. B. Spellman, the genial proprietor of the "Clarendon House" before referred to, is a keen sportsman and gives special personal attention to fishing parties, conducting them to choice and favored localities for sport. He is a great favorite with travellers, tourists and the sporting fraternity generally, and has earned for his house a wide reputation as a fishing resort. The hotel is a handsome building near the river, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country across the stream. The rooms are lofty and well furnished, and the table is good. There is accommodation for fifty guests, telephone communication with adjacent towns, and a free 'bus meets all trains and boats.

Sporting parties are supplied with all necessary equipments, such as boats, guides, tackle, etc.

Excursions by Calcutt's line of steamers (headquarters in Peterboro') to and from Rice Lake, Peterboro', etc., form an agreeable diversion during the season.

There is a very charming resort near Hastings called "Idyl Wild Resort," in the centre of a fine park, the control and management of which has lately been acquired by Mr. Spellman. This place with its pretty hotel has been used till lately as a hunting and fishing lodge by a private club from Rochester, N.Y., but is now run in conjunction with



Clarendon House, Hastings.

the Clarendon Hotel, of Hastings. It is only about one mile east of Harwood, on Rice Lake, and is reached from Cobourg by the G. T. R. branch line connecting with the steamer "Outlet Queen" at Harwood. Good fishing and shooting is to be had in the immediate neighborhood, and boats and canoes can be obtained by the guests. There is a good dancing pavilion in the grounds and bathing houses on the beach. The hotel will accommodate twenty-five guests, and the rates are \$1.00 per day or \$6.00 per week.

The "Outlet Queen" also conveys passengers from Hastings and guests from the Clarendon to this resort, meeting trains both at Hastings and Harwood. Suitable camping and cottage lots are for sale or lease, the plan for which can be obtained from Mr. Spellman. Arrangements may be made at Hastings for the erection of cottages.

Idyl Wild is in great demand for picnics or excursion parties, and arrangements may be made with Mr. Spellman by church committees and others by which the park and hotel can be placed at the disposal of such committees for the day.

#### PETERBOROUGH.

Peterborough, which may now claim rank as one of the cities of Canada, having increased its population to nearly 13,000 by the recent annexing of Ashburnham village, is the central point for commerce, manufacturing, shipping, and tourist travel of the famed Midland Lake district of Ontario.

This busy centre is ninety odd miles north-east from Toronto, about thirty miles north from Port Hope, and sixty-six west from Belleville.

Peterborough is chiefly noted for the almost unlimited water power it possesses on the Otonabee River which flows through its centre. There are seven dams within a distance of nine miles, with an aggregate of 17,000 horse power, and there are sites and sufficient fall for two more dams within the same distance.

Manufacturing is naturally a great feature of Peterborough, and no industry is more closely identified with the place than that of canoe and boat building. There are several of these factories, that of the Canadian Canoe Co. claiming special attention; the elegant and finished products of this firm have a wide and deserving reputation. As a distributing centre for tourists to the surrounding lakes, Peterborough has long been well-known; it is the headquarters for Calcutt's line of excursion steamers which ply down the Otonabee River, through Rice Lake, and neighboring fishing grounds.

#### KINGSTON.

ABOUT midway between Toronto and Montreal, being 163 miles from the former and 170 from the latter city, on the Grand Trunk Railway main line, is the historic and military Limestone City, on the River St. Lawrence, with a population of 20,000 souls.

Originally settled by the French, nearly two-and-a-quarter centuries ago, its possession was frequently contested by the Indians, and the supremacy of the two rival claimants was often disputed with alternate success. It was then known as Fort Cataraqui, and a bridge and cemetery bearing that name still preserve the early nomenclature.

Kingston received its present title from the English in 1762, and it is one of the oldest military posts in Canada. It is a beautiful city, with

its glistening white buildings; and a busy scene is the view at the wharves, with vessels laden with merchandise from many ports, and tourists from all parts of the world.

Kingston is pre-eminently a spot for tourists, being the headquarters for the beautiful and world-renowned Thousand Islands, and thirty-eight miles distant from Alexandria Bay, N.Y. As a military station it bears an enviable reputation, many graduates of the Royal Military College having won the highest honors and gained important military positions in England and other countries.

Among the many places of interest in and around the city are its two fine colleges, Rockwood Asylum, Provincial Penitentiary, Royal



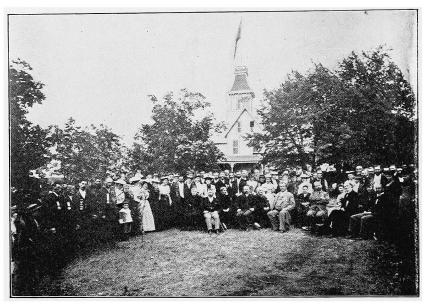
Hotel Frontenac, Kingston.

Military College, Wolf Island, Garden Island (in the beautiful bay opposite the city), City Park, Fort Frederick, Fort Henry, etc. This latter stronghold, with neighboring defences, renders Kingston second only in point of strength to Quebec, the Gibraltar of Canada.

Kingston possesses a palatial hotel for tourists, viz., the Hotel Frontenac, adjoining the "British American," with a combined accommodation for 300 guests. The Frontenac is open from June 1st to October 15th, and is under the personal management of Mr. Thos. Crate. The menu is excellent and the rates reasonable. The hotel is within a few minutes walk of the railway station, and electric cars pass the door every four minutes.

#### FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

The Bay of Quinte is one of Nature's "beauty spots." It would be difficult to find anywhere more varied or charming combinations of water, land and sky than are presented for the enjoyment of those who make the trip by boat from the Murray Canal to the "Gap." Centrally located in this rare aggregation of natural loveliness is an island gem, lying opposite the town of Deseronto and about midway between the Hastings and Prince Edward shores, owned by Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters. The original name of

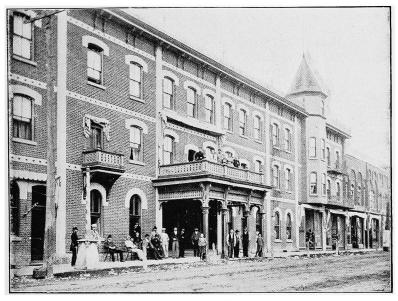


"The Wigwam," Foresters' Island Park.

this island was "Capt. John's," but when it came into the possession of the present owner he changed the name to "Foresters' Island Park." A marvellous transformation has taken place in the island during the past year. What the traveller now beholds as he sails by is first a handsome villa in which the doctor and his family spend the summer, known as "The Wigwam," and a little to the north an inviting pavilion with capacious dining and refreshment rooms attached, a magnificent music hall, a band stand, and several neat cottages occupied by people who appreciate the invigorating qualities of Quinte's ozone, as well as

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the restfulness of its beautiful scenery. Other improvements there are, and more to follow, making the Park one of the most delightful, as it is one of the most healthful, resorts for rest and recreation to be found in Canada. The Park has the great advantage of being easily accessible. It is only a ten-minutes' row to Deseronto, the terminus of the Bay of Quinte Railway, which connects with all trains on the Grand Trunk Railway, while all the Bay steamers, as well as those of the R. & O. N. Co. mail boats between Montreal and Toronto pass daily, and either call at the Park or at Deseronto.



Queen's Hotel, Barrie.

The opposite view of "The Wigwam" and its surroundings was taken by our artist on the occasion of its dedication to the Independent Order of Foresters.

#### BARRIE.

There are few prettier towns in Canada than Barrie, and few so charmingly situated. This fact is at once evident to the traveller as the train sweeps round the curve of Kempenfeldt Bay—an arm of Lake Simcoe on which Barrie is built—and brings the town into full view, with a back-ground of sloping hills and the blue waters of Lake Simcoe glistening in the sunlight at its feet.

A closer acquaintance with the town, its fine stores and comfortable hotels will but strengthen the favorable impression produced at first sight.

The principal hotel is the "Queen's," about two minute's walk from the station and steamboat wharf; it is a handsome structure facing on the main street, and is a first-class tourist house. The bed-rooms are large and well furnished, so also are the ladies' parlors, gentlemen's smoking rooms, dining room, etc., and the menu is excellent. There is accommodation for 100 guests, and the rates are moderate, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day, and \$10.00 per week. The proprietor, Mr. A. W. Brown, makes a specialty of catering to tourists and travellers from a distance.

Barrie is only sixty-four miles north from Toronto, on the N. & N. W. Div., of the G. T. R., and has a population of over 6,000. It has been chosen on account of its natural advantages and attractions, by many people of means, as a place to retire and bring up their families, and with its fine schools and churches, and splendid boating and fishing, Barrie is a place well worthy of such a choice and well worthy of a visit.

#### ORILLIA.

EIGHTY-SIX miles north of Toronto, and reached by the Grand Trunk Railway (N. & N. W. Division), the picturesque town of Orillia lies between Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching; it is also on the direct line from Hamilton, and on the Midland line (Peterboro' or Lindsay to Midland) of the same railway.

Orillia is in the heart of a splendid farming country, its southern boundary is washed by the clear blue waters of Lake Simcoe, and Lake Couchiching's waves lap the shores on the east.

Lake Simcoe is about fifty miles long, Couchiching being twelve miles in length; these two lakes are connected by the "Narrows," a channel of water spanned by passenger and railway bridges.

The waters of the lakes are stocked with fish—black and rock bass, salmon trout, white fish, pickerel, herrings and large maskinonge; the latter have been caught weighing thirty-six pounds, and measuring over four feet in length, while a catch from twenty-five to fifty salmon trout, five pounds to fourteen pounds in weight, is no uncommon result of a day's trolling, and 200 herrings is an ordinary day's catch.

Wild duck abound in the rice beds around the shores of the lakes, also gulls, loons, etc., and on the shore partridge and hares are numerous and furnish good sport, while deer may be bagged in the woods not far from Orillia, and within easy driving distance.

Amongst the many attractions of Orillia and vicinity are the far

famed Couchiching Park, Strawberry and Horseshoe Islands, Longford Mills Grove, etc.

With such splendid sheets of water at their very doors, it is but natural that the people of Orillia should induge in boating and yachting as their chief amusements in the summer months; the enterprising and sport loving people of this town having brought together some of the world's champion scullers to compete for supremacy on their rowing course. Orillia, if for no other reason, would be famous as being the birth place and home of the world-renowed oarsman, Jake Gaudaur. As a place of residence, with its streets bordered with shade trees, and its handsome homes, it is deserving of special notice. First-class sites for camps and summer cottages are to be secured on neighboring islands.

As a commercial centre Orillia is deservedly prominent, with its large lumber and manufacturing industries, its fine stores stocked with full lines of all the latest and best in all kinds of merchandise; its handsome drug stores, of which that of J. W. Slaven is worthy of special notice; hardware stores, where sportsmen find everything necessary in shooting and fishing tackle, and of which the establishment of Gilpin Bros., is a good sample. In camping and rowing costumes, etc., the tourist will find all requirements filled at the mammoth store of Cashman & Perry, while for those wishing to explore the surrounding country, and indulge the taste for scenic beauty, ample facilities are provided at McKinlay's livery stables; and for the lover of the succulent sweetmeat and cooling ice cream Little Harry will abundantly provide. Shopping in Orillia is a luxury, and tourists will find there every convenience of a large city. There are several first-class hotels in the town with free busses meeting trains and boats.

The atmosphere is exceedingly bracing and invigorating, this district being 700 feet above the level of Lake Ontario, more than 400 above Lake Huron, and nearly 400 above Lake Superior. Couchiching, the smaller lake mentioned, meaning "Lake of the Winds," so called by the Indian, lover of simile, is a pretty sheet of water, and empties into the beautiful River Severn, which in turn flows westward into the Georgian Bay. Orillia has about 5,000 of a population.

#### TRENT CANAL.

This canal was first projected early in the present century by the Imperial Government, as the best and most natural way to open up the country. Many of the present works were built by the Imperial Government about the year 1840. The money necessary to build this canal was actually voted by the Imperial Government, but the McKenzie rebellion breaking out in the year 1837, this money was taken to quell the rebellion. The Trent Canal when completed, will extend from Trenton,

on the Bay of Quinte, to Matchedash Bay, on the Georgian Bay. This distance is about 200 miles. It is now proposed to utilize the natural water-ways as far as possible, and by means of dams and locks to make the whole navigable, so that there will be very little actual canal when completed—probably not more than ten to fifteen miles of actual canal. The canal will run through some of the most beautiful lakes and rivers there are in Canada. The lakes are for the most part large, ranging from six to eighteen miles in length, and two or three miles in width, and from fifteen to twenty-five feet in depth. Lord Stanley, on his trip over these waters, said it was the most beautiful trip he had taken in Canada.

There is a shore line of over 1,000 miles, and the shores are well cultivated except those of Stony Lake and the Severn River. There is a total lockage of 850 feet, and this is to be overcome by the latest improvements in locks. It is proposed to use hydraulic lift locks, by which means vessels are locked fifty to eighty feet in height in less time than it takes to make an ordinary lockage. When the divisions at present under contract are completed, there will be 170 miles of direct navigation, reaching from Washago, on Lake Couchiching, or Barrie, on Lake Simcoe, to Heely's Falls, a point about five miles above the village of Campbellford. The draught of vessels navigating these waters is five feet, but with very little extra expense a draught of seven feet can be attained.

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#### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Institutions are very much like individuals. Some, without possessing special merit, rise through accident or other favoring circumstances; he truly great assert their greatness by inherent strength of character and sterling qualities. To the latter class, the truly great, belongs the Independent Order of Foresters, which, by capable management, upright dealing, sound principles and vigorous perseverance, has won in a comparatively short time a place and a name as a fraternal benefit organization that is admired and envied alike by friend and foe. From a very humble beginning at Newark, N.J., in 1874, it has risen steadily until to-day, when about to celebrate its majority, it stands without a peer—almost without a rival—in the great army of fraternal institutions. Its growth has been truly marvellous, its success phenomenal.

A combination of inharmonious elements reached a culmination in the seventh year of the Order's life, that, but for the sterling qualities and bravery of a few would have closed its career in ignominy. A reorganization was the first step that followed, and the wisdom with which

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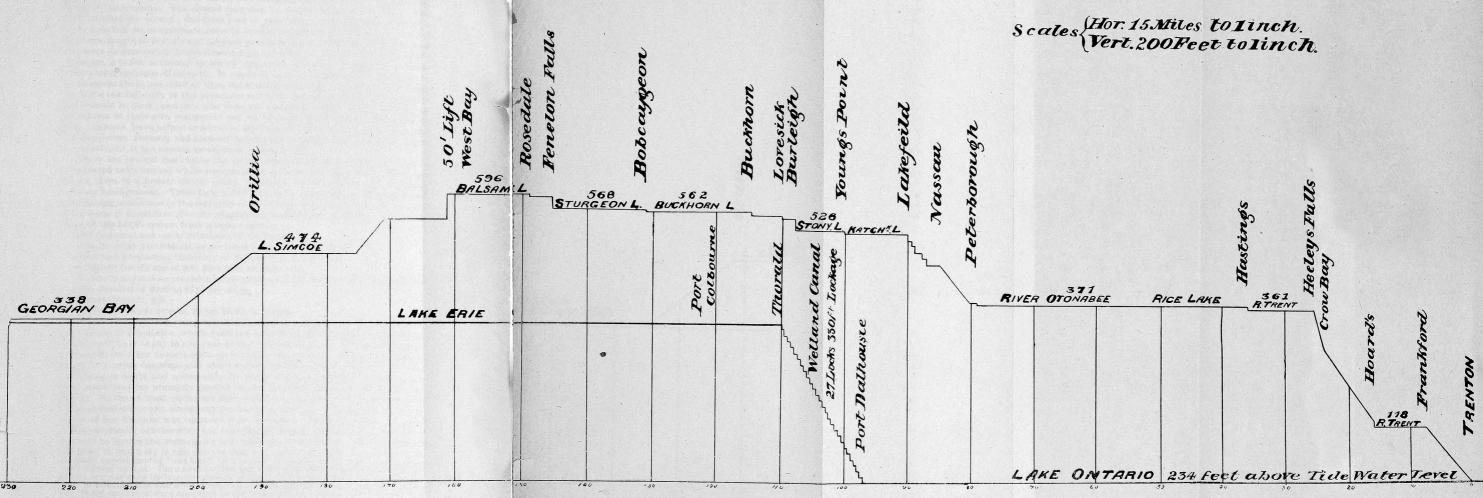


Table Showing Lake Levels (in Feet), of Midland District Above Lakes Ontario and Eric.

this was effected laid the foundation of the success which has, from that day to the present, been the constant companion of Independent Forestry. On July 1st, 1881, the Muster Roll of the Order contained about 369 names, there was not a dollar in the treasury, and \$4,000 was due to widows and orphans. Within a year the membership had run up to four figures, all old debts had been paid, and there was money in the treasury. The second year was an improvement on the first. The third excelled the second; and from year to year since there has been not only a continuous but an increasing success to reward the labors and cheer the hearts of those who fought so bravely and planned so well in years of trial and difficulty, and who have so thoroughly demonstrated that, in order to secure the benefits of life insurance, it is not necessary to enrich managers by immense salaries, or stockholders with immense dividends. It required much courage to offer insurance to the masses at about one-third of what the great corporations of the time were charging, but a careful study of the principles involved convinced the Forester leaders that it could be done: and that they were not mistaken is demonstrated not only by the success of their own institution but by that of others which, encouraged by their example, have helped to solve the problem of fraternal protection. Thanks to Independent Forestry and kindred institutions fraternal insurance is no longer an experiment, it is a success established beyond doubt.

There are several features in the Independent Order of Foresters which have contributed to its success while distinguishing it from other institutions. Foremosamong these is a broad, liberal policy, combined with capable and far-seeing business management. These have aided materially in extending the borders and establishing confidence in the integrity of the Order, and they have, at the same time, made it possible to give the magnificent combination of benefits which distinguish the I.O.F. system from others, namely: –

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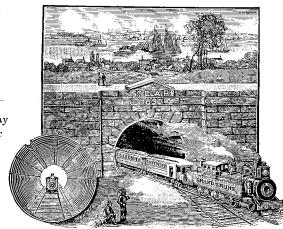
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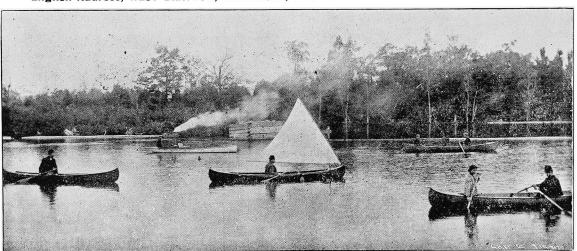
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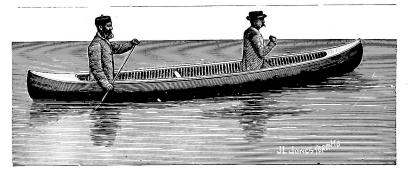
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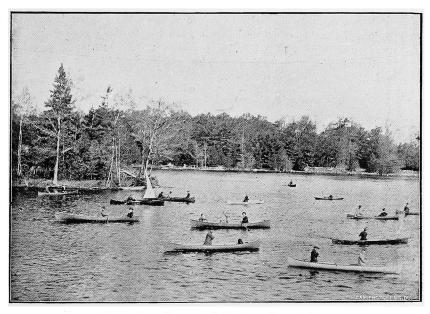


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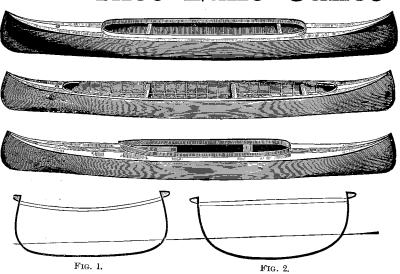


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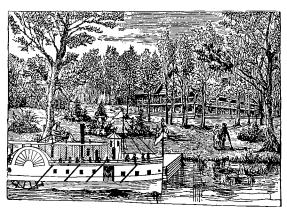
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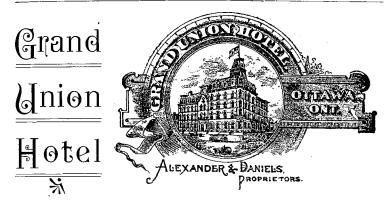
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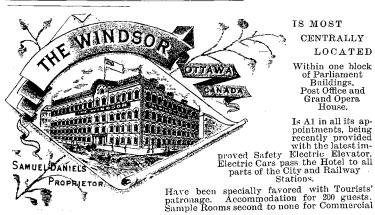
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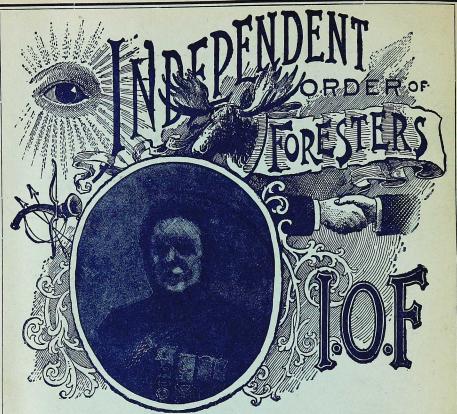
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