

FROM STURGEON FALLS TO FORT WILLIAM AND LAKE OF THE WOODS, INCLUDING THE FAMOUS NEPIGON AND STEEL RIVERS, ETC.

In following the transcontinental line from the portion just described to Fort William, the route traverses a good game region, rough and wild in the extreme, and crosses some of the very finest trout streams on the continent, including the world-renowned Nepigon River and Lake, the dream alike of anglers who have and have not cast a line in its rushing flood, or had their best efforts taxed by the jewelled leviathans that abound in that incomparable water. Many of the rivers and brooks in this section, or the numerous lakes, great and small, which are seen from the car windows, have never been fished, but such as have been tried have richly rewarded the experiment. Near the town of Sudbury some fair lake fishing is obtainable, and the adjacent country is a good one for black bear and grouse. In traversing the north shore of Lake Superior you will cross, among others, the Wahnapiataeping River, flowing from Lake Metagama into Georgian Bay; the Onaping River, draining the lake of that name; Spanish River; Mississauga, the outlet of Winibegon and Ground Hog Lakes; the Apishkaugama, Michipicoten and the Steel Rivers, trout streams of rare merit. The Magpie, White and the Little Pic Rivers also abound in trout of good size, White River being perhaps as good as any of the extensive list. Steel River offers some of the choicest trout fishing available outside of Nepigon. It has several small falls and rapids and deep pools, and, in fact, it is just the stream an angler loves, and wonderful catches can be made either by following it upward or near its mouth, using either flies, worms, minnow, or artificial lures. Other trout-haunted tributaries of this north shore are the Mink, Black, Maggot, Gravel, Cypress, Prairie, Jack Pine, Trout Creek, Wolfe, McKenzie, and Current Rivers, and there are several others within easy reach of the railway. In all of these trout are numerous, and the great majority of them can be readily waded. Of course, in fishing such waters one must be prepared to live under canvas or put up with poor accommodation; but that only adds to the enjoyment of a holiday in this lone, romantic land, and more attractive surroundings or better fishing than will surely be found there no man can desire.

During the fall of 1890 the Railway Company, desirous of doing all in its power to further the interests of sportsmen, decided to render several of the good but almost unfished rivers of this district more accessible, and also to decrease the difficulty of fishing that exceptionally good water, the Steel. What was most urgently required was a system of trails leading direct to the fishing, for the woods and covers about many of the best reaches of fast water were almost impassable to any but experienced woodsmen. Trails were accordingly made upon the Steel River, Prairie River, Black River, Gravel River and Jack Pine River, and it must be remembered that these are the choice of the whole extensive list. A few remarks conveying hints for general guidance to each will be useful.