



TROUT FISHING—NEPIGON RIVER.

party which located the Height of Land about forty miles to the north-west, and found it characterized by a lake about 40 square miles in extent (Kakeeshgada), with one outlet towards Hudson Bay and another towards Lake Superior.

From Round Lake several portages and unimportant waters took us to Squirrel Lake, an angular body of water with an area of about twenty square miles, and which is the head water of Gull River. Then commenced an exciting trip down the Gull, which for about fifty miles is a continuous series of rapids and falls.

When we had descended to a point about 25 miles from the mouth, we again left Gull River and pursued a chain of lakes (of which *Buchimiga*, 18 miles long, is the chief), which circled away to the north-east, and eventually emptied into Lake Nepigon by way of Wabanosh Bay. A stormy passage across Lake Nepigon brought us again to Gull River village, where we had *cached* some supplies, and thence we set out for Black Sturgeon Bay, on the west shore, to make our way by the portage route into the waters which

are carried by Black Sturgeon River into Lake Superior.

It remains but to sketch the physical conditions of this country. The prevailing timber is spruce, with jack pine, poplar and tamarac in the order named. A small area of white pine was seen in the vicinity of White Cedar Lake on the Height of Land nearest to Savanne; and here, curiously enough, some small cypress trees. The timber decreases in size as one goes northward owing to the burns, which vary from one to twenty years. Burns were largest in extent immediately south and east of the Height of Land; and of the land between Savanne River and the Gull three-fourths is *brulé*. In fact, for miles around Cedar Lake the country is practically burned into a prairie, but the sandy loam which characterizes it is too dry for agricultural purposes. Shallow muskegs are frequent. Potatoes seem to thrive well around Gull River, Nepigon House and Wabanosh; and judging from the growth of timber, blue-berries and raspberries, the climate would seem to be not inferior to that, for instance, in the neighbourhood of Sudbury.