

### "Northern Tours."

This publication is intended to push business for all Northern Routes, both in Canada and the United States, and will be advertised in the most prominent papers in both countries. Advertising rates will be placed as low as a first-class publication of large circulation will allow, and service will be made as perfect as a long experience in this line will give.



#### The Allan Line, Montreal.

Perhaps a bit of history will be interesting here.

The Allans are Scotch, and Alexander, the founder of the steamship line, was born in Ayrshire. Several members of the family were shipmasters, and in the early part of this century Alexander was running a brig from the Clyde to Quebec. The fleet grew with the growth of Canada, and had almost the monopoly of trade from the Clyde.

The present Allan Line was founded in 1820, and Alexander Allan later bequeathed his business to his five sons, two of whom were shipmasters, the others directing the business on shore. Later all were needed in the management of the rapidly growing industry. Hugh and Andrew went to Canada; James and Alexander, Jr., settled in Glasgow, and Bryce took charge of the Liverpool headquarters.

Under contract with the Canadian government for carrying the mails, they built, and in 1854 began running, a line of steamers which took the place of the old sailing vessels.

The company now has thirty-four steamers, aggregating one hundred and thirty-five thousand tons, and working in six distinct services from North America: between Montreal and Liverpool, Montreal and London, Montreal and Glasgow, Boston and Glasgow, New York and Glasgow, Philadelphia and Glasgow, and also a seventh, London to South America.

The new steamers "Bavarian" and "Tunisian" now building by the Allans for the

Montreal and Liverpool passenger and freight trade, will in all essential particulars be duplicates of each other, the specifications for both steamers being the same in all respects. They will be built by two of the best ship-building firms on the Clyde, Messrs. Denny & Company, of Dumbarton, and Messrs. Alexander Stephen & Son, of Lint-house. Their keels are five hundred feet long, their length over all or from knight heads to taffrail being about five hundred and twenty feet, their beam sixty feet, and their depth thirty-six feet, with a registered tonnage of ten thousand tons.

The "Californian," another addition to the fleet, formerly the "State of California," has been run in the service of the Allan-State Line, plying between New York and Glasgow. She is a trifle smaller than the well-known "Parisian," and approximates closely to her in speed.



#### Quebec as a Fur Centre.



In Quebec may be found the finest assortment of furs on the Continent—rare goods in profusion, and some that can hardly be found elsewhere. For many years, very large purchases have been

made there by tourists—in fact Quebec has become the recognized centre of the fur trade. A treat; to those who appreciate artistic merit, is a visit to the best known fur house in America—G. R. Renfrew & Company, furriers to Her Majesty the Queen, on Buade street, opposite the old Basilica.

Rich robes, rugs and garments of the rarest furs, furs made in every fashionable style, furs in the rough; in a word a collection embracing many varieties which are hard to duplicate. Visitors to Quebec, who have seen no other display than that offered by the ordinary hatter and furrier, can spend an instructive hour in this store, and can depend on a pleasant experience, whether purchasers or not. Many of the employees have at command a fund of information, of real value, where and how the various animals are procured, and incidentally many pleasant tales of hunting experience are related.

The proximity to Labrador and the great fur-bearing regions of the Hudson Bay country is a great factor. Few indeed appreciate the vast territory contributory to such a collection, or the perils and hardships of those who procure them—or the enormous interests at stake, in their care from the time they are caught—until they reach by many stages the artistic garments found in the warerooms of G. R. Renfrew & Company.

By all means, make it a part of your programme—while in Quebec—to visit this well-known establishment.

#### Lake St. John.

The view of Lake St. John, from the windows of the hotel Roberval, is quite sea-like, and, even in the clearest weather, the vision can scarcely reach to the opposite shore, at the Grand Discharge, a distance of some twenty-five miles. The inland sea is almost circular in shape, being some eighty-five miles in circumference. It is fed by a number of very large rivers, which Mr. Murray declares are well worthy of a volume to themselves, and most of which bear musical Indian names, while all of them swarm with fish. There is, first of all, the Peribonca, or "curious river," over four hundred miles long; the Mistassini, or "river of the big rock," over three hundred miles in length, and nearly two miles wide at its mouth; the Ashuapmouchouan, or "river where they hunt the moose," from two hundred and fifty to three hundred miles long, all flowing in from the north and northwest; the Ouatichouan and Ouatichouaniche, which have been already described, and the Metabetchouan, flowing from the south.

Steamers leave the hotel as required, to carry tourists into the mouths of these rivers, and those who desire to ascend them in birch-bark canoes may find guides, canoes, camping outfits, supplies, fishing tackle, etc., at the Hotel Roberval before starting.

In the months of May and June, excellent ouananiche fishing may be had in the lake, immediately in front of the hotel. From about the end of June, this fishing is good in the Grand Discharge, whither the steamer "Mistassini" crosses daily, from Hotel Roberval to the Island House, a hostelry built on an island of the Discharge, in the midst of the most magnificent scenery, specially for the accommodation of anglers and tourists. It is also well supplied with guides and canoes, is under the same management as the Hotel Roberval, and has accommodation for nearly a hundred guests. The "Mistassini" is a perfectly new, steel framed boat, staunch and fleet, and capable of accommodating four hundred passengers. It is admirably furnished and equipped with everything necessary for the comfort of passengers, and especially of that of the ladies. Her captain claims that he would be quite ready to cross the Atlantic in her. The steamers "Peribonca" and "Undine" are available for excursions to other parts of the lake.

#### Ouananiche Fishing.

Experienced anglers declare that no other fresh-water fish, excepting perhaps the salmon, affords so much sport to the fly fisherman as the Ouananiche. Anglers and others desirous of learning more about this famous fish, which has the habit of making such extraordinary leaps when impaled on a fly-hook, that it fights nearly as much in the air as in the water, should address a postal card to the *Tourist Department of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway*, asking for a copy of their illustrated guide, or

