

within easy reach of civilization—the part from Lake Superior west, including Isle Royale, Port Arthur with its picturesque settings, Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods—a region about three hundred miles long and one hundred miles wide, traversed by the Canadian Northern Railway, that attention is called.

All things seem to have conspired to make this particular section of the earth a most desirable place to come for recreation and to escape the worry of business and the heat of southern summers.

Lying above the forty-ninth parallel, the climate possesses those stimulating features so characteristic of all northern latitudes. From Port

Port Arthur, the Picturesque.

Port Arthur is becoming widely known as a summer resort. Situated on a plateau that slopes south to the water's edge; backed by a range of hills that almost reach the dignity of mountains, with Tunder Bay glistening in the sun at its feet and Thunder Cape guarding the harbor as it rises like some huge monster out of the sea, Port Arthur will attract and hold the attention of the tourist, whether he approaches it from the east or south by steamer, or by rail through the wilderness to the west. Here you get the full benefit of the Superior air. And he who has never filled his lungs from that sea of liquid life, has something coming that, when once experienced, will not be forgotten.

To the malaria-saturated denizens of the south, a week of this air is like the renewal of their life certificate for a period of ten years. The feeling of lassitude wholly disappears and in its place comes a desire to do something—anything that calls for physical exertion. The truant appetite returns, and with night comes contentment and refreshing sleep. This stimulating atmospheric condition obtains not only on the shore of Lake Superior and upon its waters, but throughout the entire inland-lake region included in the district that constitutes the Park—the only difference being one of temperature.

In the vicinity of Port Arthur are many places of interest to the tourist—places easily reached by steamer, canoe, or railway, where one can spend a day or a week with the utmost satisfaction. At sea there is Thunder Cape with its lighthouse, Pie Island and the lesser members of the group which encloses Thunder Bay. Then there is Silver Islet, that wonderful rock—a few yards in extent and rising scarcely above the

water, but about which clusters a world of strenuous romance. Out of this solitary wave-washed rock was taken four million dollars' worth of silver. It is deserted now. The shafts beneath the lake are filled with water. The breakwaters have long since yielded to the battering of the storm. The great stamps and vanners have become the prey of rust. On the shore a mile away where once stood a prosperous mining village a solitary caretaker points out to the traveler the landmarks of this one-time wonder-mine.

Twenty miles out, but in the track of the numerous steamship lines rise the rocky shores of Isle Royale—a miniature continent with rivers and lakes and mountains, hills and dales, rough promontories and land-locked bays. It is indeed an island royal, a world in itself, and a wild one, rising solitary out of the blue depths of this inland sea.

Would you camp in the woods, explore the streams or fish, there is every opportunity to indulge your desire. Civilization has not yet penetrated far into these wilds of the north, only soiling its skirts. Mountain streams are at your disposal. A canoe trip up the Kaministiquia and Whitefish will pay large dividends to those who clip its coupons. A visit to Kakabeka Falls twenty miles distant should not be omitted. Here the waters of a stream navigable in its lower reaches fall in an unbroken sheet one hundred and thirty feet to the gorge below. The streams swarm with brook trout, and in the lakes are found pike, pickerel and black bass, but during the hot summer days the tourist does not always care to fish.



Kakabeka Falls as seen from the train.

Arthur to the Lake of the Woods is found the wonderful Lake Superior air, but tempered and robbed of its harshness by local topographic conditions. Forest fires have swept parts of this region, denuding the hills and exposing their rocky sides to the heat of the sun during the long bright summer days. This stored heat, given off at night, raises the temperature to a most delightful average. The water of the lakes acts also as a regulator of temperature, but the influence is felt more especially upon the seasons.

The autumn is lengthened by the bright days of Indian summer extending far into November. Sudden changes are unknown except in the immediate vicinity of Lake Superior. The days are seldom uncomfortably hot and the nights are always delightfully cool. Malaria is an unknown word in the local language. The water is clear and seems always on the move. Even in the swamps there are rivulets ever seeking an outlet to a gravel-bedded river or a rock-gut lake. An air of physical purity pervades everything. There are no muddy streams, no stagnant pools—the very woods are clean.



At Port Arthur the train runs down to the steamer's dock.



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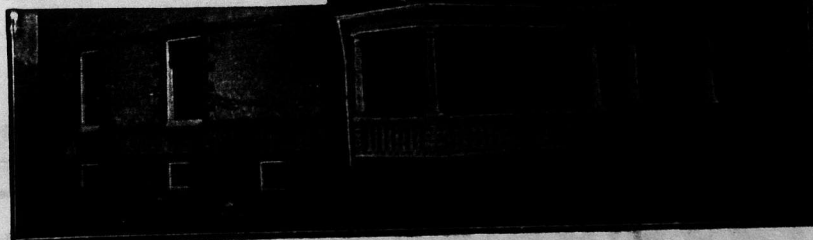
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