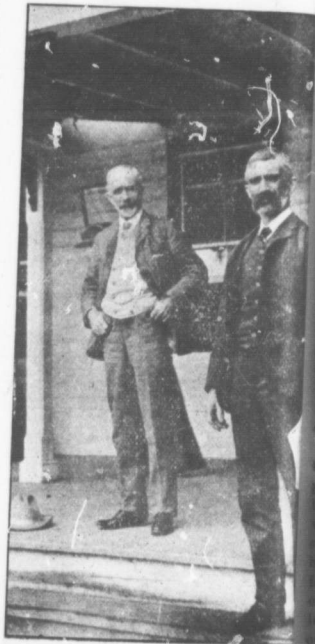


ported the party to Pembroke on Friday night, furnishing special accommodation and fast time which every person greatly appreciated. The spirit that gets into the air and reason of a swift train is a fast time. Fort William is in the county of Pontiac, and must not be confused with Fort William, Ont. It seems odd that the name of a well known railway terminus should be the same as this little hamlet on the shores of the Ottawa, and the explanation is that it was an old Hudson Bay post and people cling to the old names and are loath to relinquish them.

Right out from Pembroke the river expands into Allumette Lake, a beautiful expanse of water filled with pretty islands, and affording a sweep of the eye that fills the onlooker with gratification. The yacht proceeded through the Narrows, where the river resumes its natural course, and on past a wealth of verdant beauty. As each mile slipped by it seemed to increase in loveliness and in fact before the party returned they all fell in love with the beautiful Upper Ottawa. The Hotel Pontiac is a commodious summer hotel, accommodating, one would guess, more than one hundred guests. There are summer cottages on the islands opposite the hotel, and at times the beach of the river presents an animated appearance. There is great fishing at the mouth of Chalk river eight or nine miles above the hotel but the report came that the fish weren't biting and the disciples of Isaac Walton among the party had to travel along without any fish. There is a swell dancing hall in a separate building in addition to the hotel, and here, especially on Saturday evening, music and laughter rings out on the summer air. The chief charm of Fort William however is its quiet. It is a model family resort and very popular in Pembroke and Ottawa.

Mr. George Duncan the Agent at Ottawa was good enough to accompany the party and during the trip represented the well known custom of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, that when exercising hospitality it should be done well.



The genial hosts, Mr. C. A. McCool on the left, Mr. Chris. McCool on the right.

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