

See through yon field, how patiently and slow
 The meekly lab'ring, well-fed oxen go,
 And pull the plough to break the fertile soil
 That yields rich harvests for the settler's toil ;
 Or homeward draw the heavy loaded wain,
 To fill the bursting barns with sheaves of golden grain.

A happy home where peace and plenty dwell,
 And ruddy cheeks of health and comfort tell ;
 And while they robust, vig'rous strength enjoy,
 In useful tasks the working hours employ.
 With pleasures true and real contentment blest,
 And honest labor makes thrice welcome evening's rest.

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Muskoka is a transformation of the Indian word Musquoto, signifying clear sky, or no clouds. Intelligent Indians inform us that Musquoto was the first Indian who discovered Muskoka Lake and River, and that they took the name of Musquoto from this fact ; and, by some transformation on the part of the whites, Musquoto has been transformed into Muskoka.

PORT CARLING.

This thriving village is situated in the Township of Medora, on the banks of the Biasong (Thuader lightning) river, on both sides of the rapids from whence the river derives its name. The village has been named in honor of the Hon. John Carling, through whose practical knowledge of and well-known interest in the improvement of the route of communication with the Free Grant District, a Lock is in course of construction to enable our line of steamboats during the season of navigation to traverse the Muskoka, Rosseau, and Joseph Lakes. This lock is in the centre of the village plot which has been surveyed, and will soon be in market, in lots of different sizes, for building purposes. These lots are well arranged and beautifully situated, sloping gently down to the river ; some have a little rolling stone, but the majority are good clay loam and will prove a good investment to the purchaser. Already there are several houses, hotels and stores, doing a brisk business, so that intending settlers will be favorably circumstanced in fixing up in the bush. The land on Joseph Lake is remarkably good ; and, as it is contiguous to the Georgian Bay, a ready market for all produce will soon be within reach. To show the rapid progress of settlement in this delightful neighborhood, I have only to mention that the first settler, Mr. Michael Bailey, came in to this place in June, 1865, and now there are scores of settlers all around and many more coming in.