

The portage between the lakes comprises a varied forest of pine, maple, oak, cedar, spruce, tamarac, beech, poplar, basswood, and canoe birch, and amidst its shade and undergrowth lurks the wary game,—the timid deer, the stealthy bear, the watchful "Ayubah" or moose; all seek seclusion in the dim recesses of the forest, and may be taken between October 1st and December 15th; grouse, pheasant, and partridge, between September 1st and January 1st; wild turkeys and quail, snipe and duck, between August 1st and January 1st; and swans and geese between August 15th and May 1st, whilst beaver, muskrat, sable, martin, otter, and fisher may be taken at all times, between November 1st and May 1st. In our next number we intend to place before the public a full description of these hunting grounds, in readiness for the fall sport. So returning to Rosseau, we speedily embark on one of the M. and N. Nav. Co.'s steamers for our return. The line under the management of A. P. Cockburn, M.P. (who has probably worked more for the development of this county than almost any other person in it), comprises a fleet of pretty little passenger steamers, comfortably fitted up, and especially constructed for the lake navigation, although, compared to an ocean steamship, they seem small and insignificant; still the trip made is charming, and the meals served on board most enjoyable, while the evident attention paid to every little artifice that may add to the comfort and enjoyment of the passenger is a special feature unattainable by the numbers who cross on the "monarchs of the deep." The present fleet comprises the "Kenoza," making double trips daily from Gravenhurst through the southern portion of Lake Muskoka, and up the winding river to Bracebridge, from which point Baysville, twenty-five miles east, is noted for the number of deer which infest its woods. The lakes in this region are numerous, and each has its own special admirers amongst the annual visitors, and numerous parties are organized for the favourite localities. Guides can be procured for new comers, and the choice of location lies with themselves. Gravenhurst and Bracebridge are the starting points for the trout streams of the Muskoka River; and its tributaries, Hollow Lake, Wood Lake, and Sharpe's Creek, with Fox, Brick and Doe Lakes, are excellent for boating on; whilst Fairy Lake, Mary Lake and Lake Vernon, being connected, are now formed into a steamboat route. Both Gravenhurst and Bracebridge are well supplied with hotels and stores, so that merchandise, provisions, camping utensils, etc., can always be procured at moderate prices, and canoes, guides, and carriages to all neighbouring points of interest, whilst