

Boat-house, Wharf and Motor Yacht on Lake Simcoe. A typical scene on one of the numerous small lakes in the Province of Ontario.

Power Pleasure Boats

JUST as motor-cars are taking the place of touring coaches for country sight-seeing, so the gasoline motor or power boat is displacing the clumsy steam-yacht for lake and river touring. The sail-boat will only go when the wind is favourable; the small steam-boat is dirty and hot; the power boat is clean, roomy and easily handled. This is the summing up of the whole subject.

The little gasoline launch, with its $1\frac{1}{2}$ horse-power engine is displacing to some extent the row-boat and the sailing dinghy. The larger power-boat is becoming a formidable rival to the larger sail and steam yachts both for pleasure and transportation. A revolution has been worked in the last ten, even six years. In Canada where the rivers and lakes are numerous, the change is noticeable. In the Muskoka lakes, in the various tourist resorts about the Province, among the Thousand Islands, in the various harbours—the song of the choo-choo boat is heard all summer long, especially in the twilight of the long summer evenings. It is the same wherever boats are to be found in the other provinces.

At first these boats were imported from the other side of the line, but the builders of hulls and gasoline engines in Canada were quick to seize their opportunity. Now any one may buy a gasoline launch with a speed of six to sixteen miles entirely "made in Canada." One firm in Toronto has been turning out good boats for five years: the Nicholls Brothers have been in the market for three years. At other points through the country, similar institutions are producing these little pleasure vessels for the lovers of out-doors. They run from sixteen feet to one hundred in length—even three hundred feet boats are built suitable for ocean work.

This is a sport which has come to stay, because there is sufficient of the element of usefulness in it to promise permanency. The city man who wants to get out on the water, the cottager who desires quick locomotion from his "island" the fisherman who wants his punt drawn to the "best spots" and the man who is looking

for speed and excitement—all these have found in a power-boat something new, pleasing and useful.

An Experiment in Roads

The Toronto Automobile Club has succeeded in inducing eight municipalities in the county in which that city is situated to enter into a competition for prizes offered for good roads. Three prizes are given for the competition—\$500, \$200 and \$100 respectively, besides a number of additional prizes to road commissioners, amounting in all to \$200. The prizes are awarded for the three sections of road showing the greatest improvement between March 31st and August 31st, to be awarded by a committee of which Mr. A. W. Campbell is chairman with two other members, one representing the county of York and the other the Ontario Motor League. The money offered in prizes has been subscribed by individual members of the Ontario Motor League.

Automobile Notes

By an act of the Legislature of Quebec passed last month, the limit of speed in a city, town or village has been raised from six to nine miles. In more sparsely settled districts, the limit is fifteen miles.

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For the twelve months ending June 30th, 1906, 63 autos were imported from Great Britain, 367 from the United States and 30 from France. For the remaining six months of the year, 11 came from Great Britain, 161 from the United States, and 5 from France. The importations in the spring are heavier than those in the fall.

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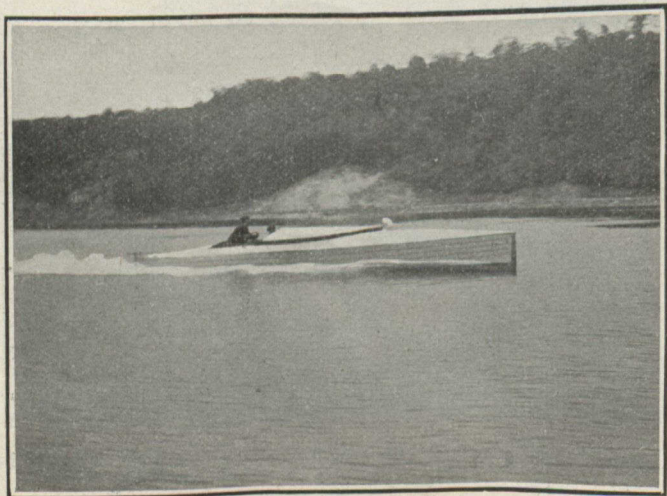
The Ontario Motor League is the name of a new organisation just launched. It is fathered by the Toronto automobilists, but is intended to gather in all motor enthusiasts throughout the Province. Besides being a protective association, it will aim to support the good roads movement.

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The International Automobile and Sportsman's Show is to be held in the Arena at Montreal for a week commencing with Saturday next. Toronto had a very good show last year, but there will not be one this season. A show requires a considerable expenditure and takes up much time and effort. It is a great education of course. Perhaps the Toronto people felt that the education was sufficiently far advanced to absorb all the supplies offered. Montreal is just a little behind Toronto in motor enthusiasm, which may account for the show there this year. Nevertheless, the exhibitors will be numerous and the show should be an excellent one. The management have laid their plans well, and it will not be their fault if the show is not as good as those which have become such great events in the leading cities of the United States and Great Britain.

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The Russell automobile is to be specially advertised by an exhibition express car which is to travel over Canada.



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