



MUSKOKA LAKE.

later, Muskoka, from the Missasaga chief, whose name was sometimes spelled "Mesqua-Okee." Farmers and fruit growers surely need recreation, as well as merchants and professional men; and a week spent in such a region as this, with every care and thought of work or business wholly erased from the mind by the charming surroundings, and by the enchaning amusements of boating, fishing, bathing or roaming the woods, will rejuvenate the jaded and worn spirits, and refresh the whole physical system.

It will be a mistake to suppose the Muskoka district wholly unadapted to the cultivation of fruit. We have many intelligent and prosperous members of our Association living at Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Bala, Glen Orchard, etc., who have learned, through the reading

of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, and the Annual Reports, the varieties of fruits best adapted to these colder sections of Ontario. In apples they are growing the Haas, Tetofsky, Wealthy, Duchess, etc. Most varieties of plums grow well and bear abundant crops. Strawberries succeed exceedingly well, and although our finer varieties of raspberries and blackberries are too tender, yet the woods abound in hardy natives of fine size and flavor, which yield such quantities of fruit as to render the garden cultivation of them quite uncalled for. Being unavoidably detained near one of the islands near Bala, the captain gave us all permission to land for a couple of hours. Everyone enjoyed the ramble among the rocks and bushes, and not less, the feast upon the huckleberries which grow in great pro-