

MUSKOKA LAKE

Is one of the most charming sheets of water in this Province. There are over 300 Islands dotting its surface, which, for beauty and variety, cannot be excelled. That portion of the Lake between Gravenhurst and the Narrows is exceedingly beautiful, and much admired by the lovers of nature. Mrs. John B. Robinson, Mrs. Dodge, and other ladies who have travelled extensively, pronounce the scenery to be equal to anything to be found on this continent.

THE MUSKOKA RIVER

Is very attractive and celebrated for the perfect reflection which is everywhere noticeable—in fact, some declare that in this respect it is equal to the far-famed Lakes of Killarney.

The *Telegraph* says :—

“LAKE ROSSEAU

Is perhaps the most beautiful of the chain of water communication. It is particularly placid, filled with picturesque islands, and the shores are wooded to the water's edge. In its general characteristics, it greatly resembles the celebrated Lakes of Killarney. The party landed at the head of the sheet of water, at a place named Sandy Cut, but which, before the party left, was duly christened Port Sandfield, in honor of the Hon. J. S. Macdonald.”

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, Presbyterian Minister, writes in the *Record* for January, 1871, that “This Lake is a perfect gem of beauty, about 12 miles by 7, variegated by numerous islands, a place fit for a philosopher's musing or a poet's fancy. This Lake will soon be connected with Lake Joseph by a short canal, a lake of larger dimensions and much spoken of for its lovely and variegated scenery. It is also being connected in the same way to Lake Muskoka at Port Carling.”

Speaking of Lake Muskoka, he says :—“The scenery on this Lake is unsurpassed by anything I have seen in the Dominion.”

LAKE ST. JOSEPH.

This is a large and beautiful sheet of water connecting with Lake Rosseau at Port Sandfield. The land adjoining this Lake is principally timbered with hardwood and of very superior quality ; at one point it touches very close upon the Georgian Bay, where a shipping port and