

giving forty miles of steamboat navigation. Salmon and lake trout, white fish, and pickerel abound in them. A small stream connects the upper and lower Manitou Lakes with Rainy Lake, offering a new route to the Rainy River system of waters, which mark the international boundary between the Province of Ontario and the State of Minnesota. One can leave the train at Wabigoon station and descend the outlet of Wabigoon Lake to Rainy Lake, and from there paddle either to Lake-of-the-Woods via Rainy River, or follow the international boundary eastward by way of Pigeon River to Lake Superior, reached at Grand Portage. Small, but comfortable, steamers are placed on the route between Wabigoon and Rainy Lake—this being the Manitou district, which promises great development of its mineral resources, and accommodation is being provided *en route* which will be capital centres from which to work either for game, fish, or gold.

Travelling westward from Wabigoon, Eagle River and Vermillion Lake are reached after a short run, and from here again the Rainy River and Lake-of-the-Woods may be reached by canoe, the route being by Eagle Lake, Vermillion Lake, and Huckleberry Lake and connecting streams. Very large lake trout can be taken in all of them, and maskinonge are numerous in the rivers linking them together. The next important lake is the magnificent Lake-of-the-Woods, one of the most beautiful waters in all Canada. It is so irregular in shape, and has so many islands and bays, that but a portion of it can be seen from any one point of view. As will be readily understood, experienced guides are necessary, if an attempt is made to explore this maze of waters, but they can be easily secured. Lake-of-the-Woods sprawls like a huge silver spider amid romantic surroundings of the most pleasing description; and from it extend natural water highways for hundreds of miles east and west and north. Near its outlet at Winnipeg River is the progressive town of Rat Portage, now a great mining centre, from which steamers—amongst others the new S. S. "Keenora"—ply regularly to Fort Frances on Rainy River, from which other steamers run on Rainy Lake and the Seine River, where there are big and little game and capital fishing. Supplies can be procured at Rat Portage, Fort Frances and Mine Centre, the latter being a new town which has sprung into existence as a result of the rapid development of the gold areas in the vicinity during 1896-7. A point worth noting by those fond of duck shooting is the English River, a tributary of the Winnipeg River, and distant about sixty miles north of Rat Portage. Very few men have shot here, but three guns killed as many duck in thirteen days' shooting on the English River as they wanted to, and the owners of the guns travelled all the way from Toronto to do it. One of these sportsmen has shot at many of the best points in Manitoba and the Northwest, and made heavy bags, but he declares that the English River grounds are the best he ever tried.

To attempt to describe such a route in a book of this nature is impossible. A glance at a map of Canada will reveal the extent of the great chain of waters referred to, and the sportsman can select from a hundred or so long or short canoe trips the one that best suits his convenience. Upon these countless streams and lakes you can spend a delightful holiday, covering a few days, weeks, or an entire season if you will, tracing out