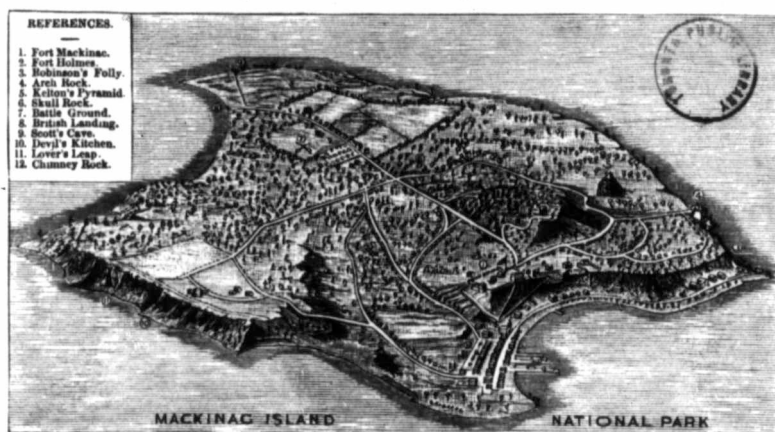


beautiful parade-ground, its fine band, and its troops of jaunty young officers, add vastly to the gayety and brightness of the scene.

On the highest point of the island are the ruins of Fort Holmes, named for an American officer who unsuccessfully attempted to retake the Island from the British in 1814. From the old fort the eye takes in one of the

GRANDEST PANORAMAS ON EARTH,

a sweep of 150 miles of magnificent lakes, rolling billows snowy-crested, green islands, wild crags and precipices, shelving shores of dazzling white sand, lighthouses, towns, Indian encampments and far-reaching forests melting away in the dim distance into the undistinguishable blue of wave and sky. Far away to the northward are plainly seen St. Martin's Island, Burns' Island, and the famous Chippewa Indian village at the mouth of Pine river. To the west lie Point St. Ignace, with its wharves, hotels and mills, the burial-place of Father Marquette; the Rabbit's Back, a strange



range of rocky hills presenting precisely the appearance that suggested the name, with a gigantic perpendicular pillar of grayish-white stone sticking up just enough to put the finishing tail to the picture; Point La Barbe, where the old traders of a by-gone age used to shave or trim their beards and do a little "slicking up," before going in to meet their patrons or their girls in Mackinaw; and the Gros Cap Hills fading away into the dim shore-line of the northern peninsula. Outlined against the sky on the southwest are Waugoshance light-house, McGulpin's Point and light house, and nearer at hand Mackinaw City on the northern point of the lower peninsula. Twelve miles southward the pretty little city of Cheboygan lies in plain view, with its dock, its handsome houses and its fleet of white-sailed vessels. To the east twenty-four miles away, Spectacle Reef light house looks like a slender finger against the horizon, and Bois Blanc Island, with its trout streams and light-house looms up grandly on the vision just across a narrow strait, while twelve miles off to the northeast can be seen the upper part of the Channeaux Islands, an enchanting