

gating game, conserving the water, and as a sanitarium. Lying as it does on the height of land between the valley of the Ottawa and the Georgian Bay, and including within its boundaries the head waters of all the principal streams in the Huron and Ottawa territory, also the great Opeongo Lake, there could not have been a better selection for the objects had in view. It is surrounded on all sides by a well-settled country, and is easily accessible either by canoe or travelled roads, besides having the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway passing through its centre.

In that park and its environs to-day there are, at a conservative estimate, not less than three thousand head of moose deer alone, and a much larger number of red deer. It abounds also in all the fur-bearing animals to be found in the temperate zone. Twenty years ago it was literally teeming with beaver. But owing to the indiscriminate and wanton slaughter of those interesting and valuable animals by local hunters they had been almost exterminated before the park was set apart and a law passed protecting them. But now, since the district has been in charge of an efficient staff of keepers, they are increasing so rapidly that in the near future they will have become as numerous as ever. There probably never was a scheme conceived by any government which met with such general approval as the setting apart of that park. Politics, for the time being, were laid aside and all parties vied with each other in their endeavors to make it as near perfection as possible. The only fear seemed to be that the territory set apart would not be large enough to meet the requirements.

The section of country lying between the Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River, heretofore described as the "Huron and Ottawa Territory," is the principal home of the red