BELACEBELIGE.

10; miles north of Gravenhurst, is a town of a little over two thousand inhabid in 1862, incorporated in 1875, and well situated for busines; purposes. It is the on on the Muskoka River, and the converging point of all the colonization roads skoka and Parry Sound districts. It is surrounded by an abundance of rich and ing lands, most of which is occupied and improved. Stages lines run daily to be district and tri-weekly to others. The people fully understand the advantant are making the most of them.

The railway here crosses the river on an

uring are not surpassed by any other in Ontario, the water over tically unlimited and permanent, and already valuable industries are talking of lighting the town by electricity, and look forward



BRITISH LION HOTEL. time our boat tied up at the dock at Bracebridge, our parly had developed an apperonly Muskoka air can produce, and "Where shall we sup?" was the first query. A ested Mr. Sibbet's house, bearing the good, loyal title of the "British Lion Hotel," we repaired with baggage and appetites. Of the latter we were promptly relieved offices of Mr. Sibbett, an operation made easy at his well-served table, where an exof are, containing all the dainties of the season, always awaits the tourist. Mr. telarge of this, the leading hotel of the town, which was established in 1870, six His forty well-furnished and comfortable rooms easily accommodate upward of s. Convenient offices, elegant parlor and first-class sample rooms for commercial implete the conveniences of the place. The barns and stables attached are roomy, it that the traveler's steed will be well cared for. The charges, \$1 and \$1.30 per day, it. After supper we found the prospect from the point of the hotel, with its siew of discenery up and down the river, a solace which only needed the addition of a good ess to say at hand, to clear away the faligue of the day and reconcile us to the a right trip by rall to follow.

In Falls four miles up the river are worthy a visit from the tourist. There are three scades separated by islands and plunging into a broad, deep basin. The visitor the brink of the rocks, a hundred feet above, has a view before him which will a repay the trip. oat tied up at the dock at Bracebridge, our parly had developed an

THE SOUTH FALLS AT THE MUSKOKA. south branch of the river is a cascade which in most countries would become the coint of pilgrimage for hosts of tourists. It can be reached by a three mile walk a Bracebrige, over a good road, — or, better, by cance, going down the river to the he south branch and then up to the foot of the falls. An admirer says of it: "Looking he tunnituous snowing mass, the belts of spring at each successive fall hang over the ps, and little rainbows enhance the occan. The water is torn into whitened foam, are marked by deep brown streaks, where in deeper spots it sweeps over smoother either side rise walls of spray-damped solid rock, fringed with young Maples and Birch, while high above the dark green Pines and age-browned bridge stand clear-cut saky."

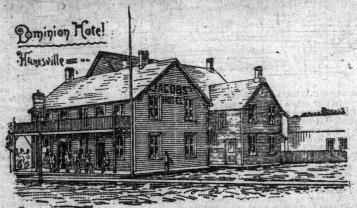
ROBINSON'S PHOTOGRÁPHY. After taking a look round town and taking a "shot" or so at the falls, the "Fairy" disappared mysteriously and was finally discovered engaged in deeply technical confab with the all photographer, Mr. Robert Robinson, an artist who is keeping up with the times in all itters photographic. He has a fine selection of appratus and uses the latest methods of proction, which, with his ability as portraites and personal popularity, should secure him a large grounge, both among residents and tourists to this pretty town. He has a stock of fine views the various points of interest in and around Bracebridge, which are not only good photophs but artistic in selection of subject, and make suitable and pleasant memonto's to carry magnetic and the process of the photographic section.

BRACEBRIDGE TO HUNTSVILLE.

a Perfect Network of Lakes, Rivers and Streams—A Beautiful Country for the Picasure Seeker, o'night Pacific express on the N. & N. W. settle down for the brief tilp in of one of their luxurious coaches. En route we pass Falkenburg, a post the of Bracebridge, a trading point, with Methodist and Episcopal churches



The state of the s



of Mr. J. W. Jacobs was our headquarters, and a most pleasant one at that. Mr. Jacobs is a Suffolk man, who once kept an inn at Stowmarket, in "the tight little isle," and the ways of the old English landlord are his ways. He has been 12 years in Canada, 8 years of which has been spent in Huntsville, demonstrating how a hotel ought to be kept and with most complete success. The broad roofs of the Dominion spread out over quarters, at once ample, airy clean and comfortable. The office, sample rooms, reading room, parlors and chamber are alike convenient and well furnished, the dining room large, with well-appointed tables and handsome bouffet and service uncommonly good. Mr. J. evidently believes in the use of the wholesome creature comforts and his bill of fare is carefully arranged and cooked "to a turn" Not only these things, but his bluff and heariy personality make the guest at home, and when it comes to information as to resources of the district, he is an encyclopedia. The hotel looks out upon a pretty prospect of village, vale and river. At its side are the broad gardens which supply the table with the excellent vegetables in which this district can easily beat us down "at front." Across the way his broad and roomy barns afford equal comfort for the equine guests belonging to farmers and others, for the farmers up north are well off, and when they come to town they don't "tie up" the team under a church shed all day and lunch on 2 cents worth of soda biscuit, they just go to the hotel of the town and pay for needed comfort for relives and beasts in good shape, and with such as with the general traveler our friend Jacobs is a favorito. While looking over this part of the domain he called attention to the finest litter of young deer hounds and to the father and mother, the two finest specimens of the large English breed, we have ever seen. These and others are kept for the fall hunting and can be furnished to guests, with guides as required.

A short distance from the hotel Mr. Jacobs is now erecting a lar



A summer resort opened for this season's business by Mr. E. Patten. The commodious building shown in an illustration is 40 by 50 feet in size and contains accommodations for thirty guests, arranged with special reference to the comfort of those in delicate health. The house is intended for summer tourists, principally, and the plan is to make a pleasant summer house, where guests in poor health can enjoy quiet pleasure under the most favorable conditions for recovery of strength.

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The population of Muskoka and Parry Sound is notably strong and healthy, it would is a poor place for the physician, so rosy are all cheeks, so well-rounded every form; the psychocome here to recreate are in good health, or soon find themselves so and the considers does not often occur that nature has here created a grand sanitarium, place of healing for the alling, where the weak may become strong, yet such is the case. I alted over a thousand feet above the sea level, some 800 feet above take Ontario, 300 feet all even Lake Superior, these lake resorts have an atmosphere that is not only dry and pure light, a matter of prime importance in cases where the lungs are affected, and bearing all with it the health giving properties of the pine forests everywhere surrounding. Hay fe simply cannot exist here and the patient driven from home by that scourge will find finned, relief without medication. Asthma and similar affections yield easily to slight medication, afthe victim of overwork, brought to the verge of nervous prostration, will soon find himself ing an oar with the vigor of a voyageur. The Tourists' Home is a place where the victim civilization and heavier atmospheres can rest relieved of care and fashion and by degrees the part in the sports and exercises of the season. It is not a heapital but a quiet home, with every delice attainable. 'Bus moets all trains and boats. The frequent excursions on Captain Donto boats and boating facilities on the smooth river give abundant antions.





When we arrive at Burk's Falls we were met at the station by R. L. Menzies of the M. & N. N. Co., who identified the newspaper trio by the air of saddened genius on their brows, and straightway made us known to Mr. D. F. Burk as a proper being to impart to our travel worn a straightway made us known to Mr. D. F. Burk as a proper being to impart to our travel worn to the beauties of his new hotel. This house which will be ready for tourists before the season opens is a resort where the most fastidious pleasure-sceker cannot fail to be happy. The structure at present opening, is 33 x 70 ft. in the most modern cottage style of architecture. In the fall the main building 34 by 62 ft. will be erected across the present front completing what will be one of the finest hotels in the Muskoka district? For this summer's travel the wing as at present finished will be used. It contains a commodious office, large sample room, bar-room, a superb dining room, all the ceilings on this floor being 12 feet high. The dining room with its fine briss hanging lamps, waxed floor, and handsome buffet, the latter stan ling in an alcove, flanked by stands of flowers will be cool and airy, and looks as do all the rooms on the south west and north sides, out upon one of the most charming views in this country of scenic surprises.

All cooking will be done in a well-ventilated basement, avoiding kitchen odors in the house. The large parlot looking out upon the fine scenery of the river and valley, is elegantly furnished in finest. Brussels carpeting and figured plush and walnut chairs, tete-tees, funtentlis, sofus, grand plane equal to the best we have in our largest cities. The beforeoms are all ten feet high, are planed to the best we have in our largest cities. The beforeoms are all ten feet high, are planed to the proposed plush and walnut chairs, tete-tees, funtently, sofus, grand plane equal to the best we have in our largest cities. The beforeoms are all ten feet high, are with full sets of modern art furniture in light-colored hard BURK'S HOTEL,



THE CATARACT HOUSE.

Mr. Burk is not alone in catering to the traveling public. The Cataract House, located near the Falls, has made a reputation in former years under the management of Mr. W. F. Thompson, which its present propr etors, Mulheron Bros.', will not fail to maintain and increase. Its location near the river gives a fine view down the valley from the front, and from the side directly out across the stream and fine-clad banks. It is a frame building, three stories, 104 feet by 60, and accommodates over 50 guests. The first floor is devoted to the office and a series of commodious parlors and sitting-rooms for ladies and gentlemen. The sample rooms are most convenient, as all commercial travelers can testify, while when one ascends to the upper realms the extreme neatness and good taste in furnishing which pervades the well-cared for halls and sleeping rooms, becomes impressed as the prevailing characteristic. Here we find also another sitting-room, exclusively for ladies. The good judgment of the builders was shown in the fact that they so planned the house that in summer time every room can be swept by the cool breeze of the valley at will of its occupant. The building itself is owned by Messrs. Adams & Burns of Toronto. The neat and orderly management of the place is due to the exertions of the proprietors, of whom Mr. Hugh Mulheron, the younger in years, is the senior in hotel experience, naving made the acquaintance once of the tourist world in the Barrie Hotel at Barrie, and in Monteith's at Rosseau. He is a brother-in-law of D. Lefranier, the Boniface of the Fraser House, Gruvonhurst, T. C. Mulheron, his associate as host and sportsman, can be of great service to the "tenderfoot" who, duly settled, wants a pilot to a good trout brook. Their rates are \$1 to \$2 a day. The house is provided with telephone to the station and runs a free 'bus to all trains, Guides and full information as to trout and bass fishing for summer sportsmen.

ark's Falls is the centre of one of the best trout fishing grou Lake, about 6 miles south-west, contains speckled, salmon









TRAIN & SON. Burk's Falls takes its name from a beautiful cascade in the Maganetawan River, about thirty feet in height, which attracted the attention of the first settlers, as furnishing a most desirable water power. It remained unused, however, only a stop-log-dam being put in to facilitate the passage of annual drives of logs, until last autumn when the firm of Train & Saunders commenced the erection of a large saw mill, which soon began to prove a convenience to the community. This spring the firm changed to Train & Son, and the work of finishing the mill with enlargements and improvements has gone forward rapidly. They are now running a complete mill, saw-rig carriage with rope feed, double-edger, trimmers, slab saw, planer, lath mill, sticker and a shingle mill of 35.000 capacity. The refuse is carried away by a heavy chain earrier to a burner, where it is consumed. Heaching from the flam to a point in the mill opposite the carriage is an apparatus called a "jack-ladder," a transway which, when it reaches the

