

The bass and maskinonge fishing goes on all the time, but in the autumn trout fishing also comes in. The speckled trout run to a large size in some lakes.

On the 15th or 20th of October, deer shooting opens and continues a month or six weeks, the season being from time to time varied by Government orders.

Deer are not to be found in the immediate neighborhood of the usual summer resorts. If good sport is wanted, arrangements are made for an expedition to the more remote woods and lakes, where deer are plentiful as well as bears, wolves and the other wild animals of the country. For a permanent arrangement it is best, especially if two or three join, to have a comfortable log shanty built in a good situation on some backwood lake, maybe fifteen or twenty miles from your residence. Proceed there about the middle of October taking a wagon with your canoes, dogs, and supplies, and stay there a month or two. The lakes generally freeze up about the first of December when a few days of splendid skating can be had, before going home for the winter.

The game laws in Ontario are carefully conceived and well administered, with the view of keeping up the supply of all kinds of game and fish. The settler can therefore confidently look forward to continued good sport in future years—the woods and waters are not being shot out or fished out. The backward extension of settlement in Ontario has also practically ceased, the ground being too rough to be worth clearing, now that the prairie lands of Manitoba and the North West are available. Hence these extensive tracts of wild country, though easily reached from the towns and settled parts, remain untouched, and will remain so for an indefinite period.

We thus complete our round of the seasons in Ontario, and the reader, it is hoped, may have learnt that things are not quite so wintry as he may have been led to suppose.

To the lover of nature and of outdoor life, "the canoeist" the sportsman and fisherman, Ontario presents peculiar attractions. Eight months of the year, as we have seen, he can spend abroad among the lakes and woods with a varied succession of interests, from his first salmon in the early spring, until he drops the last duck of the season late in November. But apart from such pursuits, anyone who takes an interest in agriculture and farming, has the best of opportunities for indulging such tastes. For the gardner it is a splendid climate—the warm spring and hot summer favor the raising of all kinds of vegetables and garden produce in great variety and perfection. Some parts of Ontario too are noted for fruit, grapes and peaches. Anyone who takes an interest in carpentering, boat-building, or wood working in any form can find every facility for indulging in any hobby of this kind, owing to the cheapness and variety of wood and the prevalence everywhere of machinery for working the material into shape.

The cost of living it may be generally said, is about half the cost of living in a similar style in England, and as there is a total absence of conventionality, you can live as you please. There are no appearances to be kept up for their own sake. But you can keep a horse and trap on an income which would not permit of your dreaming of such a luxury in the old country.

A good residence in large grounds can be bought or built at half the cost of a similar one at home. Generally speaking there are not many houses for rent or