

The geologist has something to see there:—Contorted strata, and white crystallised limestone, and what were formerly supposed to be glacier boulders, but now considered as mineral growths, crystallizing round accidental centres. They are globular, ellipsoidal, or combinations of greater and lesser ellipsoids, joined together, so that each compound figure bears no imperfect resemblance to an old English watch. A very fantastic form was shown by one of these little wonders which are found from forty to sixty feet below ground. The nodule had in its lesser part the profile of an ape, while in the centre of what represented the stomach of the monkey was a polished pebble of pinkish brown limestone. The crystallized limestone is remarkable from an economical point of view, as it will take nearly five of sand and then make strong mortar. Various varieties of rock and freaks of nature are before the traveller's eyes. A bowlder, which ten yoke of oxen would not shake, may be seen resting on top of a small detached stone, which itself rests on a flat rock. A large pine tree is described on the top of utter infertility, in the shape of a bowlder. Its roots are twining round the latter and clasping it for support, till they pierce the fissures of the rock and find nutriment, where all seems barren. Such are among the curiosities of Muskoka, where also large and magnificent maiden's hair ferns are to be had.

As a tourist's camping ground, the

country has few rivals. Its lovely waterfalls, its countless lakes, its romantic ravines, form an ever-changing panorama of beauty.

The sportsman can find a great variety of game, feathered and unfeathered, from the partridge to the shaggy bear. Loons and some noble specimens of tall and pink-breasted herons are to be shot there. Among table birds, the partridge is so very abundant in some localities that it seems like butchery to kill them by the half dozen. The most popular plan in deer-hunting is to divide into two parties, of which the first follows the antlered quarry in the bush with hounds and drives it to the lake, at which moment they shoot it. Moose are also shot, though rarely. Mrs. Stewart, of Mary Lake, aided in killing two of these gigantic deer, one of which weighed 700 lbs. and was deliciously juicy and tender. The following is quoted from my description of Muskoka sport in the atlas. "Two hunters, one day, with loud and ostentatious preface recounting the boastful record of their past conquests in the chase, after the manner of the Homeric warriors, sallied forth. For brevity, let us christen them Jack and Mack. Mack was to row along the shore, while Jack and the dog were to start the deer towards the water. Soon we heard the loud shouting and the deep baying of the hound, that joyful utterance, when he has struck the scent of the antlered monarch. The clear, frosty air sent each sound of the