

navigable rivers of America, can be said to exhibit the progress of the present, those in St. John display in large degree the wild, weird beauty of the prehistoric past. Along its sinuous course are rugged headlands, seamed and scarred with the warfare of the ages; leafy covers which resound with the raucous cry of the bittern or the splashing flight of ducks; islands and intervalles, level and green, which have received from the dawn of time the baptism of the river god; gently sloping hills crowned with the murmuring verdure of spruce and pine — offering to the eye of the modern pilgrim scenes which must have delighted the vision of Villebon and La Tour.

St. John is a city entitled to favorable consideration. Its population is nearly 50,000; its public and private buildings would adorn a city of much larger size, and it is the only genuine winter port of Canada. The people of St. John are very proud of their comely city, and very much in earnest in their efforts to promote its welfare.

With the solitary exception of those of Fredericton, the hotels of St. John are not surpassed by any in the Maritime Provinces. The Eastern Steamship Line, the Digby and Yarmouth steamers, the Grand Lake and Washademoak boats, the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways create there, especially in the tourist season, a very large passenger traffic. St. John is by no means destitute of charms as a temporary summer resort itself. The rise and fall of the tide produce cooling breezes from the sea that temper the rays of the sun in the hottest weather; the Bay Shore affords facilities for bathing; the roads leading out of the city are kept in fine condition and offer many pleasant rides. A public park is now elaborated at Lily Lake and adds greatly to the natural attractions of the city and its surroundings. To people with a taste for freaks and conundrums a very instructive feature of this locality is the famous "reversible cataract," which twice in every twenty-four hours turns around and falls up hill!

Two fast passenger trains each day, covering the distance of sixty-six miles in a trifle over two hours, connect St. John