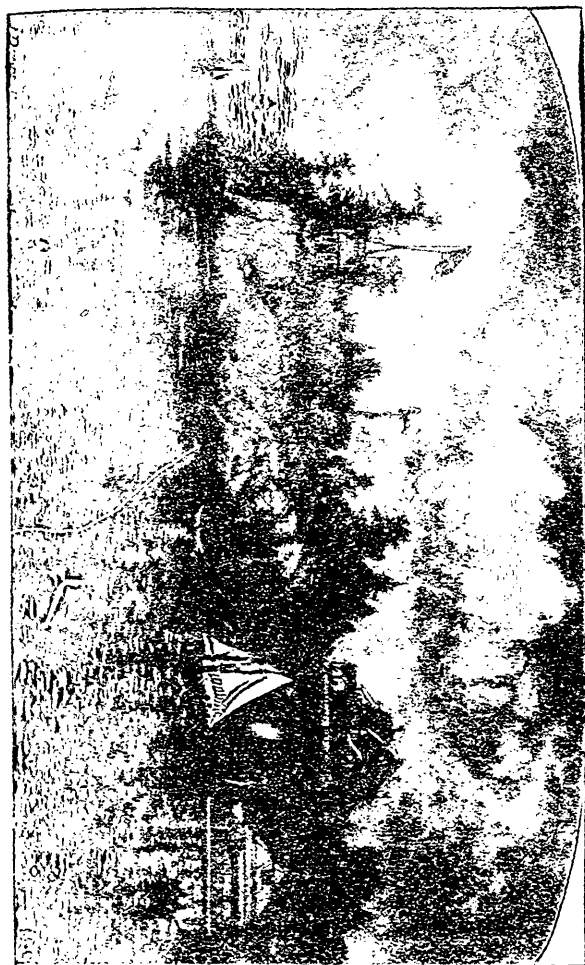


The steady and successful growth of interest in this picturesque region attracted the attention of capitalists and hotel men, and, in 1873, Mr. O. G. Staples, with an associate, opened the Thousand Island House. All passengers down the St. Lawrence have seen this massive building with its magnificent

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piazas, standing close to the southern shore, and mirrored in the crystal waters. Its grand and imposing front, topped by its lofty tower, its acres of pillared verandas filled with happy throngs, hundreds of laden boats and yachts breaking the silvery waters into rippling waves, all create scenes of beauty not soon