

## ISLANDS TO BE SOLD.

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The Islands now offered to the public lie as far west as Wolfe, or Long Island, and eastward extend to where the river narrows, some twelve miles below Alexandria Bay. There, passing the Amateur Group, it becomes rapid again after disporting itself for so long amongst Island scenery such as can nowhere be surpassed. When these Islands are sold, twenty-five miles of the St. Lawrence River will be given over to pleasure and health purposes, and the grand park thus constituted will be one of the largest as well as one of the most beautiful watering places known. As there are, within these limits, no less than 1,400 Islands (American and Canadian) the old supposition from whence the name "Thousand Islands" sprang proves to be within the truth, rather than beyond it.

The cool, deep shades of these Isles, thrown upon almost fathomless waters, are very tempting in the hot days of summer. To no better place can city inhabitants repair. In this land of granite, shadow, pine, and water, trying heat is unknown. There are cliffs so steep, and woods so thick, as to give perpetual shade ; and here cool breezes blow constantly, stirred by the ever rolling waters. The canoeist finds among these Islands corners that are dark, cool, and comfortable in the hottest days ; yachts, with their white wings spread, carry pleasure-seekers from Island to Island, and in the channels fast running steam crafts hurry hither and thither, carrying tourists to and fro. In and out the channels wind, opening at one moment into some lovely extended vista, the next closing and leading into labyrinthine ways where granite walls and outstretched branches almost graze the passing steamer, as it threads the mazes of this fairy-like land.

Sportsmen find occupation for rod and gun ; in the waters are found bass and maskinonge ; wildfowl in season are plentiful ; but it is to the pleasure-seeker, the idler, the lover of the picturesque, the artist, the tired man of business, and those in whom romance and a wish for comfort lie, that the cool beauty of the Islands appeals.

It is impossible to compare the groups ; all are equally beautiful, and equally well situated for summer homes. The Admiralty Islands, between Clayton and Gananoque, are already much improved and a most popular resort ; many of them are for sale. The Lake Fleet Group is perfect both in point of situation and natural attractions. Lying near the International boundary, in a most popular part of the River, they have long been sought after by Americans who want property near where friends are already established. The Navy Islands, and those at Fiddler's Elbow and below it, are too well known to need any comment, but the remark of a traveller concerning them may be quoted : " At every turn fresh loveliness."