

the white man ever trod your shores, and the noble (?) red man and the winds of Heaven alone held sway and rule over your waters! What varied tales of joy and sadness could your pulsing, restless waves unfold, as they are borne onward, rippling, surging, tumbling, raging onward to the sea!

Among the many objects of interest to the tourists along the lake must be mentioned Balance Rock, Skinner's Cave and last, though by no means least, Mount Elephantis, which, whenever I look up at its rugged side, I feel a deep and intense longing to have somebody else climb. I wish to have others enjoy to the fullest extent the feeling of ecstasy which thrilled me and penetrated my whole being after having descended Owl's Head. Somebody has said that the way to thoroughly enjoy a boil or a carbuncle is to have it on another fellow, and the public will observe how disinterested I am in wishing them to explore mountain heights.

The lake abound in pickerel, black bass and many other denominations of the finny tribe, which must be fished for in season, otherwise one is liable to lose fishing outfit and to be introduced with out much ceremony to gentlemen of an of-fishal character. In mentioning the varieties to be found, I think the Frenchman Baptiste, hit the nail on the head when



MOUNT ELEPHANTIS.

asked where he was going one morning, equipped with a thirty foot tamarac pole and a proportionate allowance of angle-worms. He said:—"By gosh, she'll go down on the lac Magog pour fish. He'll catch ling, bull-spike, black-back, ovray kind of fish. He go down dare las' week pretty progaly, she'll catch one horn-plug, weigh fourteen pound 'leven inches, s'pose not."

Innumerable are the stories told about some of the old settlers and fishermen who in days gone by knew every inch of the lake from one end to the other, and who delighted to astonish the tender-foot with colossal lies about their exploits.—It was one of those old hard heads who told that story which no doubt is familiar to many of my readers, but which will bear telling once more in order to sustain his reputation for veracity and the honor of the lake which fostered him. He said he started out one winter morning, out a hole through the ice, baited up with about half a pound of pork and dropped it, attached to some fifty feet of line, through the hole. He immediately felt



SKINNER'S CAVE.

a bite and hauled up a three pound pickerel. It was done so quickly that he saved his bait, and threw in again, and in

telling out about twenty feet of line, felt another bite and landed another pickerel. Repeating the process, he alternately throw in and pulled out, the fish each time appearing nearer the surface, until they commenced jumping by twos and threes at the bait and their number increasing. "At last," said he, "I throw off my coat, and by that time they was a poppin' out the full size of the hole and jumpin' a foot high every durn'd clip, and I began a kickin'." Wall, sir, ye may think I'm a lyin', but of the ice was thar now, I'd show you the hole. I kicked fur all I was wuth, and b'goshi in jest one hour and twenty-two minutes by the steel-yarvis, I kicked out fourteen bars of pickerel, and it wa'nt no great shakes of a day for pickerel nuther."

I cannot close without paying my meagre tribute of respect to the memory of the late Capt. George W. Fogg, the genial, bluff old commander of the "Lady of the Lake," and the pioneer of steam-boating on the Memphremagog. Over forty years ago he built the old "Mountain Maid," which made regular trips until she became old and rotten, when she was hauled out of the water with the intention of repairing and running her as a freight boat, but the bottom dropped out of the vessel and the enterprise.—She lay for some years, until Capt. Fogg built the present "Mountain Maid" exactly from her model, and employed the same builder. He was captain of the "Lady" until shortly before his death about two years ago. We miss his familiar form, his cordial shake of the hand, and his hearty friendly manner. He lived to enjoy the fruits of his early toil, and he died respected and beloved by all who knew him.

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