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As the boat stops briefly at the principal summer resorts on her route among the Islands, the visitor may commence his journey at any convenient point. The time-tables and fares are so arranged as to give every one the entire round, and generally, if desired, to stop over a few hours at any of the landings between the trips, and resume his journey on the return of the boat, all in one day and for a single moderate fare. The trip proper, however, commences at the village of Alexandria Bay, which seems to be a sort of central headquarters for most of the various movements of summer life among the Islands; although it is perhaps true that hundreds who have reached only some of the upper parks, suppose (we think, however, erroneously) that they have seen the Thousand Islands, when, in fact, they have never yet set eyes on the loveliness which surrounds this most charming of all their summer resorts. For the sake, then, of following the entire route in regular order, we will make this our starting point, and begin our account with the departure of the boat from her dock in front of Cornwall Brothers' stone store. I do not propose to give any lengthened description of the village and its famous hotels. This is to be found in the hotel guide books, and as this little book is supposed to be



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in the hands of those who either have or had or will have an opportunity to see those for themselves, the labor of description may well be spared. Of the village itself, it may be of some interest to the curious in local antiquarian history to note that its site was selected so far back as 1804 by a surveyor for James Le Ray De Chaumont. This gentleman was the son of a distinguished French nobleman, who left the court of France toward the close of the last century and settled in this country. Whether or not it was in anticipation of the political troubles then brewing, and which a few years

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