



VIEW OF ROUSE'S POINT, N. Y.

had a speed of four miles an hour, and was unfortunately sunk near Isle aux Noix in 1815. A regular line of steamers plied between Whitehall and St. John's till the competition in the railroads became so keen as the country was opened up that the transportation business has declined, though numerous pleasure steamers testify to the increasing appreciation of the lake scenery and the popularity of its summer resorts.

Isle la Motte called by many writers the "pearl of Lake Champlain," is celebrated for its picturesque scenery, splendid roads and the luscious fruit raised on its fertile soil. It is the northernmost island of Lake Champlain, and is about seven miles long and two miles wide. From the island the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks are in plain sight, while scattered round on the shimmering waters of the lake are the numerous islands which comprise the county of Grand Isle, Vermont. Not that there is need to look further than the island whereon to feast the eye, or for amusements to while away the time; bicycling, driving and riding over the smooth, well-kept roads, tennis, croquet, etc., can all be enjoyed as fancy dictates, while the fishing and bathing cannot be surpassed. A point of great interest connected with the island is the old fort, built in 1666 by Captain la Motte, and dedicated to St. Anne. Over