

that score is necessary; the boats make connections with all morning trains from Toronto, Hamilton and London, and everything possible has been done to make this one of the most comfortable and efficient steamboat lines in Ontario.



Muskoka Wharf Station.

They have also built and equipped with all the appurtenances necessary, a most comfortable and cosy "house-boat," fully furnished, to rent on very reasonable terms. This boat will be towed to different and suitable points and moored, as the tourist may desire. This mode of enjoying a holiday season has been in vogue for years in England and other parts of the world, and it is a usual thing to see the banks of the river Thames lined with these unique and homelike floating residences during the summer months.

Every year Muskoka welcomes the thousands of visitors who make their annual pilgrimage thence for health and pleasure, and tens of thousands more may yet seek its beauties, and still there will be room for more. The stream of travel in this direction is steadily increasing, and none are ever disappointed, for it can be truthfully said of Muskoka, that

"Age cannot wither nor custom stale her infinite variety."

## RELIABLE INFORMATION.

In the preparation of this pamphlet, two objects have been sought, the first to advertise the route, the second to impart useful and reliable information to both actual and intending patrons, with no desire to indulge in any extravagant panegyrics concerning the route, as is usually done in some quarters. The management are content with making a plain statement of facts, such as will be readily corroborated by all who have fairly tested the resort as a desirable locality for rest and recreation, possessing as it does the several essentials of economy, safety, salubrity, beauty and accessibility.

The principal lakes, Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph, are united in an uninterrupted system of navigation of nearly fifty miles in a direct line. This, however, gives no adequate idea of the great extent of the indented coast lines, which embrace a distance of several hundreds of miles, and include upwards of four hundred islands. The waters of the Muskoka region are pure, soft, fresh, and wholesome, well adapted for bathing, and abounding in excellent fish, including salmon trout, bass, pickerel and white fish varieties. The lakes are traversed by daylight in all directions during the summer months by

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five commodious, well appointed passenger steamers, which furnish comfortable passage and excellent meals at very moderate rates. Elsewhere in this pamphlet will be found a complete list of the numerous hotels and boarding houses along the steamboat routes, with their respective capacities and tariffs of very moderate charges, and it also contains a map of the lakes, a list of guides, list of ticket agencies and rates for tickets, game laws, etc. Passengers are conveyed to Muskoka Wharf by an exceptionally good railway service of the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM, at low through and return excursion rates. All the different interests will vie with each other in the pleasant duty of making strangers and others feel at home on the Muskoka trip, and while they sojourn in the district.

Many of the islands, on which have been erected handsome dwellings, are the private property of wealthy Canadians, but there are hundreds of choice little spots on which any party is at liberty to take up their abode for the season.

It is pleasing to note the goodwill which prevails during the summer season on these islands, where it is the custom for camping parties in the evening to pay visits to some sister island in their canoes, and where hospitality is sure to be extended. By the light of camp-fires music and dancing bring to a close many a happy day.

The radiant and ceaseless loveliness of Nature's ever-changing panorama is seldom more appreciated than in the midst of these lakes,

"countercharged  
with diamond plots of dark and bright."

Is there anyone who, say after a long refreshing slumber in this pure atmosphere, could gaze unmoved upon the glories of the heavens



Fort Sandfield Hunt Club.

as mirrored in these lakes? The sunbeams have driven far from the field aerial cloud-flocks—likened to the flocks of Admetus under Apollo's keeping—leaving the heavens iridescent with the morning's light.

Or, again at sunset, Nature seems to be exerting her utmost to exhibit her manifold charms at the closing of the day, when the sun

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