

If time permits I shall have opportunity to see a few schools of fish taken in the "trap," and also to catch a few of the far-famed Nova Scotia trout, with, possibly, a salmon or two. A summer beside the sea would mean health to the bones and breadth to the experience of any of our students. The work is rallying and there are signs of coming showers.

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Port Perry where the lines have fallen unto us is a pleasant place situated on a gentle slope at the foot of Lake Scugog. Immediately opposite the town and stretching about nine miles down the lake is "The Island" which bears the same euphonious name. From an eminence on this island we have a most picturesque view of the town and surrounding country. The houses interspersed with dark masses of foliage appear to rise rank behind rank, like an enfilade at intervals, bristling with chimneys and steeples. The numerous shade trees that line the streets and the dense shrubbery of the gardens give the place in the distance the appearance of a miniature "Forest City." The surrounding fields and verdant slopes chequered by interlacing fences and turnpike roads present the picture of an English country landscape. From this height we can see parts of no less than *nine* different townships. For rural beauty the scene before us with its varied features—the winding lake that disappears among the misty hills, the clustering groups of quiet villages, the areas of forest grain and meadow, the lawns and gardens with intervening glades and shadowy dells, the fringe of wavy hills that skirting the horizon shuts in the landscape—we may fairly say is surpassed by few panoramic views in this province. The town has fine equipments. Five churches minister to the spiritual needs of the people; two local journals dispense the news and gossip of the day: a High School that stands in the front rank among competitors: efficient Public Schools train the young idea to shoot: five licensed victuallers aim to shoot the young idea. In addition the town possesses Exhibition grounds that would do credit to any second rate city of Ontario and suburban residences—chief of which is Dr. Sangster's of Mathematical fame—that with dignity might stand in Rosedale. Popular excursions by steamer from this place to Sturgeon Point, a delightful summer resort forty miles down the river, afford an annual outing for Y. P. S. C. E's and various local lodges, while Sunday Schools content themselves with the nearer pleasure grounds of Washburn Island. Of all the pleasant rural towns, where no newsboy with clarion cry assails you, where the streets are free from the din and babble of densely crowded traffic, and the air unclouded by city dust and smoke, where no surly porter snubs you nor landshark takes you in, but whose people are honest, affable and kind, where no dingy lanes and squalid slums house the half-starved poor, but where nature with lavish charms and art with skilful grace unite to beautify the home—of all such romantic country seats in our ramblings found this is "the loveliest of the plain."

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