

*THE ORCHARDS AND GARDENS OF ORILLIA.*



FIG. 1295.—HOME OF W. J. FORBES, ORILLIA.

and are largely cultivated for local and outside markets; they are shipped chiefly to the north.

Fifteen years ago Orillia depended chiefly on the Oakville and Niagara districts for small fruits; gooseberries were almost quite unknown, whilst now, the market is often glutted with the local product of strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, etc., equal in quality to any which can be produced elsewhere.

Orillia is one of the most delightfully situated towns in Ontario, bordered by two beautiful lakes—Simcoe and Couchiching—the latter interspersed with numerous islands, and being easy of access, affords unexcelled facilities for boating and fishing; a public park on the lake shore, and right in the town, prettily wooded and laid out with walks, drives, tennis courts, etc., make the town additionally attractive.

Flourishing yacht and canoe clubs afford additional facilities for enjoyment on the water; both clubs hold regattas during the summer.

Orillia offers many natural attractions as a place of summer resort, and many Toronto gentlemen have delightful residences there, where with their families they enjoy the summer, and hospitably entertain their many friends not so fortunately placed. Mention may be made of Mr. Henry Pellatt, of "Southwood Hall," Mr. Edin Heward, of "Edinswold," Mr. A. A. Allan, of "Strathallan," The Messrs. Kilgour, etc.

Amongst the principal apple growers may be mentioned Messrs. R. A. Dewart, J. W. Wainman, Joseph Dunn, J. Ryerson, T. A. Millichamp, C. S. Harvey, W. Fisher, and there are many others, on a smaller scale, living in the town: Messrs. J. H. Tool, A. Fowlie, G. J. Bolster, C. L. Stephens; all these