

feet can come along-side the wharves and esplanade without pilot or steam tugs. The harbour was jointly made by the Grand Trunk Railway and the Government of Canada. There is here one of the largest grain elevators in the Dominion, with a capacity of 300,000 bushels; while the town is the centre of a large lumber business, being second only to that of Ottawa; there being some thirty lumber mills, with an annual output of 150,000,000 feet. In fact, in this neighbourhood will be found the most attractive of Canada's forest-streams, encircled

By the laughing tides that lave
Those Edens of the Northern wave.

The Northern Lakes.

By the recent acquirement of the Northern and North-Western Railways, the Grand Trunk have added an important connection to their already extended system. There is no portion of Canada which offers so inviting a field to the summer tourist as the varied scenery to be found in the Muskoka District and along the shores of the Georgian Bay, all of which points are reached by the Northern and North-Western Division of the Grand Trunk. The Muskoka region, with its many hundreds of lakes and streams, is undoubtedly the best place on the continent for fishing, shooting, or camping. The fishing, consisting of brook and salmon trout, black bass, maskinonge, and pickerel, is unequalled; partridge abound, and deer are plentiful. As a health resort it cannot be surpassed. The many lakes here to be found are among the highest on the continent, being 750 feet above Lake Ontario, 475 feet above Lake Huron, and 390 feet above Lake Superior.

At Lefroy is seen the first view of Lake Simcoe, the first of the various chains of inland lakes which are now met with in succession. A ferry steamer keeps up constant connection with Roach's Point, a pretty village which is much frequented by tourists in summer on account of its excellent boating and fishing. Barrie, on this lake, is a delightful summer resort, with an excellent fleet of boats and yachts, and with good fishing streams in the neighbourhood.

Ten miles from Barrie, on the shores of Lake Simcoe and Kempenfeldt Bay, is Peninsular Park—Big Bay Point—with its summer hotels. This is an excellent and popular resort; steamers ply regularly between Barrie and this Point, making connection with the trains from and to Hamilton and Toronto. At the foot of Lake Couchiching, which is joined to Lake Simcoe by a channel known as the "Narrows," is Orillia, a favourite centre of summer travel, and a town which is fast rising in importance. The Indian nomenclature of Couchiching is especially appropriate and descriptive; here the varying breezes, welcome adjuncts of a summer resort, that fan the surface of the lake, have given the Indian name for "Lake of Many Winds." A pleasant place is Couchiching Park, situated on the point of a narrow promontory projecting a mile and a half northward into the Lake and surrounded on three sides by water; thus, come from whatever quarter it may, every breeze has play, while the lake on the one side or other, being protected by the point from wind and wave, pleasure boating is safe, and calm water can at any time be enjoyed.

Strawberry Island, ten miles from Orillia, on Lake Simcoe, is well deserving a visit. There is here a capital hotel, and fine summer cottages. The resort is owned by Capt. Chas. McInnis, who has a first-class steamer, by means of which connection is kept up daily between the Island and Orillia.

At Rama, on this lake, is the "reservation" of the last remnants of the Ojibbeways, splendid brook trout are caught in the streams in the neighbourhood, and the finest black bass fishing in America is in these surrounding lakes.

First among the sporting districts of the northern lakes is the Severn River, which after a short run leads to Sparrow Lake, which has long been celebrated for the excellence of its fishing, but particularly for the deer, duck, and ruffed grouse shooting, obtainable in their proper season.

After passing the Severn nothing but granite meets the eye; massive in form, deep red in colour, and with a micaceous sheen shining through it. Wending through the "Divide" the granite rocks raise high