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Taking the Chemong Lake branch of the Midland—just complete—Chemong Lake is reached, another beautiful sheet of water, on which is situated Bridgenorth, another delightful summer resort, adjoining which is Chemong Park, on the lake shore. The park contains many summer cottages, where business men in town have their families domiciled for the summer, the excellent bathing and beautiful park-like grounds, forming specially attractive features. From this point steamers run to Bobcaygeon, and the same chain of Lakes as gained by the Stony Lake route, is reached. In addition to the splendid fishing and summer pleasures these waters afford, there is, in the fall, capital hunting ; small game in season and later, by going a little further north, deer and bear—forest foeman worthy of a sportsman's steel.

A summer line of steamers plies down the river from Peterborough to Crawford's grove, and Campbelltown, fine riverside resorts and Jubilee Point and Idyl Wild other beautiful summering spots in Rice Lake, where, in season, is the autumn paradise for sportsmen the rice beds proving irresistible attractions for the wild duck.

Besides these beautiful resorts mentioned, which are in easy reach, and to the two former of which special railway trains run, there are fine groves for picnicing purposes close to the western limits of the town, and, by rail both east and west, picnic and camping rendezvous are easily reached—all with their several features of attraction. Thus it is seen that Peterborough is bountifully supplied with cool and delightful refuges from torrid heats and town discomforts, incident to the heated term.

PARKS AND DRIVES.

The attractiveness of the town, as a residence, is greatly enhanced by the beautiful parks maintained. Through the exertions and influence of the Horticultural Society, the county council made over its interest in Court House park to the town, and added a yearly grant of \$75. This is supplemented by a liberal grant from the Town Council and from the funds of the Society. The park has been beautifully laid out, planted with trees, provided with a fountain and studded with flower plots-smooth, clean walks, intersecting the trim velvety sward, which is kept in perpetual greenness and freshness through the hottest and driest weather. This park enjoys, and justly, too, the reputation of being the most beautifully situated and laid out, and best kept public park in Canada. It is divided into two portions; the lawn park is chiefly ornamental, and frequenters of it are here confined to the walks. The upper part is divided by a central terrace from the lower, and access to it is gained by a flight of stone steps, and these are continued by terraces of wooden lattice steps or stagings to another higher flight of stone steps, in the middle of another terrace which divides the upper park from the broad plateau in front of the Court House, which gives the park its name. The central portion of the park has its sward untouched, and is free to the public to roam about and enjoy the abundant shade of the large oaks which make it so pleasant a resort. In this upper park is a band stand, and the splendid band of the Fire Brigade,