

MAINTOWANING VILLAGE.

BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED AT THE HEAD OF MAINTOWANING BAY.

By Excellent Harbor—Healthy Climate—Grand Farming Section—Indian Trade—A Favorite Summer Resort—Ladies Churches and Institutions—Business Houses.

And now when Summer pours his glancing beams And feathered fowl unnumbered aim the streams, Each crowing out in merriment and play, And crows with varied cries the great highway.

The floating palace urged by force of steam, With Titan's strength impetuous shores the stream; The sea-borne ship in wonder spreads her sails, Where new-mown hay perfumes the kindly gales.

The rapid barge, the lightly poised bateau, And when the Indian's frantic bark comes, Aroun the spacious raft all plumed with oars, Like some vast field of hoats past the looking shore.

Beating shoreward, that once surveyed The wild Algonquin's teeth their columned shade; The startled deer and early climbing bear, Unrobed, in further thickets seek their lair.

These glorious scenes, whose tops the highest crew, And kind in doubtless leaves the pursuit dove, From forest lands and ships shall rise sublime And spread their wings and fame in every clime.

Until very recently there appeared a statement in the Public School Geography published by the Minister of Education for Ontario and frequently referred to as the provincial plan, in which the Manitowaning Islands were "almost an unknown land and chiefly inhabited by Indians."

A more misleading statement could not have been published, and it is still surprising that a man whose knowledge is possessed by our people of the general character of the component parts of our fair Canada and the charming and picturesque routes by which they are reached and traversed.

and scenic beauty of the place as it appears from the decks of the steamers early in the morning, rising in natural harmony to the high ground from the sloping shores of the picturesque bay.

From this elevated situation, and not only surrounded by but also possessing as it does within its own island borders such large bodies of pure cold, deep lake water, the summer temperature is always cool and pleasant, and even in the winter the surrounding waters exercise a beneficial effect.

The boating, fishing and bathing is of the very best, and camping and some local fishing on the better side than this, the inland island of the Manitowaning channels, where the superior location of the Great Northern Transit Company and other lines afford every facility and with most obliging and prompt attention to the needs of the season.

We cannot recommend a more interesting and pleasant trip than that above referred to nor a more pleasant summer resort than Manitowaning. We were almost forgetting to refer to some wonderful caves that have just been discovered in Carleton township on Lake Manitowaning—resulting in the "Old Woman Lake." The route to them would be via Lake Manitowaning, a beautiful inland lake of cold spring water and with many tributary streams, where there is excellent trout and bass fishing and only a few miles back to the shore.

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of the best places in Canada for that class of people. Mr. Reynolds of this firm has one of the most attractive residences in Manitowaning, where he resides with his wife and children, and where he cultivates in profusion the most beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs, and his obliging partner in business takes a particular pleasure in showing the visitors the charms of Manitowaning, and the pleasant and peaceful homes of his happy and contented people.

Charles Matthews, an 18 year resident of the Manitowaning, has the only bakery and confectionery in Manitowaning. He has a nice store on the main street opposite the Queen's Hotel, where he keeps a selected stock of the best confectionery, which he also to a considerable extent manufactures. He supplies a large trade in bread, and keeps a large stock of canned goods, fruits, &c., in season and can supply the wants of tourists and camping parties.

John Cowan has the principal book and shoe maker's shop in Manitowaning. Two years ago he purchased the business in this line of John Reynolds. He keeps in stock all kinds of books, shoes and leather, and does a large custom trade for Manitowaning and surrounding districts.

W. E. Free is the accommodating and courteous postmaster of Manitowaning and also clerk of the municipality of Manitowaning, which position he has held for three years, having been previously treasurer, assessor and auditor. He has been a very active politician and at one time was the acknowledged leader of the Conservative party on the island and was elected by the voters to the position of the Local House at the time of the Lyon-Abbott election, which he declined. Mr. Free is an extensive owner of lands here, having about 1000 acres in the municipality, 700 of which is close to the village and for sale at a very low price. He will be most willing to give every information to intending settlers about any lot in the town or on the island.

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