

THE CALEDONIAN HOTEL.



ON LAKE MUSKOKA.

and and About one of the Beauty Spots of Canada—The Glorious Home of the Finny King and the Paradise of the Tourist.

The morning after our arrival in Gravenhurst "Ed." bustled into the room where "Kansas" was solemnly-doing his notes and an after-breakfast cigar. "Hey, come out of this; we can have a whole steamboat to ourselves for a trip up the lake, and we want to get off while it's yet early. Come now," gathering up various articles of half-strapped baggage, "where's his nibs," referring to the Fairy, who had gone off with his "legs" over his shoulders and box in hand, a feat which photographers are expert in.

"Don't know; last time I saw him he said he was going to take a sawmill. I thought that it was a local title for some beverage similar to a "Collins," and asked no more."

"Well, hurry up, we've got to find him."

We did find him on the edge of the town, trying to "compose" a picture with a cow for the foreground, a church with two beys on the steps for middle plane and lake distance. The flies wouldn't let the foreground stand still, and we interrupted the bargain by which one of the fly-ures was to step out of middle distance and keep those insects away by saddling on the sprite his pot valise, a great black behomoth which he treated as if it were full of eggs. Soom we reached the wharf and the trim, stanuch steamer, the Lake Joseph, as pretty and convenient an excursion boat as plies in any Canadian waters, considering that she is 52 feet long and capable of carrying fifty people, we thought we had elbow room enough. The roomy cabin aft was deserted, however, for the forward cabin, where one could indulge in the double luxury of talking to the man at the wheel and watching the crew peop potatoes and fry eggs for breakfast, and at the same time get a better view of scenery ahead. The man at the wheel and watching the crew peop potatoes and fry eggs for breakfast, and at the same time get a better view of scenery ahead. The man at the wheel was Capt. Editoral McAlpine, than whom no more genial mariner e'er twired the rapid spokes. He has sailed the lake now for many a year, and knows the hidden beauties of every n



THE RORINSON HOUSE.

As the steamer winds up to the wharf where two or three young men are putting the finish ing touches to a good sized sailing yacht, a man with bronzed face, erect and vigorous figure, comes down the path from the house to meet the pilgrims, and extend a cordial welcome. It is to meet the pilgrims, and extend a cordial welcome. It is good only one or the oldest settlers in this district. When he came here twenty-soven years ago only one or bin stood in a little clearing on the site of Gravenhurst, and two more were at the edge of the lake, where now is Muskoka wharf. Mr. Robinson is a man of dec.ded opinions and keen intelligence, full of information as to the district; for twenty years he his kept a record of meteorological observer here.

His pleusant home, looks from among its fruit trees and gardens across Muskoka Bay, dotted with islands, the four nearest and largest owned by Dr. Oldright of Toronto, and christened by him, Ajary, Daisy, Henry and Percy. The lawn in front, left as nature formed it in natural rolling terraces, is studded with fruit trees and the fluers which indicate a refined taste, at the left the ground rises its sweeping curves faced here and there with surfaces of rounded rock, and runs out into an elevated point in the bay. Here a summer house will be receded ere this reaches its readers, and several large tents on the lawn will offer a cooling shade and lounging place. Back of the house are gardens and farm with the ever present background of evergreens.

A fine large sailing yacht, two smaller sail boats and an unlimited supply of row boats are ready for use this summer for excursions and fishing. This is no pretent ious hotel but a place where orderliness and refined comfort reign, and to use Mr. Robinson's own words:

"A limited number of visitors to this picturesquie region can be accommodated with good rooms and plain board, in a retired and convenient locality, at an easy distance from railway and telegraph, free from the stir of crowded hotels, and where eve

STUCK IN THE NARROWS.





BEAUMARES.

If there is a pleasure pre-eminent it is to be met, when first visiting a strange place, by a host with so genial a face, a grasp and a welcome as hearty as those of Edward Prowe, Esq., the ruler of this lovely domain. He takes possession of his guest and makes him feel at home to which "all this is yours," as a Spaniard would, but with a grace that is English and more hearty. As we walked around the grounds and over the house he showed every point of its the crost, with a just pride in the lake, the island and his own surroundings. Tondern Island near, the provides a rangle of the lake, is easy of access, all the boats pussing near, and is one of the largest islands. It is high, wooded just enough to be picturesque and note othickly as to obscure is searches. About midway of its western coast is Beaumaris, one of the finest summer hotels is in Canada. The tower, nearly seventy feet high, is visible from a great distance and commands a splendid panoramic view of the lake and islands and mainland. The main building is 120 feet by long, the wing 100 feet, three stories high, and surrounded by 220 feet of verands. So over direction, the wing 100 feet, three stories high, and surrounded by 220 feet of verands. So over direction, the ming to the resonance of the ming to the resonance of the main building is 120 feet by long, the wing 100 feet, three stories high, and surrounded by 220 feet of verands. So over direction, the ming the properties of the control of the control of which is occupied by a tennis court and croquet we can have find a separate building a handsome billiard room with two modern tables. Adjoining this is a new enterprise conducted by Messars Provise & Richards, a store where the campers and cottagers from surrounding islands can have a surrounded to the surrounded properties of the control of

AT STROUD'S. Leaving Beaumaris dock the boat heads out into the lake and turns north, keeping the Island to the right, passes Robinson Crusce Island at the left, veers round the head of the Island leaving Wolseley Apolle and Suppho, an ill-assorted group, as to names, but pretty enough in the reality to the north, and round we go down between Tondern Island and the mainland; this lovely landlocked stretch of water is Milford Bay. The mainland rises in rolling hills, clothed in the purple green forest robes, its rocky coast broken by countless indentations, and as we approach the lower end of the Bay the Captain points out a white structure gleaming in the afternoon sun against a background of emerald verdure and rose gray granite. There is a long wharf in front where men are working on a trim steamer, arranging awnings and painting the new woodwork.

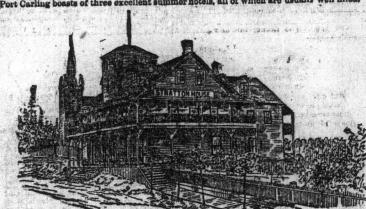


PORT CARLING.

Lying Between the Grent Waters Greets Nature in Her Lovellest Garb—Round and About One of the Frettlest Places in Muskoka.

"Well," says Kanses, after the party had deposited their valuables on the dock, "as the population doesn't seem inclined to turn out with a brass band and take us any where in particular, as guests of the city—where are we going to stop?" "Three good hotels here," says Ed, "well got on, somehow, two right here, filp a coin for it, heads up—Stratton wins—we'll go to the Stratton this time." So this was fairly settled and Stratton it was, and the advent of the trio was shortly after made memorable in the mind of the cook by an astronomical event, a tromendous occultation of Pisces, which has probably escaped the nolice of other observers. The Pisces (Anglice, pickerel), were tried to a turn-and the trimming most appelling.

PORT CARLING, one of the carliest settlements on the lakes, is destined to become one of the most important, by reason of its central location, the key of the three lakes; all whose business has to pass its locks and all whose floating appulation in its excursions pass to and from upon the more lakes.



A delightfully-situated and most commodious hotel, looks from its principal front across the street and out over the lower river with its picturesque scenery. From the broad plazzas and balconies of the opposite or lake front of the house a still more delightful view is had, taking it all of the river above the locks. As the summer sun set shadows fell across the scene; on the quiet evening when Mr. Frasor was pointing out its beauties, it needed only the purple back ground of heather-clad mountains to make it seem a veritable Highland loch. The lawn surrounding the house on south and east rounds gently down to the water, where bathing and boating accommodations are provided, a floating bath-house being a novel feature, A well-kept tennis ground occupies part of the lawn. The large extent of plazza and balcony around the house is a special attraction, for a breeze is always moving up or down the river, and on the warmest day these resorts are cool and airy. Indeed this may be added of all the bed chambers, for the bigh, wide halls are so constructed as to take advantage of every vagrant zephyr. This characteristic of liberal dimensions, lightness, airyness, combined with plain and solid finish and simplicity and excellence of garniture, pervades the whole house. On entering the grand shall a large office is found, equally large rending and sample rooms, and farther on at the left a dining room of imposing dimensions, the tables supplied from a cuisine of enviable reputation: A muste room, puriors, etc., occupy the remainder of the ground floor. Seventy-five guests can be accommodated here. Mr. John Fraser, the worthy son of enviable reputation: A muste room, puriors, etc., occupy the remainder of the ground floor. Seventy-five guests can be accommodated here. Mr. John Fraser, the worthy son of enviable reputation: A muste room, puriors, etc., occupy the remainder of the ground floor. Seventy-five guests can be accommodated here. Mr. John Fraser, the worthy son of enviable with puriors and ground outside. Any le



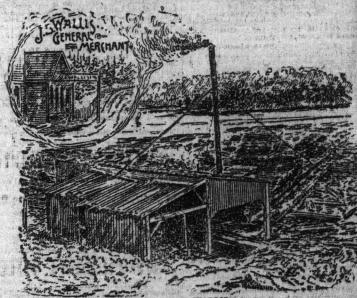




W. HANNA & CO.

But a short distance up the street is the store and residence of W. Hanna. The main building is 22 by 44 feet and three stories high. A wing occupied as residence by Mr. Hanna and family is concealed in the fliustration by the new Victoria Hall on this side.

W. Hanna & Co.'s is a real bazar where, as in an orient mart, the purchaser can find everything he desires for his day's purchase without seeking further. The staple goods of all lines for which in the city a buyor has to seek many different stores are here kept in stock in great variety and at very reasonable rates. But while the island resident, or even the tourist of a day, may possibly by some chance require something from the regular stock of dry goods, best or hardware, or groceries, as a rule their interest lies in the direction of camp garniture and a variety of tasty comestibles for picnic spreads and al-freeze lunches. W. Hanna & Co. display the enterprise for which they are a heady well known in meeting these requirements. He Hanna has just erected a special oven and embarked in the bakery business, so as to be able to supply a fresh article of home-made bread; he has arrangements with farmers for supplies of resh butter, eggs and milk, as well as all vegetables and fruits in senson. The desirable lines for mative and importest timed, potted and preserved ments, fewl and fruits are all on hand. To of native and importest timed, potted and preserved ments, fewl and fruits are all on hand. To facilitate the transaction of business he has arranged with Mr. Acton Lowe of the steamer "Lady of the Lake," who will make regular trips upon cortain days of each week to take orders, and or the delivery of goods. To use his own words, "our object is to supply the wants of our cost overs and thereby prove a mutual benefit to all." The postoffice 4 located in Mr. Hanna is agent, is always on hand and subscriptions will be taken by nine, The ampines which far hand is agent, is always on hand and subscriptions will be taken by nine, The ampines when the first h



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