

the degree of excellence which the company has attained in the construction of palace sleeping cars. From Mattawa a branch line runs to Temiskaming Station where the company's splendid steamer "Meteor" was waiting for the party. The sail up the river and through the lake to New Liskeard was one continual delight to the eye, the imagination, and the mind. To the eye because of the great natural beauty of the river, its islands and its shores. To the imagination because it recalled the early days of the pioneer, of the savage Indian, of the struggles of the settler and of the trader to conquer an unoccupied portion of the new world. The lake broadened until on one side it met the horizon and you feel that you are on one of the great waterways of the world, that you see on every hand natural resources of untold value undeveloped in timber, in minerals, and in the food supply beneath the surface of the water. Fort Temiskaming is situated on a point on the Quebec side called "The Narrows", directly opposite a similar point on the Ontario shore called "Mission", because it is the site of an old Oblat Fathers Mission. Here the two great provinces are so close together that Mr. Rankin says he often talked across from the Fort to the mission and carried on conversation with another. The beauty of the lake at this place and around the point at Baie des Peres is most striking.

The town of New Liskeard was the destination of the party on the first day, and here was found a prosperous new town with about 3,000 population. Steamers are enabled to reach the inner wharf by means of a channel which has just been dredged out of the creek by the Department of Public

Works at Ottawa. The town is running ahead of Haileybury, which is the older settlement and better situated place of any size nearby. When at Haileybury the party were able to see a train on the new Temiskaming Railway constructed by the Ross Government in Ontario. From Haileybury to New Liskeard is only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Some people in Haileybury, especially the editor of the local paper, are jealous of Liskeard, but just why no one could tell unless there is some land speculation behind. Some of the party spent a few hours pleasantly in Liskeard during the evening at the "Hotel Canada", the proprietor of which, Mr. K. Farah, excelled himself in making the visitors feel at home. He has a good hotel and a large steam yacht which he places at the disposal of visitors who organize fishing parties. A new local paper, "The Herald", is published here.

From Liskeard the trip was extended to North Temiskaming, which is the end of the lake and of navigation. From here there is a canoe route by which one can reach Abitibi Lake. The return trip brought the party to Bellevue House, a very neat and modern summer hotel where the party were met by Mr. John Lumsden and entertained at a recherche dinner. Here the pressmen took occasion to acknowledge the great courtesy of Mr. MacCracken, Mr. Larochelle, the superintendent of the Navigation Line, Captain Jones, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. Brief acknowledgments were made by Mr. MacCracken, Mr. Lumsden and Mr. Ham. The return trip to Ottawa by means of the Canadian Pacific was made in splendid time and concluded a trip every mile of which was most enjoyable.