

GEORGIAN BAY.

THE above is a fair representation of a point on south shore of Georgian Bay within the fruit belt of that favored region.

The mountain shown rises about a 1000 feet above the water of the bay, and at this point is about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the water, with a gradual rise for that distance, ending in an almost perpendicu-

eight miles. Finer apples, pears and plums are not produced in the world, when every thing is considered, than are to be found in some of the orchards in this strip, and the quantities produced have now become so great that buyers from a distance are attracted. The Northern Division of the G. T. R. line runs along the shore from Colling-

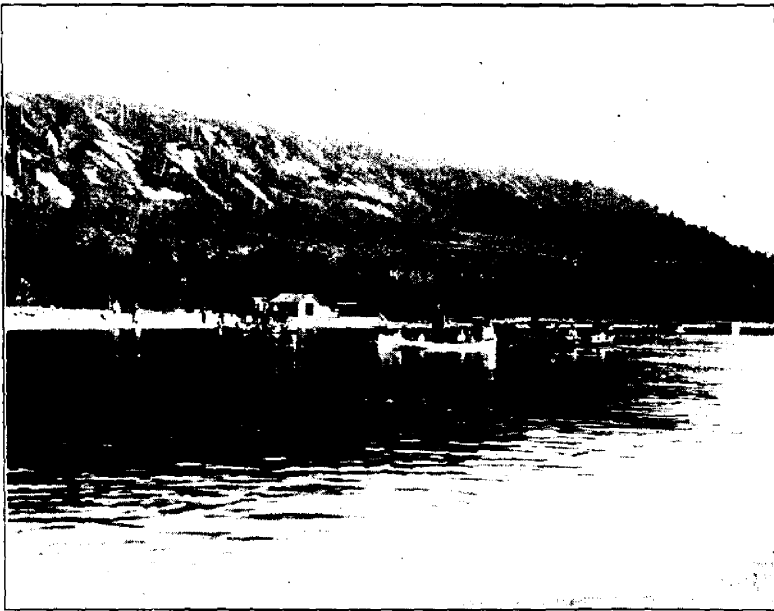


FIG. 1207.—GEORGIAN BAY.

lar bluff which can only be ascended with great difficulty by pedestrians. Between the face of the cliff and the water, apples, pears, plums, apricots and peaches do well and seldom or never suffer from frost. This elevation, known here as the Blue mountains, varies in its distance from the water and this strip is the fruit belt. It extends from Collingwood as far as Owen Sound, giving a coast line of about 60 miles and in width from a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to seven or

wood to Meaford, with stations at Craigbeth and Thornbury. This road, with the lines of steamers from Collingwood with the G. T. R. and C. P. R., and steamer connections at Owen Sound give excellent shipping facilities for Europe or the West. Above the cliffs is the broad plateau of Western Ontario. The whole section is thickly settled with a progressive people, and yet good fruit lands can be still picked up at reasonable rates.