

apart a park in the Rocky Mountains, and, during its last session, the Ontario Government has followed these good examples by reserving a block of some fifteen townships in the district of Nipissing, to be known as the Algonquin Park, where, under strict rules and wise management, it will prove a boon to not only the people of Ontario but visitors from other lands, as a great summer resort on a colossal scale. Inasmuch as this region is the source of half a score of the largest inland rivers of the Province, and as it is interspersed with chains of beautiful lakes, some of great size, the followers of old Izaak will find the Algonquin Park a magnet-land. The passing of adequate laws for the preservation of both fish and game was a wise move, and will result in ultimately making it a great game preserve. Nor are the benefits to be derived from such a Government park as a sanitarium, the least of the good results likely to accrue from its establishment.

Not many miles from the Algonquin Park to the north-east, still another summer resort full of possibilities is reached—Lake Temiscamingue and the River Mattawa, which is connected with it. Many tourists yearly find their way to this delectable region, where man has done but little toward making an inroad on the banks of the great lake.

But we must move northward by the spirit-haunted waters of Lake Nipissing to Sault Ste. Marie—a spot specially suited for summer visiting, as is Port

Arthur and Fort William. And, finally, before leaving Ontario, reference must be made to the vast area comprised in the Lake of the Woods and the great Rainy Lake and River—noble sheets and streams whose beauties will no doubt soon attract thousands.

Passing over the great plain westward from Winnipeg, the Rockies are reached. The very word suggests Calgary and Banff; glaciers and gorges; snow-covered peaks and mountain lakes. If Canada could boast of no other region than the Rockies, with the intervening valleys, it would establish her claim to be considered a summer resort land, but many leagues still to the westward she can direct the pleasure-seeker to the cities by the Pacific, the salmon rivers of British Columbia, and the island of Vancouver.

Has the initial question been answered, even in this necessarily skeleton form, for every page could be quadrupled with the subject? Does not this rapid glance at our wealth of natural beauty in ocean, lake, river, and stream; in ice-capped mountain and grass-grown hill; in pastoral plain and rural retreat; in the virgin forest and the carpeted grove; in the mighty cataract and the roaring rapid; in the great city and secluded village; in the glory of atmosphere and sky the Creator has given her—does it not prove, I repeat, that Canada is not only *a* land, but *the* land of summer resorts?

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