

## The Playgrounds of Canada

eight pounds. The lakes in which these big fellows are found are situated in the Haliburton region, of which we will say more anon. The pathfinders have travelled Northern Ontario with the result that a railway now penetrates the forest fastnesses of the North and opens up illimitable fields for the sportsman and lover of rod and gun. "Temagami," the new region for the angler and hunter, offers unexcelled attractions. You who are tired of the old worn trails may have your first peep into this new sportman's paradise. Therefore, it behooves you, O mighty hunter, to go forth and capture your caribou or moose while you may. The scenes are shifting. Civilization is shoving the wild things farther and farther to the North. But you who are lucky enough to live to-day, may hurry to these last fastnesses and find here the rarest sport to be had in all North America.

The small-mouth black bass is a magnificent fish, and is considered by many anglers to be the prince of American game fishes. Its favorite abode is in fast and cold streams, and in clear, cold lakes, abounding in gravel and rocky bottom. It is a fish that is not often found with its cousin, the large-mouth black bass, with this difference, that it usually takes to the cooler waters, whereas the large-mouth black bass will thrive in shallower or warmer waters. There is no fiercer, pluckier, or harder fighting fish known to American waters than the small-mouth black bass, and many think that, weight for weight, it is the superior of the brook trout. Dr. Henshal says, in his "Book of the Black Bass:" "Inch for inch, and pound for pound, the gamiest fish that swims." South of these districts, in the Bay of Quinte and St. Lawrence River, as well as in the chain of lakes running through the counties of Victoria and Peterboro', and known as the Kawartha Lakes, is found the maskinonge (*Lucius-Lucius maskinonge*). This fish is the king of the pike family in America, and is often fittingly termed "the wolf of the waters." It is also found in Lake Simcoe, Moon River, Kawartha Lakes, and at Ste. Anne de Bellevue on the Ottawa River, where they run in weight up to sixty pounds.

### **"Highlands of Ontario"**

Ontario! The word implies in the Indian language a pleasant prospect of lakes and woodlands, and could not be more appropriate for this beautiful province. It is a land dotted with lakes and rivers—rivers that have their source in the northern forests, and flow until they join the vast inland seas, Superior, Huron, Erie, or Ontario, whose waters are in turn borne by the broad St. Lawrence to the Atlantic Ocean. In natural beauty and variety, Ontario is replete with attractions, and the magnificent playgrounds of the "Highlands of Ontario" are filled during the summer seasons with tens of thousands of people from all over the American continent.

The Grand Trunk Railway System reaches all the principal summer resort districts and fishing and hunting confines in the "Highlands of Ontario," some of which are briefly referred to in this publication. The city of Toronto is the objective point for nearly all of these attractive resorts, which are reached by the Northern Division of this great railway.