

Bala is also headquarters for the "supply boat" "Gipsy," owned and operated by Mr. John Burgess. This boat calls at all islands, camps and points on Muskoka Lake, delivering supplies of every description. A good boat house with a full complement of boats and canoes is located at Bala, under the proprietorship of Mr. D. Burgess.

Leaving Beaumaris, the main line of travel is continued, until, entering through the lock, PORT CARLING is reached, at the end of Indian River, which terminates the Muskoka Lake part of the journey. There are two hotels here, the Stratton House, conducted by Mr. John Fraser, an exceedingly well appointed and scrupulously clean house, and one which we will describe more fully, viz.,

THE PORT CARLING HOUSE.

While in the lock at Port Carling a good view is obtained of this comfortable house and a closer inspection will convince the traveller that the proprietor, Mr. Joseph Ruddy, understands how to cater to the tourist. The house is not large, accommodating but 50 guests, but in all its appointments, in the cuisine, in the varied resources of the bar, there is evidence of experienced management and a determination and ability to minister to the best trade.

Port Carling House occupies a commanding position overlooking the lock and river, the many gaily painted cottages and the continuous procession of pleasure boats, launches and steamers. The house has been entirely renovated and remodelled and every comfort is assured to guests. Port Carling is the great excursion point of the lakes. From this place trips may be taken by the Muskoka Navigation Co.'s boats throughout the entire chain of lakes. Boats and canoes may be rented at the well stocked boat houses. In the neighborhood are many beautiful walks through the woods and along the country roads. In the Port are churches, a lending library and good stores. This is the headquarters of the supply boat "Mink" of Messrs. Hanna & Co., who keep a first-class store provided with everything that tourist and camper may require and of the best quality.

Leaving Port Carling, Lake Rosseau is soon entered. There are numbers of good houses on this lake all the way to ROSSEAU at the northern terminus. Lake Joseph is entered from Lake Rosseau at PORT SANDFIELD, a gay tourist centre. The best scenery in the region is enjoyed on the trip up this lake to PORT COCKBURN at the further end, which forms a link in the chain of the Parry Sound and Muskoka Lakes trips. A complete list of Muskoka hotels will be found in the hotel directory.

ACCOMMODATION.

Each succeeding year efforts are made to cope with the increasing tide of travel, but the capacity of all the houses on the lakes is taxed to the utmost. Many houses are this year being enlarged, new ones have been erected, and modern improvements have been introduced in some of the leading houses. It is expected that next year there will be erected some really first-class modern hotels, with a capacity for about 300 guests. Efforts are now being made to this end by The Ontario Summer Hotels Company of Toronto and The Muskoka Tourist Hotel Company of Hamilton.