

## GEORGIAN BAY.

One of the grandest trips that Ontario affords is through the islands of the Georgian Bay. It is estimated that there are about thirty thousand islands in this immense arm of Lake Huron. In general character they resemble those of the St. Lawrence River, but of course are infinitely more numerous and still retain their original wild picturesqueness. The pleasure experienced and the



Among the 30,000 Islands of Georgian Bay.

delights afforded by the four or five days' trip through this magnificent archipelago cannot be imagined, and the trip must be taken to be appreciated. In autumn when the foliage is changing color the sight is particularly beautiful. Thus hour after hour as the steamer glides on through narrow channels in and out of innumerable bays and inlets, island after island succeeds each other in an unbroken continuity; islands of every conceivable shape and size, some are bare and rocky, others are clad in verdure. Here one rises in castellated pinnacles and anon another is densely wooded with inviting shades and cosy camping grounds offering delightful shelter to pleasure parties. For one hundred and seventy miles the steamer passes through this panorama of inland scenery and on to Manitoulin Islands, the largest in the group, and known to the Indians as "The Islands of the Great Spirit." The steamer service is all that can be desired and the vessels are of modern construction having all the accommodation and appointments necessary for the comfort and convenience of tourists. The GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY trains from the east and west via Toronto connect with the steamers at Collingwood, Penetang or Midland, these points being situated on the Georgian Bay coast, and are terminal points of the Northern Division of this great system.

## STONY LAKE DISTRICT.

The Stony Lake District is situated about 13 miles north of Peterboro, on the line of the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM, and is reached by boat from Lakefield, distanced about 9 miles by rail from Peterboro. Steamers run daily and thread their way up the crooked channel of Lake Katchewanooka (lake of many rapids) passing many well tilled farms and handsome residences, through stretches of drowned land and covered with wild rice, the home of thousands of

wild ducks and geese, through myriads of yellow and white water lilies, dancing as if with joy on the waters, ruffled by the swell from the steamer, as we pass, making a most beautiful picture in their contrast of white and gold, and a veritable subject for the artist. Youngs Point is soon reached, where the steamer is locked before passing in to Clear Lake, a lovely stretch of water, some 4 miles long and about 1 mile wide. When calm this lake resembles a large sheet of glass as it is devoid of islands and has only for contrast the sky overhead and the shore trees mirrored in its placid waters. What a change greets the eye as the steamer reaches the entrance to Stony Lake. Here the prospect is entirely different. Hundreds of islands do the waters of this lake and break the monotony of the journey for at least ten miles, these islands contrasting with each other in barrenness and fertility, some mere rocks rising out of their submarine beds and being noticeable for their want of verdure, while others cover stretches of a hundred acres in extent, with beautiful trees and all signs of healthy vegetation, the whole making a beautiful scene which compares favorably with the well-known "Thousand Islands."

Young and old vie with each other in the enjoyment of life on these islands, and over a hundred summer cottages have already been built on the principal ones, which are thronged with health and pleasure seekers during the summer months.

This is a spot where the toiler can find rest and recuperate his lost vitality. Away from the bustle of city life and far from the maddening crowd, we "throw physic to the dogs" and build up our health and strength with pure air and happy surroundings.

Capital fishing is also to be had in these parts, bass, maskinonge and trout being plentiful. During the latter part of the season there is an abundance of deer, duck, grouse and wild geese which are found in the woods and ponds. Besides the lakes mentioned there are several others in the vicinity which teem with the finny tribe and are well worth visiting (if not for sport) for the beautiful scenery for which they are noted. Among these are Lakes Kashakabagamong, White, Cedar, Mountain, Long and Jacks. Furnished cottages can be had at reasonable rates for the summer months and the hotel ac-



One of the Camps on Stony Lake.

commodation is all that can be desired. A mail reaches this vicinity daily, and camping supplies can be obtained from well furnished stores at reasonable prices.

Altogether the Stony Lake region is one that holds out to the sportsman and tourist unlimited attractions and being in easy reach from any part of the country via the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

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