



North of Sparrow Lake the land becomes more rugged, and by degrees we find ourselves in the real Muskoka country, with its rocks and trees, its hills and hollows, its many lakes and streams, each disclosing fresh beauties as our train winds its way in and out and roundabout. Finally we cross Coulter's Narrows, traverse Wanilah Island, over a swing bridge and come to a pause at Bala Park, the first stop on the famous Muskoka Lakes. Here steamers are in waiting to carry tourists to such destinations as they may have in mind on Lake Muskoka.

And now a few words of description of this world-renowned lake and its scarcely less famous sisters, Lakes Rosseau and Joseph, for they are the heart and centre of this land of countless lakes and rivers and have long been the Mecca of travellers and summer visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada. Lake Muskoka is the largest and the more southerly of



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the three, and through it the outlet of the lake. It is twenty-two miles long and has its share of the most beautiful islands, and has its share of the most beautiful scenery which cater to the wants of the summer visitor. In many places on the lake where fishing, boating and sailing can be freely enjoyed.

The outlet of Lake Muskoka is the Georgian Bay. The River pours over a beautiful fall, and some exquisite woodland scenery. Taking a trip down the river for a day is amply repaid, for the fishing is good. The most attractive in the whole Muskoka is the trip one-half miles down the river to Georgian Bay some twenty miles. To the canoeist, a trip down either of the two is a constant source of enjoyment.

The head of Lake Muskoka is the source of the waters of the upper lakes flow in the Indian River. Port Carling is the headquarters of the cottagers and campers and summer visitors.

