

THE ALGONQUIN NATIONAL PARK OF ONTARIO—ITS RESOURCES AND ADVANTAGES.

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The Parry Sound division of the Canada Atlantic Railway renders readily accessible for the first time one of the most remarkable regions of lake and stream, primeval forest and rugged rock that can be found anywhere. It lies between the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay, and is a compact territory over forty miles square, with an area of nearly 2,000 square miles, comprising eighteen townships and six half townships in the District of Nipissing, and representing in the aggregate a million acres of land and water. The Ontario Government has set apart and reserved for all time to come, "for the benefit, advantage and enjoyment of the people of the Province," this Algonquin National Park. In it, the citizens of Canada have a possession, the value of which they have not yet even remotely realized. It is in reality a huge game preserve, a fisherman's and sportsman's paradise, a source of water supply, a field for reforestry operations, and a natural sanitarium which bids fair to outdo the Adirondack region and other noted health resorts of America.

RIVERS AND LAKES.

In the valleys, between the rocky ridges of the Laurentian formation, are the fountain-heads of the Muskoka, Magnetawan, Madawaska, Petawawa, Amable du Fond, and South rivers—all important streams, emptying into Georgian Bay, the Ottawa and Mattawa rivers, and Lake Nipissing. Within the limits of the Park is a large part of the watershed which divides the streams flowing into the Ottawa river from those which empty into Georgian Bay, and there is probably not to be found elsewhere within the Province a tract of country which in the same limited space gives rise to so many important streams. Therefore, one of the principal objects that the Government had in view when establishing the reservation was the protection and maintenance of their water supply. The interests of the lumberman, who annually floats large quantities of timber to market down their waters, of the manufacturer for whose mill-wheels they supply the motive