

Haunts of the Ouananiche.

AWAY to the north, nearly two-thirds of the distance from New York to Hudson's Bay, lies the home of the Ouananiche, the weird and picturesque Lako St. John and its tributary waters.

If you draw two straight lines to the North Pole over the face of the map, one from New York and the other from Boston, they will form the westerly and easterly boundaries of the only territory in which you need expect to find a Ouananiche. To the south and to the north, this sportsman's paradise is bounded by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth parallels, respectively, of north latitude. How do you get there? No wonder you ask this question, for up to a year or two ago the only means of communication between this vast territory and civilization was a long Indian pathway, blazed through the woods, or by water-ways traversed by the inevitable bark canoe. Now, the mysterious inland sea that the Indians call Pikouagami, and that we know as Lake St. John, is reached by a daily parlor car service that runs through to the northern terminus of one of the most northerly railways in America, nearly two hundred miles in length, through the wild mountain fastnesses and primeval forests that fill in almost the whole of the intervening country between the old city of Quebec and the home of the Ouananiche.

At Roberval, the present northerly terminus of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, on the westerly side of the lake, passenger trains arrive and leave the station immediately fronting the hotel Roberval. This hotel has been, of late, so extended and improved, that it is now one of the most commodious in Canada. It has a frontage of 180 feet, overlooking the lake, has two wings, each one hundred feet long, and has accommodation for 300 guests. It is supplied with billiard room, bowling alley and a promenade and concert hall, and its dining room measures seventy by thirty-five feet. The bedrooms are all large, comfortable and well ventilated, several being *en suite*, while almost every room in the house commands a magnificent view of the lake and surrounding country. The cuisine is unsurpassed, being under the supervision of a competent French chef. The out-door attractions are lawn tennis, croquet, fishing, bathing, boating, and driving. The house is supplied with hot and cold water and electric light throughout, the grounds being illuminated in like manner.

No apology need be offered for the space devoted to a description of the hotel Roberval, for it is not only one of the handsomest and best kept hostleries in Canada, but is the necessary headquarters of all tourists visiting Lake St. John and the surrounding territory, and of all fishermen bent on the capture of the gamy Ouananiche. The view of the lake from the windows of the hotel is quite sea-like, and except in the clearest weather, the vision fails to reach the opposite shore, though in the vicinity of the Grand Discharge, it is marked by lofty mamelons or mounds of white sand. The breadth of this inland sea at this point is 25 miles, and its greatest length from north to south is 28 miles. It has an area of 700 square miles and is 85 miles in circumference.

Immediately in front of the hotel Roberval, and along the Roberval shore, is to be had the earliest Ouananiche fishing of the season.

It usually dates from the first week of June, while the more exciting sport of fighting these land-locked salmon in the seething rapids of the Grand Discharge may be had from the 15th of June to the 10th of September. These rapids are formed by the action of Lako St. John in pouring its surplus waters into the marvellous Saguenay, and continue with brief interruptions to Chicoutimi, forty miles distant, and the head of steamboat navigation. On a beautifully wooded island at the head of the rapids of the Grand Discharge, twenty-five miles straight across the lake from Roberval, and under the same manage-

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