

this low ground the land rises gradually to a height of about 250 feet, and exposes a bold and majestic bluff to the waters of the basin. Through the beautiful woods by which it is covered, a road winds gracefully to the summit, the timber being cleared at intervals to allow unobstructed views of the surrounding country. These views are simply glorious. The Basin of Minas, famed for its beauty, is here seen to its best advantage. A splendid panorama of sea and land flashes upon the spectator. Far down, where the waters of Fundy become broad and deep, is seen Cape D'Or overlooking the bay. Nearer, as the channel enters the basin, stand Capes Sharp and Split, like sentinels to guard the pass, while Blomidon, rising from the waves, looks down upon the fair and fertile marshes of Grand Pré—the land of Gabriel and Evangeline. Within the basin, the eye ranges far up into Cobequid Bay and across to where the broad waters of the Avon seek their journey to the sea. All around the shores are seen the tokens of a goodly land and a prosperous people. Here and there are islands of rare beauty, while on all sides the mountains, valleys and plains, blend with a harmony which no painter can portray.

The "Ottawa House," at Partridge Island, is a first-class hotel, under the management of Mr. Tabor. It is located on a pleasant part of the shore, and will be found adapted to the requirements of tourists. An hotel, which is more for private board, is also kept by Mr. Kelsoe.

In addition to Partridge Island, the drives and walks in the vicinity of Parrsboro are numerous and most enjoyable. The roads are always good, for the soil is of clean gravel, and mud is unknown at any season of the year. In whatever direction one goes, there are roads upon which it is a pleasure to drive. If another good view is desired, a drive of two miles up the basin to Fraser's Head, or Silver Crag, will be of advantage. Cascade Valley, three or four miles from the village, has a picturesque waterfall, and another, having a descent of perhaps a hundred feet, is found at Moose River, seven miles distant. One of the most attractive drives, however, is to the beautiful Five Islands, twelve miles away. Much of the road thither is romantic in the extreme, presenting all kinds of scenery. For four or five miles the way lies in a gorge between the mountains, while the towering cliffs overshadowing the scene awaken the most sublime emotions. The beauty of Five Islands, too, is something to be long remem-

bered, and, indeed, the place has long had a wide fame, among searchers for the picturesque in Nature. Many prefer to visit Five Islands by sail-boat, and excursions are very frequent. The hotel kept by Mrs. Broderick will be found worthy of patronage.

Those who have never seen one of the curious natural roadways known as horse-backs should take a drive in the direction of River Hebert. This horse-back commences at Fullerton's Bridge, ten miles from Parrsboro, and continues for about eight miles. It much resembles a railway embankment, having the river on one side and low, marshy land on the other. It formed part of the old Military Road to Fort Cumberland, and bears the not specially poetical name of the Boar's Back.

Another pleasant drive is to Advocate Harbor, 30 miles down the shore; but it is hardly necessary to name all of the many drives which are open to the visitor. They are all beautiful ones, through picturesque valleys, amid mountains clothed with every variety of foliage, and by brooks that murmur musically through woodland scenes.

As for trips in yachts and smaller boats, it is enough to say that the Basin of Minas lies before one. Day after day may be spent around its shores, visiting Blomidon, the Islands, and the numerous peaceful bays. Sheltered from rude winds and heavy seas, safe, capacious and beautiful, the Basin has all that pleasure seekers may desire.

Thirteen miles to the north and west of Parrsboro, at Sand River, is found some of the best caribou and moose hunting in Nova Scotia. Here there is a large area in which, from the middle of September to the last of January, an abundance of shooting may be had, both of this game and of bears. Nearer to Parrsboro, are large numbers of partridge, so plenty indeed, that as many as thirty-two have been shot in one afternoon. Geese, brant, ducks and other sea-shore game are abundant around the shores. This part of the country always had a good reputation for sport. Two hundred and fifty years ago, it is written, game was so plenty that the Indians of this part of Acadia had so little exertion to make in hunting that they were considered sedentary in their habits. They have almost disappeared, but the game is still to be found.

This is not notably a salmon country, though some are found in Partridge Island and Five Island rivers, and are present, to a certain extent, in others. The trout fishing is fair, there being plenty of medium size. Partridge Island, Moose, Diligent and Half Way Rivers are the