

return from a hunting expedition, when she was to be compelled to be his bride. Meratoo, her lover, left his tribe and wandered for weeks through the enemy's country, trying to find the prison of Aynlah, the beautiful. The night before the wedding feast she glided from her tepee to this rocky point to sing once again the songs Meratoo loved so well.

Meratoo, travel worn and weary, was resting at Cairn Dhu when he heard and knew the song of his lover. The waters of the lake had risen to a mighty storm, but he launched his canoe fearlessly on the angry waves. He battled with the fierce winds until he nearly reached the rock, when an arrow, fired by his rival, pierced his heart. The Indian maiden, seeing her lover's death leaped from the rock into the surging tide below.

Her spirit had gone to join her warrior lover, and now at midnight

"Oft from the Indian hunter's camp
This lover and maid so true
Are seen, at the hour of midnight damp,
To cross the lake by a fire fly lamp
And paddle their white canoe."

Birdie Falls, Love-Sick Lake, Fairy Lake, are all a continuation of this water system, and offer the canoeist an uninterrupted course of some 500 miles, through a variety of scenery, which the world can nowhere excel for natural and picturesque beauty.

By the Trent Valley Canal the charming and romantic village of Bobcaygeon is reached. The steamer "Beaubocaye," which plies between Lindsay and Bobcaygeon, would evidently associate the name with the French explorers, and to their outspoken admiration of the "lovely woodlands" on these waters. Without doubt, the fishing in this neighbourhood is the very finest to be had in the country. The village is surrounded by water on all sides, and the ripples of the falls can be plainly heard. There is excellent hunting to be had in these parts; deer abound, and guides are readily procured, the season lasting from October 15th to December 15th.

From this place a pleasant excursion by means of the Trent Valley Navigation Company may be made to Sturgeon Point, where

is located one of the best summer hotels in Canada, with capital fishing near by; thence through Sturgeon Lake and Scugog River to Lindsay.

Lindsay, charmingly situated on the Scugog River, is one of the pleasantest of the inland towns of Canada. It has a population of upwards of 5,000 inhabitants; is the county seat of Victoria County, contains the county buildings, and several fine churches and schools, while its river facilities offer many pleasant excursions by water.

North of Lindsay are Fenelon Falls, named after the early French missionary of Canada. These falls enlist the admiration of all who see them. They are picturesquely situated where Lake Cameron empties itself into the Fenelon River; and the Government have erected locks here to complete this chain of inland communication. Progressing in a northerly direction Haliburton is reached, by a branch of the Grand Trunk, formerly known as the Victoria Railway. Here are to be found the great lumber regions of the English Colonization Company, where are numerous lakes and streams, where lovers of the gentle art can meet with the best of sport, while there is no section of the country where deer are more plentiful. There are important stone quarries here, while Mount Snowdon may be regarded as a solid mountain of iron. South of Lindsay is Port Perry, a prettily situated town of some 3,000 inhabitants, on the Scugog, possessing many attractions for the tourist.

Thirty miles east of Port Hope, and ninety miles northeast of Toronto, is the thriving town of Peterborough, which is now entering the dignity of a city, having 10,000 inhabitants, and joined to the village of Ashburnham opposite by a handsome bridge. There is excellent fishing in the river, and no one making a tour in Midland Ontario should neglect to visit this place. Further east, and a terminal point of the line, is Madoc, which is also reached from Belleville, a distance of some thirty miles. To the minor and metallurgist Madoc Township became in the fall of 1866 an object of the keenest interest, from the discovery of gold on the upper course of the Moira.