

Trenton Sportsmen in North Hastings After Deer

IN THE HIGHLANDS NORTH OF TRENTON.

A widely travelled writer recently took a trip over the C. O. R. to Bancroft and returned overflowing with enthusiasm. Nowhere has he found finer scenery or a more attractive spot for the health-seeker than in the central highlands of this Province reached by that road. The land is studded with lakes teeming with fish, and especially attractive to the tourist, while the air is particularly invigorating and flavored with a resinous aroma which makes the tourist indifferent to the grain of his beefsteak, provided he can get enough of it. It would be impossible to here describe fully the inducements this fine country, which is tapped by the C. O. R., offers to the sportsman, but it is becoming more popular every year.

Few people too seem to realize what a change of altitude there is in this few hours' ride over the C. O. R. The road between Trenton and Maynooth climbs an incline of upwards of 900 feet, reaching an altitude of 1,200 feet above sea level, and beyond are still higher hills. The atmosphere, particularly at St. Ola, Bancroft and Maynooth, is especially exhilarating and salubrious, and physicians maintain that it is equal in its health-giving qualities to that of the famous Muskoka region. But there are still other advantages and beauties.

At St. Ola, both east and west, there are pretty chains of lakes, abounding in the choicest game fish, and cottages may now and then be seen peeping out from the steep and rocky hillsides. And then all along the line are trout streams, clear spring lakes, level farm land, hilly grazing land and rocks, bluffs from which the rolling country for many miles around may be viewed. In the fall deer are to be found on these slopes, and many a one falls a victim to the unerring aim of the sportsman's rifle. Then, if the traveller, camper, summer tourist, or wolf hunter longs to get still nearer to nature's heart, he has only to proceed upward still, but over a good road among the hills, and he arrives beyond the sound and toil of man in the midst of the primeval virgin forest, with its tall giants that have never felt the stroke of the woodman's axe or heard the voice of man, towering high above his head, while under his feet is the soft, pliant carpet of nature, composed of pine cones and needles.

Amid the masses of rock of various formations are found many minerals. At Deloro an extensive and expensive up-to-date plant is melting and reducing silver ore in paying quantities. At Eldorado there is located a copper mine and reduction plant; near Bannockburn lead is mined, while not far from L'Amable, with a branch line five miles in length, is situated the famous Bessemer mines, handling four to six carloads of excellent high-grade iron ore per day. These last mines are very extensive and the range is a particularly valuable one.

Although the people of Trenton live so near these many attractions and the C. O. R. furnishes such easy access for pleasure or profit, one often forgets what nature has done for us. When the full strength of the water-power of the majestic Trent is harnessed, Trenton should become the natural meeting place of the minerals and raw materials of the north via the C. O. R., of the products of the north-west via the Trent Valley Canal, and of the coal from the south shore via a fleet of ships.

At almost every station of the C. O. R. the summer idler may find by lake or stream, beside hill or valley, cool recesses, pretty nooks and shady spots, pleasantly situated and well adapted for tent or cottage.

