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ing firm of Hotchkiss, Hughson & Co. have an office at this point. The only places of worship at present are the English Church and school-house. Two new churches and a public hall are in contemplation. The medical profession is represented by Dr. J. Adams, of Nova Scotia. Amongst the expectations are the Toronto, Simcoe and Muskoka Junction Railway, and a branch of the Montreal Telegraph Line. Being situated at the foot of navigation, Gravenhurst does a large and increasing trade. The steamer *Wenonah* calls at the wharf twice each day. The village is favored with a daily mail, with a through mail from Toronto during the season of navigation.

"SEVERN BRIDGE."

This part of Morrison was first settled about 1858. The first settlers were James H. Jackson, William Johnston, and John Young. It was then the farthest point north that was settled. The next season five or six families more came in among them, the Messrs. Symingtons and a few families of Prussians. The first store was owned by O'Brien & Co., of Orillia, in the house now occupied by Mr. Mackenzie as an hotel. The next store was kept by a Mr. Gray, and H. W. Dillon opened a tavern. There is a good plank road, splendid water privilege, a first class hotel, two excellent stores, one kept by Mr. Jackson, the other by Mr. Samuel R. Thomson, who has named that part of "Severn Bridge" Sandy Row, in honor of that loyal part of Belfast, Ireland; they are first class stores and reflect credit on the enterprising proprietors. There is also a Town hall, Orange hall, blacksmith's shop, and carpenter's, and wood-turner's shop. A new bridge has been built this season by Government, under the able superintendence of W. L. Owen, Esq., and it is said to be one of the best got up bridges north of Toronto. Severn Bridge is two miles north of Washago and is very rocky immediately at "Sandy Row," but there is a great deal of good land in Morrison and the adjoining townships. Two miles up the Severn River are the falls; these are beautifully picturesque, and will repay tourists for their trouble in visiting the same. Four miles down the river are Grass and Sparrow Lakes, justly famed for their fisheries. There are some Prussians around Sparrow Lake, and the other settlers are a mixture of Irish and Scotch. The settlers in Morrison are noted for their loyalty.