
THE MATANE AND GASPE RAILWAY

LITTLE METIS is already, and for some time has been a most popular summer resort. At the point upon the shore of the St. Lawrence where the village is situated, the estuary begins to so widen out that the opposite shore is a faint line in the distance and much of the horizon is as



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level as upon the ocean. The beach is about four miles long, hard, smooth and perfectly safe for bathers. Boats of all sizes are available to the visitor, from a skiff to a schooner.

MATANE is even a more beautiful resort still and destined to become one of the most fashionable or Canadian watering places, as soon as it has railway communication.

Opposite Matane the St. Lawrence is from 30 to 40 miles wide and pleasure yachts or schooners may be obtained for cruises to the north shore or to any other part of the river or gulf that may be desired.

The Matane river like the Metis contains numbers of both salmon and trout. As early as 1688 the fishing industry was prosecuted in this vicinity, whales, as well as codfish being found in extreme abundance all along the coast.

The country in rear of the parishes already described is equally rich, in part, in agricultural lands, while the sides of the picturesque mountain ranges are clothed with valuable timber. Pulp wood is also abundant,