

andrye, and the approved highway of communication between the Great Lakes and the Red River until the railroad train supplanted the canoe.

Fort Frances.

Fort Frances is at the head of Rainy River which flows west about sixty miles, through a beautiful valley, to the Lake of the Woods. Following the windings of the channel the distance between Rainy Lake and the Lake of the Woods is fully one hundred miles; and a more beautiful river one will have to go far to find. It has all the dignity of the Mississippi, with much of the picturesque beauty of the Hudson. The stream is about two thousand feet wide and sweeps between clear-cut, wooded banks with a strong but steady current, broken by only two rapids which the steamers shoot and ascend with little difficulty, except in extremely low water.

Beautiful for situation is Fort Frances. In its very midst is the great International Falls, thundering over a granite ledge, forty feet to the level of the stream below. Over this

ing a peninsula which, with its surroundings, is the wonder and delight of the traveler. East are the white waters of the lake studded with green islands; to the south are the gurgling rapids backed by two hundred miles of untrodden forest; west is the river with its whirlpools, and beyond the town of Fort Frances. The peninsula, embracing about 160 acres, is covered with a wonderful growth of oaks and elms, the only ones of their kind found in this part of the country. They are the last of a noble race, spared from the ravages of fire by the protecting waters. Here is a natural park which art cannot improve. It is now the home of the Indian agent and adjoins a reserve on which is an Indian village plainly visible to the north across an arm of the lake. Some time this may be the site of a summer hotel. The imagination can paint no more ideal spot.

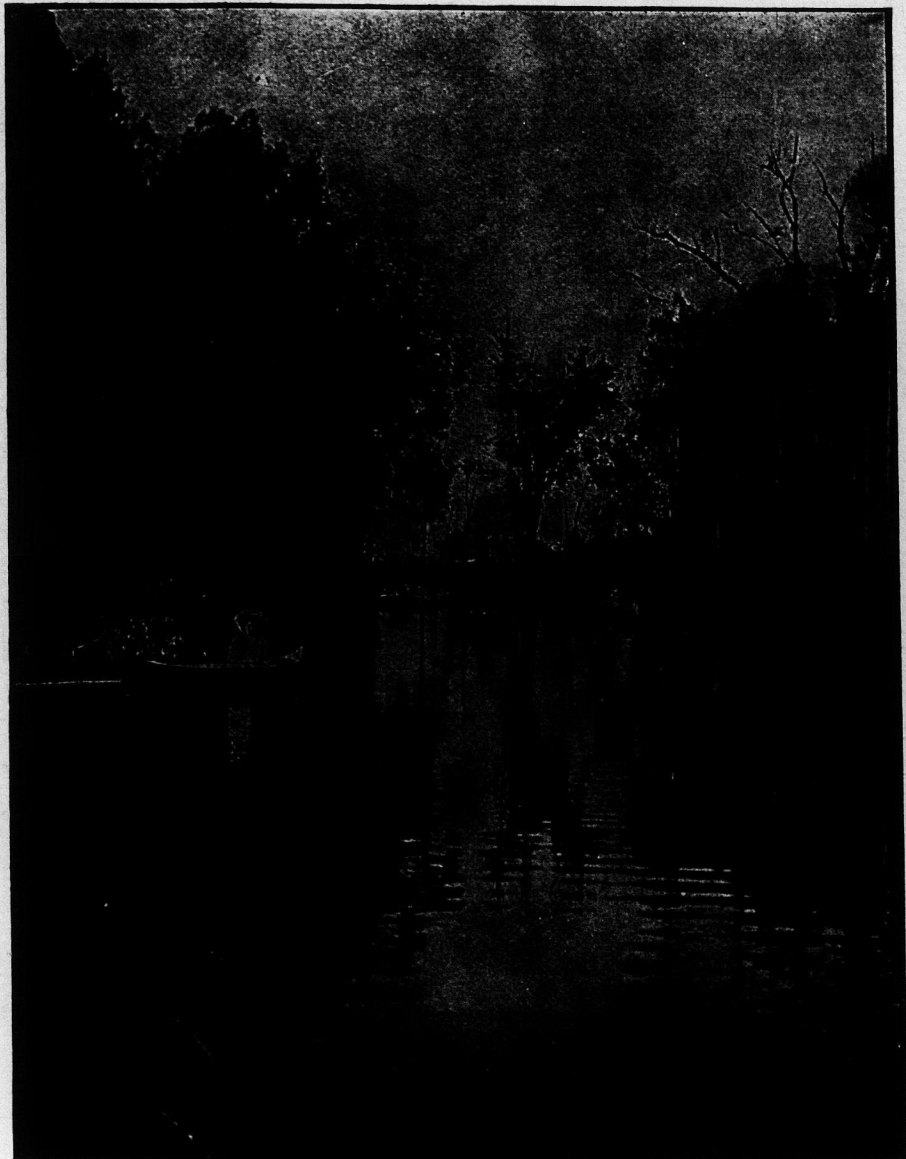
The Town of Rainy River.

Fifty miles down the river from Fort Frances, at a point where the Canadian Northern Railway crosses into American territory, is the town

capacity sufficient. At Fort Frances there are a few cottages which those who wish to spend a month or a summer may rent at very reasonable figures. For summer camping, the wilder the region the greater the charm, providing supplies, guides and outfits when wanted can be had. All these can be secured at the places mentioned.

Would you heed the call of the wilderness? Then go to this wonder-

world of the North. Leave the brick walls and the sizzling asphalt—leave the prison where you are serving a self-imposed life sentence and go where your bare feet may touch the warm, moist mother earth—where you may revert for a time to the primal habits of the race. A kodak, a camp kit, a bag of provisions and a fishing rod is all you need to be a king. The crown you may also wear—a crown of contentment.



MIRRORED BEAUTY OF THE RAINY
One of the numerous scenic gems of this far-famed river.

fall pour the waters from the entire Rainy Lake region. The view from Fort Frances down the lake-like expansion of the river is one of exceptional beauty. The townsite occupies a plain raised somewhat above the level of the river above the falls. To the east, through the trees, glint and shimmer the white waters of Rainy Lake.

Pither's Point.

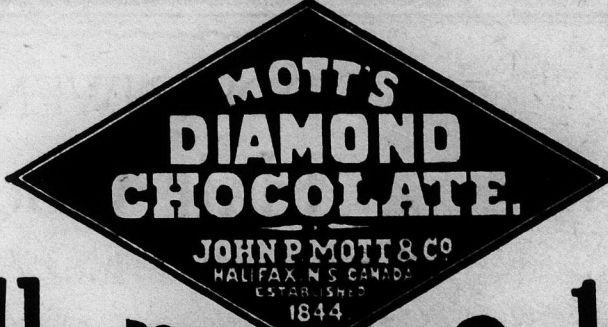
Two miles above the falls where Rainy Lake pours its water into Rainy River is Pither's Point, the most beautiful spot in all this land of beauty. At the very edge of the lake is a rapids with a fall of four feet, not enough to impede navigation but just sufficient to give one the idea that the opening being so beautiful all the waters of the lake are lured to the exit and are all trying to get into the river at once. Again it has the appearance of a great flat basin, full and overflowing its broken rim. Below the rapids the stream widens with a bold sweep to the north, form-

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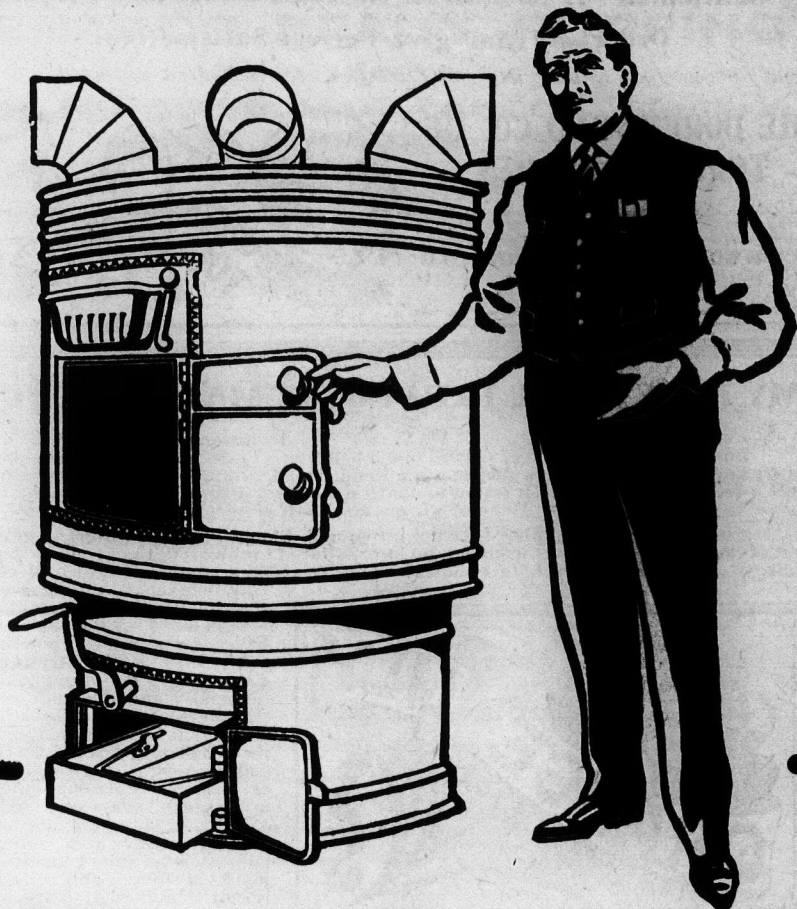
Being but ten miles from the Lake of the Woods and on the regular steamboat route from Kenora to Fort Frances, as well as being a divisional point on the Canadian Northern, Rainy River is a most convenient point from which to make excursions into this wild, wonder-land in the Geographical Centre of the Continent. The town itself is peculiarly inviting. It occupies a site sloping down to the river with just sufficient grade for perfect drainage. The original site was covered with a thrifty stand of second-growth hardwood, through which the streets have been cut. Everything is new from the freshly graded highways to the churches and dwellings set among the slim elms and graceful maples.

Accommodations for Tourists.

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