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minerals and timber. Geologically, the valley is most interesting because of the enormous drift that has been carried through and piled up during the glacial epoch. The debris has been deposited, first as huge boulders up the stream and then as the gravel flats around Capreol.

From Milnet a short spur branches off to Sellwood, where the Moose Mountain iron mines on the west branch of the Vermilion are located. The ore from these mines is shipped to Key Harbor on Georgian Bay, whence it is transhipped by barges for smelting. Beyond Milnet the valley becomes even more picturesque, narrowing to a veritable gorge or canyon, then expanding again into a series of very beautiful little lakes.

475	1	Ruel	Alt. 1344 0	Passing from the Vermilion gorge, the track
482	6	Stupart	" 1313 0	crosses the upper reaches of the Wahnapiatae
487	6	Westree	" 1306 0	at mileage 470, and shortly after enters
492	3	Ostrom	" 1234 0	Ruel. This was at one time the end of

steel, and during construction days a place of considerable activity. It is to-day the point of departure for the promising new Shining Tree mining district, and many sportsmen make it a stopping-off place for their expeditions on the Opickinimika. At Ruel itself there is good land and much timber, so that a little settlement has grown up and supplies for the sportsman or prospector are obtainable. From now on the line traverses a big game country, the resources of which have scarcely been touched. Moose and fur-bearing animals abound. Rivers and lakes afford the finest fishing in America—speckled and lake trout, maskinonge, bass, pike and pickerel, with great quantities of white fish and sturgeon available in the larger lakes for commercial purposes. All these attractions, and more, are described in detail in the Railways' publication "Where to Fish and Hunt," to which special attention is directed.

Leaving Ruel, the line follows the Oshanagana and the Muskegogama Rivers downwards to Minnesinaqua Lake. This lake, and all the leading rivers and lakes for the next 300 miles, discharge into Hudson Bay. The Minnesinaqua discharges into the Mattagami River, and a few miles down stream the long-established and important fur-trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company at Mattagami. From Ostrom, on the west bank of the lake, the line ascends the Macaming River, and then leaving it crosses the end of Windegozegunzing Lake. The term "Windego" means the bad spirit which plagues the Indians, and is responsible for all their bad luck. The particular spirit associated with this lake was, after a furious struggle, drowned in its waters, and then turned into a rock, the legendary stone just showing above the water almost under the railway embankment. Report has it that it was a descendant of this fellow who upset one of the canoes of the survey party and ended the career of a very promising young Montrealer.

Passing a number of other very pretty lakes, the railway at length reaches and descends into the valley of the Ground Hog River, crossing its waters at mileage 555, just after arriving at Kukatush.