

MAGNETAWAN RIVER.

The beauty of Muskoka lies as much in its rivers as in its lakes. The Magnetawan is situated sixty miles north of Gravenhurst, at Burk's Falls, on the Grand Trunk Railway System, and opens up another and entirely new region, to steamboat navigation, to the tourist, and particularly the sportsman, who can get with comparatively little trouble to a district which has hitherto been accessible only to those with ample



Among the 30,000 Islands of Georgian Bay.

means and time. The Magnetawan River is just equi-distant between the Muskoka Lakes and Lake Nipissing, and drains a surface of about 4,000 square miles. Some idea may therefore be gathered of its magnitude and of the possibilities for canoeing opened up by the ramification of the numerous tributaries and their attendant lake enlargements.

The very heart centre for sport, for rod and gun.

Its rivers and lakes can be ascended and descended in canoes amid the best of sport, while the eye is fascinated by the fresh and unsullied wilderness of its forest haunts.

Burk's Falls stands upon the banks of the main Magnetawan, at the head of steamboat navigation, and about half a mile below the forks of the river where the two great north and south branches join.

From here can be taken either of the steamers of the Muskoka Navigation Company—the *Wenonah* or *Cyclone*.

For fifteen miles the river is followed, winding to and fro as all Muskoka rivers seem to do. Lake Cecebe forms the next link for ten miles, at the foot of which is the thriving town of Magnetawan. There are three good hotels here—the Magnetawan, River, and the Northern House. After passing through the locks the steamer continues for three miles more in the river, and then enters Lake Ah-Mic. This is another of the gems of Muskoka; most quaint in form. The lake is twelve miles in length. This is also another excellent route for boating, as there are no rapids to interfere, or portages to make, while a nice diversity of paddling or rowing in the river is interspersed with sailing on the lakes. The camping facilities are good. The pioneers who have penetrated this country and settled lake shores are all sportsmen, and boats and canoes and skillful guides can be found everywhere.

From here on the more adventurous can continue their canoe route by the Great River twelve miles to Lake Wah-wa-kesh, and thence to Byng Inlet, about fifty miles away on the Georgian Bay. In this distance there are twenty portages of varying lengths, from one of some two miles to most of only a few yards. It is a trip not to be attempted without first-class guides. These portages made, there are few difficulties to be overcome.

Visitors to the Muskoka Lake region should take a trip on the Magnetawan before returning home.

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