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## Canadian Summer Resorts

THE facilities afforded within the bounds of this broad Dominion for summer tours and holiday jaunts are so many and varied that none need be tempted to stray beyond our own borders in quest of change and recreation. Indeed the fame of Canadian summer resorts is such, that literally thousands of American visitors annually cross the line to participate in their delights and to breathe in the health giving ozone of our northern latitudes.

Many of these summer visitors throng to what is known as the "Highlands of Ontario", a general term applied to the mountain and lake regions in the northern part of Ontario reached via The Grand Trunk Railway System, and which is subdivided into districts known by the names of the various chains of smaller lakes which nestle among the spurs of the Laurentides, veritable gems of beauty forming inviting retreats for the tired denizens of the bustling cities. The Muskoka Lakes are possibly the more popular; but the Lake of Bays, Kawartha Lakes, Lake Couchiching, Lake Nipissing and the French River all have their distinctive features and no lack of patrons, while summer cottages and hotels are everywhere in evidence. Bright skies, sparkling waters, lovely woodland and pure air form idyllic surroundings, while fluttering flags, glancing sails, bustling motor launches and larger passenger steamers with their loads of gay pleasure seekers add life and interest to the scene. The Georgian Bay with the thousands upon thousands of islands scattered over its broad bosom—some forming entrancing fairy bowers and others bold, rugged and grandly forbidding, attract other throngs, while the Algonquin National Park and the famous Temagami region draws the Nimrods and disciples of Izaak Walton from the extremes of a continent.

The glories of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls at Niagara have world wide fame and call for no enlargement here, while the beauties of the Ottawa and its valley and the pleasures of the St. Lawrence route, affording opportunity of drinking in the ethereal loveliness of the Thousand Islands; the exciting dash through the Lachine Rapids, the splendors of Montreal; the view from the river of the mighty natural fortifications and the frowning citadel of Old Quebec; the broader reaches of the lower river; Riviere du Loup, Murray Bay, Tadoussac, with their life and laughter; the solemn grandeur of Capes Trinity and Eternity, the scenic splendors of the Saugenay, the charms of Chicoutami, Ha Ha Bay and Lake St. John have been the theme of many a pen, while the special delights of Cocouana, Bic, Rimouski *et al* with their weird traditions have been storied again and again.

The artist, the poet and litterateur have vied with one another in immortalizing the distinctive loveliness of the Metapedia Valley, along the Gaspé shore, the numberless fantastic indentations of the Baie de Chaleur, the glories of the Miramichi and the Bay of Fundy; while the Bras D'Or Lakes of Cape Breton and the resorts of Nova Scotia have an atmosphere of romance and pathos inseparable from the scenes of the sorrows of the unfortunate Acadians immortalized by Longfellow. Prince Edward Island has beauties all her own, and when the Western Provinces take up the tale the list becomes interminable. The surprises of the prairies and the western lakes, the mighty masses of the Rockies with their towering, cloud enwrapped peaks, the magic lakes nestling among the foothills, the grandeur of Banff and the great rivers of the newer provinces and British Columbia baffle description. Enough, however, has surely been said to show that this Canada of ours is really one vast summer resort, and the Canadian wherever he resides is within easy distance of some retreat affording rest, recreation and instruction in Nature's school.