

SUMMER TOURISTS

How the Province Has Turned This Rapidly
Developing Traffic to Account—Crown
Lands for Summer Resorts Greatly
Increased in Value.

Northern Ontario has a great future as the summer home of thousands of citizens of the great country to the south, who are driven north by the heat of the season, and as a camping ground for the thousands of city dwellers in our own Canadian towns, who, in increasingly larger numbers, delight to spend the summer months on the margins of our numerous northern waters. The demand for islands and desirable points of land by summer tourists increases each year, and it was felt that here again the regulations might be revised to advantage without discouraging the demand for such property. **The time had arrived when our Crown lands adapted for tourist purposes were worth more money.** The Government therefore increased the price of islands from \$5 to \$10 an acre, and of land on the shores of lakes and streams from \$1 to \$5 an acre. The Department further limited the number of acres that could be so sold in each individual case to twenty-five. Before this change in the regulation, anyone could purchase a large island or an entire lot, which was really a small estate rather than a mere summer location.

WHERE THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT SELL.

A different method had to be adopted with the islands in Lake Temagami. These were in course of survey when the present Government took charge, and, as the lake is situated in the midst of one of the most valuable pine forest reserves in Canada to-day, it was felt to be inadvisable to sell the islands outright, even if the Forest Reserves Act did not expressly forbid such disposition. It was decided that the better plan would be to lease for a term of years, and an upset annual rental of \$20 for the first half acre and \$3 for every acre in excess of that was asked. No island of more than five acres is disposed of in Temagami except for special purposes, such as summer school camps, when special arrangement are made along