

The Tourist's Paradise—Favorite Summer Playgrounds of Eastern Canada

THE TONIC OF THE OPEN

The tonic of the open spaces is one of the delights of the summer visitor at Gaspé. Here the nature lover may roam amidst the fresh, green beauty of forest and field, mountain or lake district or sequestered woodland haunts. Gaspé abounds in hunting grounds. Both big and small game is abundant and the vacationist will have constant use for either gun, fishing-rod or camera. Here the stranger will find the finest caribou hunting on the continent of North America and this attraction in the beautiful York Lake district is easily accessible to the visiting sportsman. Moose and deer and a great variety of feathered game also abounds in the great untrammelled forests of Gaspé and these unrivalled hunting grounds are steadily becoming more widely known as a veritable Sportsman's Paradise.

The lakes and streams about Gaspé abound in trout. The York river which flows into the Basin is famous for its salmon fishing and here for the ardent angler is a never-ending source of delight.



Where the Rigid Confines of Custom and Convention are Forgotten in the Joys of Vacation Time

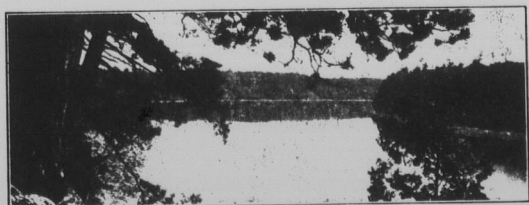
Apart from the attractions of hunting and fishing, however, the country around Gaspé is unexcelled as a vacation-ground for the health or pleasure seeker who desires merely to revel in the freshness and freedom of the great out-doors. Along the York River there awaits the lover of nature all the unspoiled beauty of wild and primitive woodland scenes that could be crowded into an excursion in the open. In countless tiny coves, out of the path of the swiftly gliding current, the placid waters mirror the trees upon the banks; the delightful quiet of cool, fragrant forest lands prevades the air and in the stillness of twilight, these nooks seem charged with an almost tangible atmosphere of peacefulness and solitude. Here, too, in this delightful woodland setting the vacationist may study with the naked eye the mysteries of nature's ever-changing beauty. From a mountain crag or through the dark screen of countless tree-trunks he may see the sky, azure at noon-day, flame to primrose at sunset. Then as day sinks to rest among the fleecy clouds which bank the far horizon, he may behold the marvelous change of colors. As moments pass the ruddy glow, first succeeded by orange, fades to saffron, then pales to heliotrope as night draws near. Then as the sky darkens to violet a blood-colored moon rises slowly above the black fringe of the forest, bathing the scene in weird, ghostly loveliness and throwing paths of glimmering gold across the dark, unruined surface of lakes and rivers. Enraptured, the visitor gazes upon a masterpiece of Nature's creation. Only the urge of necessity forces him to reluctantly leave it and return even to the comforts of his room at the hotel.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Besides those already mentioned, many other attractions offer diversion for the vacationist at Gaspé. Salt-water bathing may be enjoyed either in the calm waters of the Basin or in the wind-swept surf of the Gulf of St. Lawrence along Cape Gaspé. Deep-sea-fishing, motor-boating and tennis are also features of the summer holiday programme here. Automobiles are always available for motor trips to various points of interest throughout the beautiful surrounding country and on these delightful drives the vacationist may visit numerous landmarks of eminent historical interest.

BAKER'S HOTEL

In making a sojourn at Gaspé a period of prolonged delight for the summer holiday guest, the management of Baker's Hotel



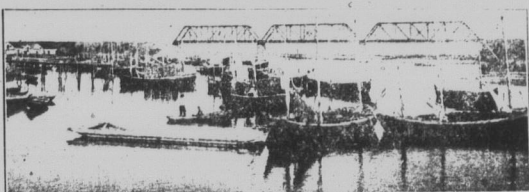
A typical Lake Scene in This Glorious Land of Lakes and Mountains.

has supplied everything that generous nature may have overlooked. As a result there is nothing lacking at this far-famed resort. At Baker's one finds the acme of comfort, cuisine of the highest quality and luxuries that demand a very light toll upon the purse of the holiday guest. In large comfortable rooms, famous for their "hominess" and beautiful decorations or on the spacious verandas the vacationist may relax and rest with a completeness that makes a holiday worth while. Here, as at the other summer hotels in the Gaspé Vacationland, there is no distasteful ostentation or rigid regard for convention. The children may romp in overalls. It is not essential to dress for dinner whether or not one has just returned from an expedition or a dip in the surf and the resonant clump of heavy outing boots is never greeted with a frown of disapproval.

Besides the main hotel with its dining-room large enough to seat one hundred and fifty guests, there are also *Ony Ash Inn* and *The Lodge*, operated by the same management, and with a combined capacity of fifty or over. In these two beautiful additions there are special family suites. The hotel service at Baker's is all that even the most fastidious guest might desire. Everything possible is done to make the visitor's sojourn a memorable outing with all the comforts and luxuries of his own home.

Rates range from \$18.00 to \$25.00 per week. Special rates for families of more than four. For reservations or any further information write John Baker, Baker's Hotel, Gaspé, Province of Quebec.

THE ROUTE TO VACATIONLAND

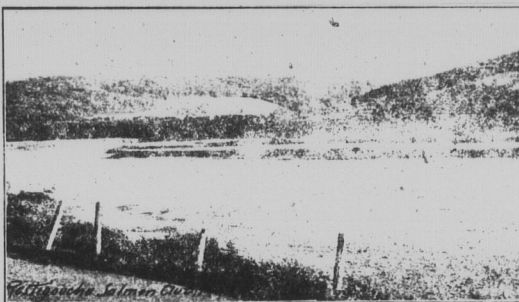


A Litteral View Along the Route to Vacationland, showing the Magnificent Railway Bridge at Douglastown.

In preparing this edition to acquaint you with the beautiful "Gaspé Vacationland", it is expedient that we should make plain to our readers its admirable accessibility to travellers by means of the railway lines that operate along the south coast of the Gaspé Peninsula for its entire length, a distance of two hundred and two miles, and which connect most conveniently with the other railway systems of Eastern Canada at Matapédia, thirteen miles west of Campbellton, a divisional point on the Atlantic Region of the Canadian National Railways.

The splendid highways of the Bay Chaleur district are the scenes of an annual invasion of motorists on their holiday tours but the most comfortable and most economical way of reaching any one of the quartette of delightful resorts along the coast is by means of the Quebec Oriental Railway and the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway lines which skirt the south shore-line of Gaspé.

The trains of this railway system connect at Matapédia with the fast through trains of the Canadian National from Montreal to Halifax. Thus the traveller from the West or any part of the United States gets started on the final lap of his journey without



A View of the Restigouche River Near the Western Terminus of the Q. O. & W. Railways.

delay or the inconvenience of poor travelling connections. The service on these lines obviates the possibility of discomfort or undue fatigue. During the busy summer season Parlor and Chair Cars are an appreciable addition to the regular service and every convenience is carefully provided for by the railroad in their solicitude for the comfort and enjoyment of passengers.

A WEALTH OF VARIETY

It would be manifestly unfair to the stranger, undecided in his choice of a summer vacation-ground, not to give at least a brief sketch of a country so resplendent in Nature's lavish beauty, so freighted with historical significance, so replete in its colorful romance of pioneer days and so rich in legendary lore, as this country through which these railway lines convey the traveller on his way to the delightful summer playgrounds of Gaspé. These railways have always been noted for their association with a land of magnificent scenery but to the stranger, travelling on these lines for the first time, a prompt impression and one that remains is that these praises have been far too humbly sung. Along few railway routes on the entire continent may the tourist gaze from the car windows upon such a seemingly endless succession of beautiful and vari-colored pictures. And this enthralling portrayal is free

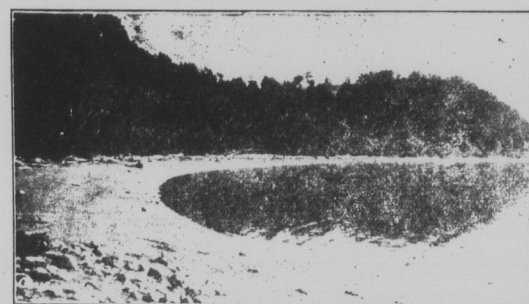


Suggestive of the Quiet Beauty of Gaspé's Scenery. Cape Gaspé in the background

from even a suggestion of the monotony of sameness. Each rock and tree, as it hurries past, seems to herald the arrival of something new and different and magically effect a perpetual change of scene. It is a superb unfolding of an immense variety of Nature's charms and, as the passenger drinks in the beauty of each fleeting landscape, he may liken it to a wonderful and seemingly endless scenic film being flashed, by some invisible and mysterious projector, across the vast screen of the far horizon.

THE RESTIGOUCHE DISTRICT

Leaving its western terminus at Matapédia the line follows the northern bank of the beautiful Restigouche River stopping at Cross Point, noted chiefly for its Malécite Indian settlement. These descendants of the original inhabitants of this country are looked after by the Capuchin Fathers, to whom they are indebted for their church and newspaper, the only one in the world printed in the Malécite language. Cross Point is immediately opposite Campbellton and an up-to-date ferry runs between the two places during the summer months. Below Campbellton the Restigouche River, about a mile in width here, widens out as it draws nearer the waters of the bay. Here in the vicinity of Point à la Garde, the traveller may view from the car window a scene of eminent historical inter-



One of the Many Beautiful Beach scenes Which Abound in this Land of Summer Playgrounds

est for here in the river the last naval battle in the struggle for the supremacy of Canada was fought and the remains of seven or eight French ships lie sunken beneath its waters. At Carleton the first summer resort on the Gaspé Coast is reached and the identity of the Restigouche River completely lost in the wide expanse of the Bay Chaleur.

THE TERMINAL

The country from Carleton to New Carlisle is very beautiful. Several large rivers emptying into the bay are crossed by the railway. Chief among these is the Cascapédia River, considered one of the finest salmon streams in the world and visited annually by sportsmen from various parts of the United States and England. Another beautiful stream is the Bonaventure River which is crossed by an iron bridge about ninety miles from Matapédia.

Nine miles farther on is New Carlisle, the terminal station of the Quebec Oriental and the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railways and the second summer resort on the coast. Here there is a spacious and thoroughly up-to-date restaurant at which meals are served on arrival of all trains. New Carlisle is the county seat and here are situated the Academy, with its splendid new Home for Girl



Another View of the Gigantic Pierced Rock at Percé with the Fishing Fleet Anchored in the Nearby Waters.

Students, the Court House and also the offices and shops of the two railway companies. The Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway which begins here is a comparatively new line and is built on a most substantial and up-to-date standard. For the traveller there is no delay at this point for he continues his journey to Gaspé in the summer season without even the necessity of changing cars.

Paspébiac, the first station on the new line, is noted as being the headquarters of the fishing business on the Gaspé Coast for here, fish of all kinds collected from various parts of the bay are shipped to markets all over the world. Twenty miles farther on is Port Daniel situated between the mountains and the beautiful Port Daniel Bay. After passing through the Port Daniel tunnel—abored for some 800 feet through the base of an immense mountain of grey limestone—the train runs for the next fifty miles along the shore of the Bay Chaleur. Here the magnificent stretch of diversified maritime scenery will evoke repeated expressions of enthusiastic praise from the tourist, for the views on all sides are a revelation to the visitor who beholds its charms for the first time. Then, away, at some points skirts the edge of precipitous cliffs and the passenger may look down from his seat into the water of the bay below. Lofty hills, clothed in the fresh greenness of their summer dress and with their summits silhouetted against the blue of heaven, form a striking background for the north side of the picture. Far across the water the gaze rests upon other mountains which seem to rise out of the bay in the distance, dividing the vast stretches of sea and sky with a border of deep blue.

THE END OF A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

At Cape Cove the railway leaves the coast line and passes through the celebrated Percé Mountains. Through the mountains the scenery is strikingly beautiful. The surrounding country is a great assemblage of forest clad mountains broken by deep, shaded ravines. In appearance it has all the allure of a forest preserved for it possesses that ingenious beauty which needs no artificial touch to strengthen its appeal, and has a sense of being unspoiled and undespoiled. . . . a sanctuary of the great out-doors.

At Corner of the Beach the railway reaches the Shore again and runs along a level stretch of beautiful sandy beach to Barachois. The view from this point is indescribably lovely. Percé Rock shows distinctly and the Shikshock Mountains, with the picturesque little village of Corner of the Beach make a delightful picture. From Barachois to Douglastown the railway runs for the most part high up on the cliffs of Gaspé Bay and the passenger is afforded a series of remarkable views along the opposite side of this beautiful body of water. Arriving at Douglastown the sea level is once more reached and, after crossing the St. John River over a magnificent steel bridge, six hundred feet long, and running through a series of big fills and rock cuts the traveller reaches Gaspé Harbour where, by means of a ferry he is conveyed across the basin to Gaspé Village—the end of a wonderful journey through the land "Where The Tourist's Dreams Come True." And now as we leave the visitor to enjoy a sojourn in this delightful Vacationland of Gaspé he is sure to reflect that our statement about "Dreams" is well founded on "Realities."

