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 Cheap Cottages from English Sources.

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 Interior Views of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club House, Toronto.

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### The Sanitation of Muskoka.

The Ontario Board of Health held its quarterly meeting at Port Carling in Muskoka, and made a tour of inspection in the lakes to consider the question of their preservation from unsanitary influences. There is but one danger to general sanitation, not only in these lakes but in others of our numberless lakes which are surrounded by camps and cottages with a summer population. The danger lies in the defilement of the water, and safety is in the general understanding that nothing should be thrown into it. The land is the proper place for the disposal of wastes. What cannot be burned must be distributed on or under the surface of the land. There may be agencies in the water as well as on land to eat up impurities, but man, who is not one of them, cannot avoid taking part in the work, where the water is concerned, whereas he can avoid it on the land. There should be a public opinion created as soon as possible against throwing things into the water. Not only drainage, slops and laundry water, but other refuse of all kinds should be kept out. The Muskoka Lakes' Association and other clubs of the kind should supply information to their members as to the best methods of sanitation about the house, in simple and in elaborate camps. The Board of Health is always ready to give information on the subject. And there are books (such as that reviewed in this number) which treat of the matter. There is no reason for ignorance. As summer camping is a national fashion with us it ought to be national forte.

### Taking Pains to Come Under a Boycott.

There is an advertising sign set up on a little island in the Lachine Rapids, which attracted the attention of a Press party from the United States, who did not rest until they had gone to the manufacturers

of the article advertised to find out how the advertising board was set up there. Having heard an account of the act of heroism by which the sign was conveyed to the island, the members of the Press party soon made copy of the story, with the comment that "this spirit of initiative does credit to the advertising department of the \_\_\_\_\_ Company." On the principle that every man must do his best according to his light we cannot refuse to commend the advertising department, the Press party, and all concerned; but we wish them more light. How, for instance, would a Lachine Rapids full of signs of the unnecessaries of life appeal to the Press party as the particular plum of an excursion? The pluck of the men who put up the sign was admirable, but was the thing aimed at worth the risk of their lives? Fortunately they came back safely, but it is fortunate also that an upset that washed them up on the island—boat, sign and men in separate parcels—so nearly brought "the fever called living" to an end with them that the initiative of that advertising department may perhaps be no further followed.

### Municipal Testing Plants.

In another column will be seen a set of rules adopted by the Bureau of Buildings for the Borough of Manhattan for testing the acceptability of new building materials. It is not stated how far the proposed test will be applied to materials other than those used in buildings erected for the municipality. But it seems a reasonable thing that, since the field of invention has extended to building materials, a municipality should be in a position to decide whether new materials that it is asked to authorize will fulfill the requirements of its building law. It is not enough that its officials should be in a position only to shrug their shoulders and point to a by-law which takes no account of novelty. There