



SUMMER SPORTS AT THE WAEGWOLTIC, WITH CLUB HOUSE IN BACKGROUND

THE WAEGWOLTIC CLUB

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One thinks of Halifax immediately his or her thoughts turn to the Northwest Arm, that beautiful inlet of the sea, almost world-famed for the charm of its scenery and the picturesque beauty of its surroundings. This is largely owing to The Waegwoltic, a club that combines the principal and best features of aquatic, country and social associations.

The Northwest Arm resembles a great blue lake, three miles long and from a quarter to three-quarters of a mile wide. No wonder it is famous, with its fascinating landscapes and seascapes—its green tree-clad slopes on the eastern side dipping down to silvery waters which, no matter what the direction or force of the wind, are seldom disturbed beyond a mere ripple; its picturesque and precipitous western shore whose hills the mirroring surface reflects; its lovely villas peering through the trees to the sheltered expanse and looking out past promontory and lighthouse beyond to the broad Atlantic; its entrancing air of peace and restfulness.

The Arm abounds in fish all the summer long on its whole length. Sea trout, pollock, hake, whiting, haddock, cod, perch, herring, mackerel and other piscatorial trophies are to be caught with rod, fly or net, and lobsters can be speared in season.

On the western shore on a high promontory there has been commenced the erection of a lofty symbolical tower, conceived by that famous Canadian Sir Sandford Fleming, to contain a museum of natural history and art gallery, intended to commemorate the establishment of representative government at Halifax in 1758.

On the eastern shore and nearly opposite are the extensive grounds, club-house, boat-house and bathing-house of The Waegwoltic, an institution established about two years ago, which has had the most remarkable growth and success of any club in Canada or in America. This is attributable to the fact that it is open to women as well as to men and has a membership, including associate members, of about two thousand. The Indians of the dim and misty past reigned

supreme here and "Waegwoltic" was the name they gave this body of water—meaning "ending of the waters." Hence the name for the club.

Immediately adjoining the Waegwoltic is The Birchdale, the only hotel at the Arm and the development of the two institutions has been simultaneous. Your readers will want to know how it is that women and men have the same privileges at the club. If a man wishes to join the club he is vouched for by some member and his name posted for a week. If elected he at once has the right to obtain an associate member-

Jones, and is covered with glorious old trees, many of them imported from foreign climes. The membership includes many of the best business and professional men of Halifax and their families. The club is an all-the-year-round institution. In the summer there is boating, canoeing, yachting, motoring, bathing, tennis, quoits, etc., and in the winter billiards, card parties, skating, tobogganing, etc., and the members have the privilege, free of expense except for the collations, of giving at homes, balls and receptions.

The leading hotels of the city have the benefit



A GAME OF TENNIS BY THE LADIES OF THE CLUB

ship for his wife and the different members of his family. If a woman happens to be the head of a household she joins in the same way and obtains similar privileges for herself and family; or single ladies may join under a somewhat different arrangement and have full privileges for themselves, but without the right of securing associate memberships. The most surprising part is that the annual fee is but fifteen dollars.

The club property consists of about five acres of lands. It was formerly the residence of a distinguished Nova Scotian—the late honorable lieutenant-governor of the province, Alfred G.

with certain restrictions of sending tourists and other visitors from abroad to participate in the every-day privileges of the club. Last summer a careful record was kept of the number of members and visitors that went through the entrance gate during the months of July and August and the total mounted up to nearly thirty thousand persons. The clubhouse is spacious and sumptuously furnished. There are large parlors for women and men, sun parlor, writing room, smoking and reading room for men, ladies' parlor and dressing-rooms and a large dining hall with attendants.



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