

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN, AND WISCONSIN.

By the "Soo Line" of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the establishment of a direct route through the territory north of Lake Huron to the sister cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis in Minnesota, yet more entirely new territory is rendered easily accessible, and the disciple of Isaac Walton or Nimrod may with advantage devote considerable time to that tract of country between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, there being virgin trout lakes to be found in its interior from any of the railway stations. The Soo Branch forms part of that very important section of the Canadian Pacific Railway which connects Boston with St. Paul and Minneapolis via Montreal. And one of the attractions to the fisherman is the good company he is sure to find on the train whenever he has occasion to use the railway.

Leaving Sudbury, you find the same varied and picturesque blendings of many colored rocks and rough forests marked here and there with silvery streams and lakes, the loveliness of the surroundings gradually improving until opposite Desbarats station a glimpse of Lake Huron and a portion of a cluster of 100 beautiful islets, which themselves form a part of the countless islands of the north shore of Lake Huron, is obtained. These islands are destined to become more popular than the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, because of their cooler climate and greater variety and boldness of scenery. A pretty island can be bought from the Ontario Government for about \$5, and a picturesque cottage built upon it for \$250 and upwards. The Canadian Pacific Railway and four lines of steamers bring tourists' supplies, etc., to these islands. They are now quite accessible. They are only one hour by rail from the "Soosans," as the two towns of Sault Ste. Marie are locally called. Sault Ste. Marie is a good outfitting place for camping parties. Desbarats has a clean and comfortable country hotel. North of Desbarats station three miles through the woods is Diamond Lake, an almost virgin trout lake, and about it are many lakes which, from the nature of the country, will remain well stocked with fish. The shooting is also good. The lakes, secluded and yet accessible, would be admirable places for an annual camp. The surrounding lands could be bought cheaply from the Ontario Government and the fishing protected.

The Sault Ste. Marie, the great gateway between Lakes Superior and Huron, has for years been a favorite resort with a large number of pleasure seekers. There is splendid accommodation for visitors, the hotels being conducted and equipped in first-class style, and the many beautiful and interesting features of the spot are a guarantee against one wearying of it. Nor is there any lack of sport. Several fine trout waters are close at hand; and the St. Mary's River, especially on the Canadian side among the islands, affords as good fishing as man can desire; and game, large and small, is fairly plentiful in the woods.

An exciting amusement is running the wild rapids in a canoe manned by Indians, it being an experience that the visitor will neither regret nor forget. At the foot of these