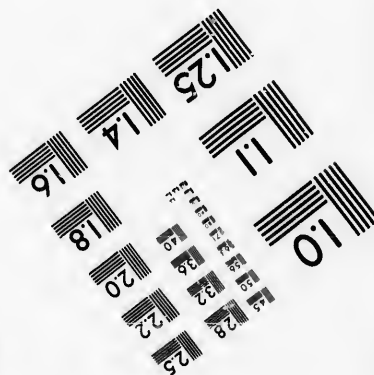
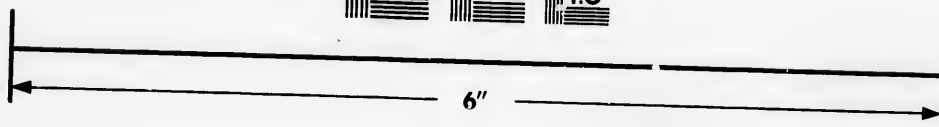
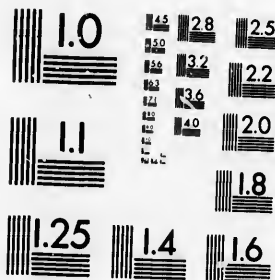


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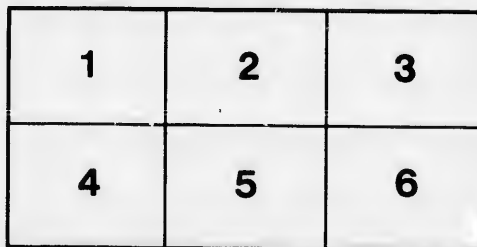
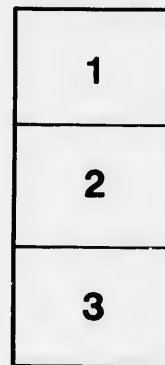
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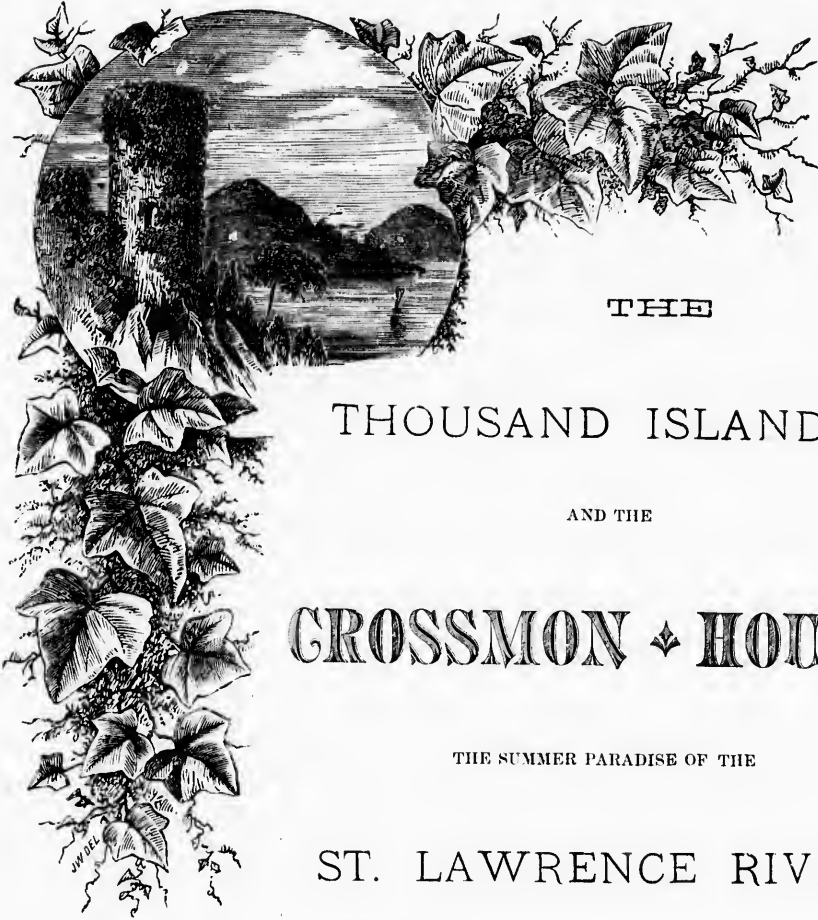
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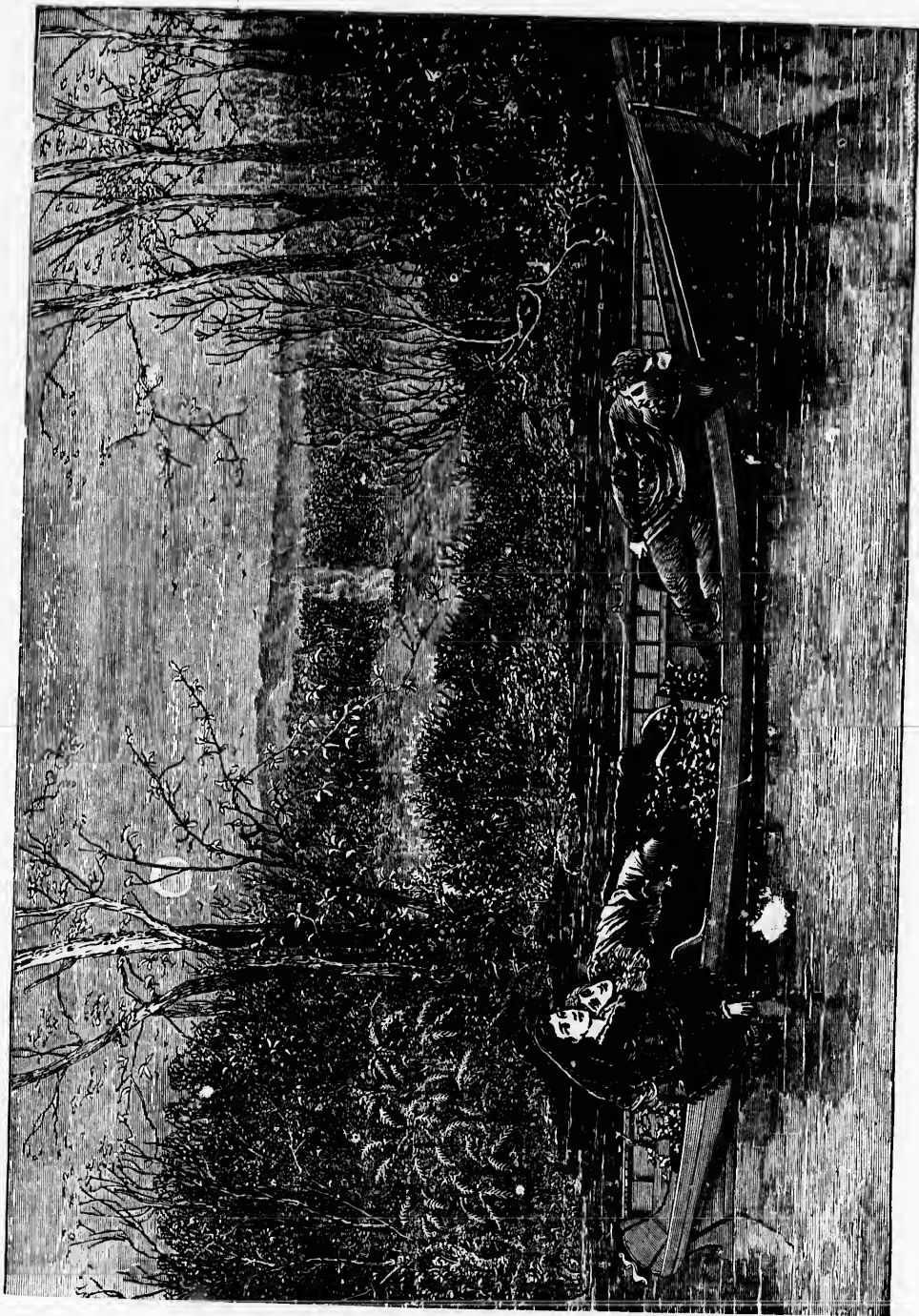
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"And they were happy, and well content, sailing the way the river went."

THE THOUSAND ISLES.

BY HON. CALEB LYON.

THE THOUSAND ISLES, The Thousand Isles,
Dimpled the wave around smiles,
Kissed by a thousand red-lipped flowers,
Gemmed by a thousand emerald bowers.
A thousand birds their praises wake,
By rocky grade and plummy brake,
A thousand cedars' fragrant shade
Falls where the Indian's children played,
And fancy's dream, my heart beguiles
While singing thee, the Thousand Isles.

The flag of France first o'er them hung,
The mass was said, the vespers sung,
The friars of Jesus hailed the strands,
As blessed Virgin Mary's lands,
And red men mutely heard, surprised,
Their heathen names all christianized.
Next floated a banner with cross and crown,
'Twas freedom's eagle plucked it down,
Retaining its pure and crimson dyes
With stars of their own their native skies.

There St. Lawrence gentlest flows,
There the south wind softest blows,
There the lilies whitest bloom,
There the birch has leafiest gloom,
There the red deer feed in spring,
There doth glitter wood-duck's wing,
There leap the musealonge at morn,
There the loon's night song is borne,
There is the fisherman's paradise,
With trolling skiff at red sunrise.

The Thousand Isles, the Thousand Isles,
Their charm from every care beguiles,
Titian alone hath grace to paint
The triumph of their patron saint,
Whose waves return on memory's tide:
La Salle and Piquet side by side,
Proud Frontenac and bold Champlain
There net their wanderings o'er again;
And while their golden sunlight smiles,
Pilgrims shall greet thee, Thousand Isles.

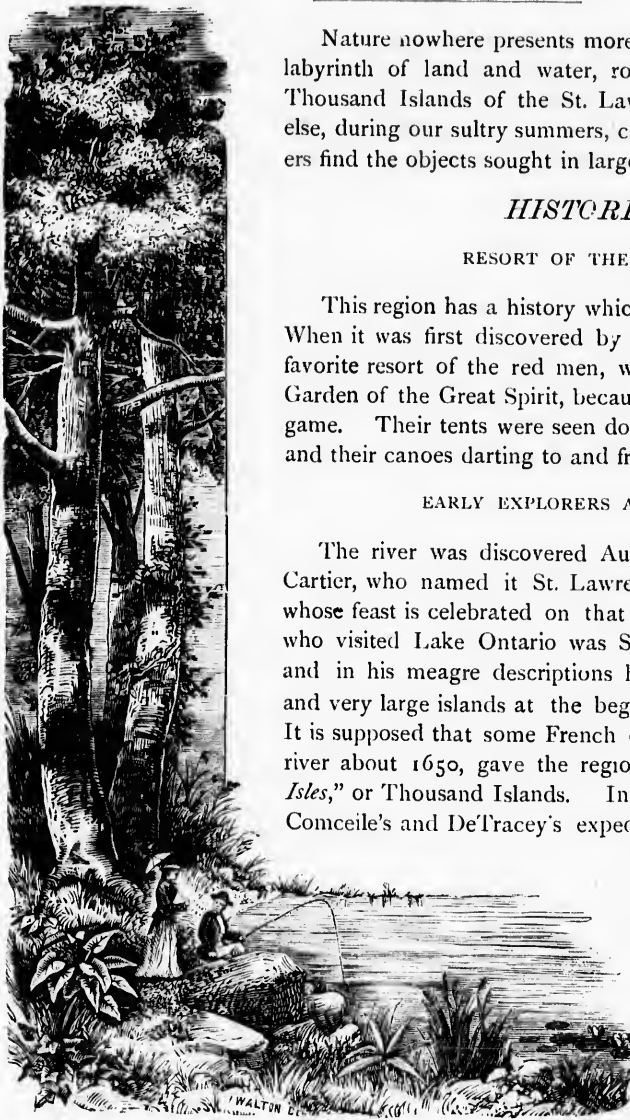
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FISHING PARTIES AT FROST ISLAND.

A SUMMER PARADISE.

THE THOUSAND ISLANDS.



Nature nowhere presents more alluring charms than in that labyrinth of land and water, rock and tree, known as the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence river; and nowhere else, during our sultry summers, can pleasure and health seekers find the objects sought in larger measures.

HISTORICAL.

RESORT OF THE RED MAN.

This region has a history which is full of romantic interest. When it was first discovered by Europeans, they found it a favorite resort of the red men, who called it Manatoana, or Garden of the Great Spirit, because of the abundant fish and game. Their tents were seen dotting the islands and shores, and their canoes darting to and fro along the river.

EARLY EXPLORERS AND ACCOUNTS.

The river was discovered August 10, 1535, by Jacques Cartier, who named it St. Lawrence in honor of the saint whose feast is celebrated on that day. The first European who visited Lake Ontario was Samuel Champlain, in 1615; and in his meagre descriptions he mentions some beautiful and very large islands at the beginning of the St. Lawrence. It is supposed that some French explorers, who went up the river about 1650, gave the region its present name "*Milles Isles*," or Thousand Islands. In the papers relating to De-Conceile's and DeTracey's expeditions against the Mohawk

Indians in 1666, the islands are complained of as obstructing navigation and mystifying the most experienced Iroquois pilots.

In the year 1260 a Capt. Ponchot described the region somewhat minutely in his journal, which was afterwards published in Swit-

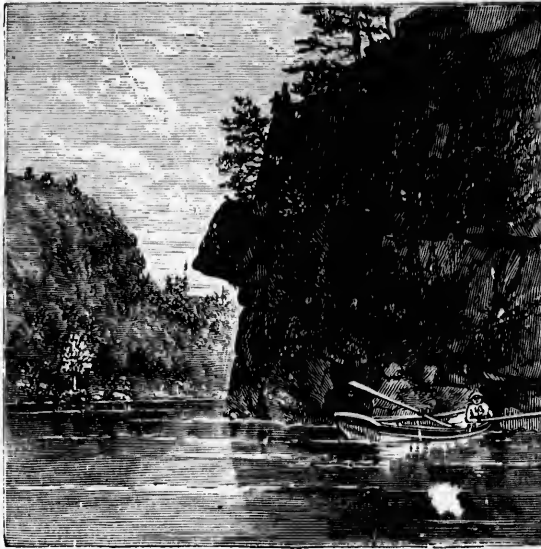
erland, and there have been frequent allusions to, and descriptions of it, written and published from that time to the present. The picturesque scenery of this spot also seems to have made a lasting impression upon French artists, as one of the finest paintings that greet the eye of an American on entering the Picture Gallery at Versailles, present a view of these attractive wilds.

IN ROMANCE AND SONG.

We find them occasionally in the poetry and fiction of this latter period. The "Canadian Boat Song," by the great Irish poet, Thos. Moore, commencing :

"Faintly as tolls the evening chime,
Our voices keep time and our oars keep time,"

was written in 1804, it is said, on Hart's Island, opposite The Crossmon. During their passage down the river James Fennimore Cooper and Washington Irving visited the Thousand

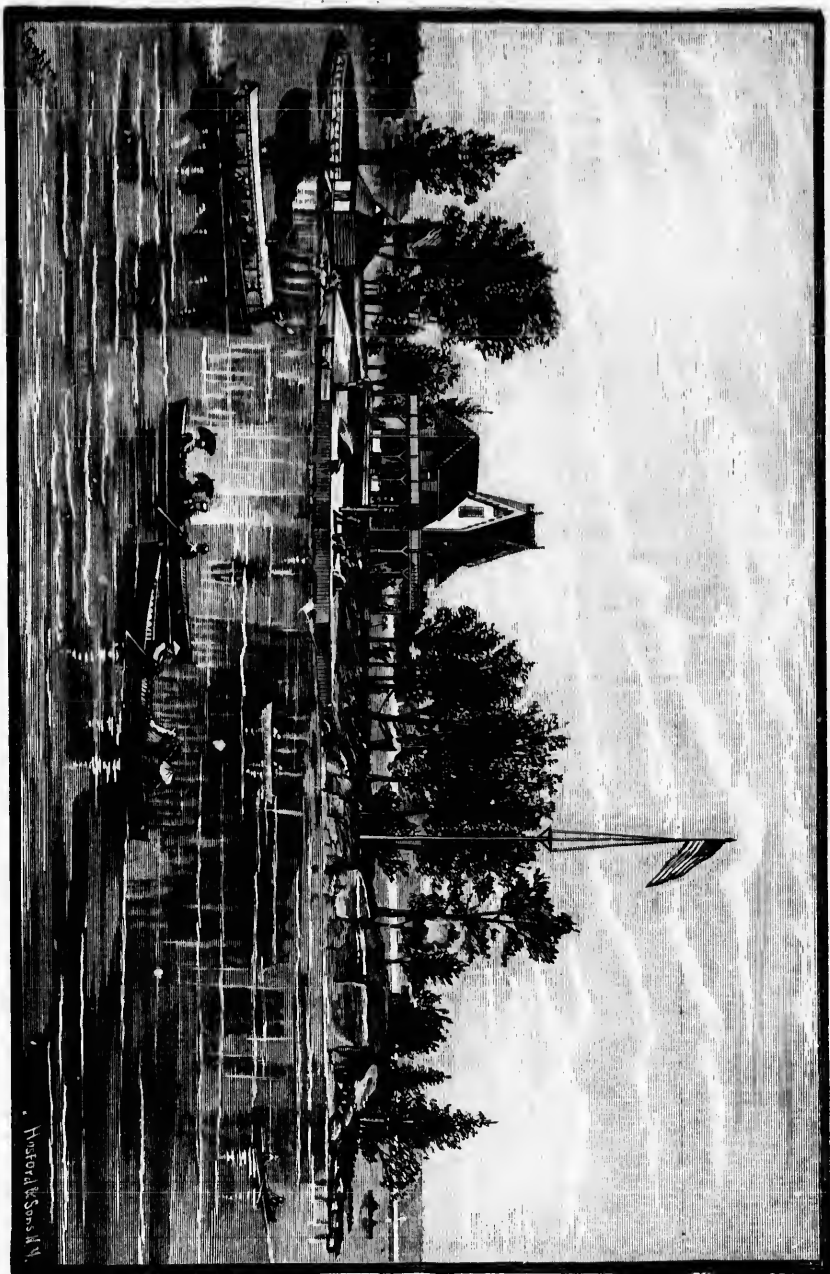


IN CANADIAN WATERS.

Islands, and were fascinated by them. Cooper makes them the scene of some of the most interesting incidents of "The Pathfinder," from which we copy the following :

"By sunset again the cutter was up with the first of the islands that lie in the outlet of the lake, and ere it was dark she was running through the narrow channels, on her way to the long sought station. At nine o'clock, however, Cap insisted that they should anchor, for the maze of islands became so complicated and obscure, that he feared, at every opening, the party would find themselves under the guns of a French fort. * * * The islands might not have been literally a thousand in number, but they were so numerous and small as to baffle calculation, though occasionally one of a larger size than common was passed. Jasper had quitted what might have been termed the main channel, and was winding his way, with a good stiff breeze and a favorable current, through passes that were sometimes so narrow that there appeared to be barely room sufficient for the Scud's spars to clear the trees, while at other moments he shot across little bays, and buried the cutter again amid rocks, forests and bushes. The water was so transparent that there was no occasion for the lead, and being of very equal depth, little risk was actually run.

Farther on he describes the island where "The Pathfinder" and his party secreted themselves, which is so good of many others, that we insert it here.



LITTLE LEHIGH ISLAND.

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"Lying in the midst of twenty others, it was not an easy matter to find it, since boats might pass quite near, and, by the glimpses caught through the openings, this particular island would be taken for a part of some other. Indeed, the channels between the islands, that lay around the one we have been describing, were so narrow that it was even difficult to say which portions of the land were connected or which separated, even as one stood in their centre, with the express desire of ascertaining the truth. The little bay, in particular, that Jasper used as a harbor, was so embowered with bushes and shut in with islands, that the sails of the cutter being lowered, her own people, on one occasion, had searched for hours before they could find the Scud, on their return from a short excursion among the adjacent channels in quest of fish."

IN THE PRESENT.

"Now, however, the inexorably rotating kaleidoscope of time has shaken away the savage scenes of old, never to be repeated, and new ones appear to the eye of the present. No longer in Alexandria Bay -- fortunately still beautiful--does Nature reign in silent majesty, for the constant flutter and bustle of the life and gayety of a summer resort have superseded her. But although Alexandria Bay is in the continual tumult of life, for some fortunate and



almost unaccountable reason, the Thousand Islands are not in the least tinctured with the *blase* air of an ordinary watering place, nor are they likely to become so. There are hundreds, thousands of places, rugged and solitary, among which a boat can glide, while its occupant lies gloriously indolent, doing nothing but reveling in the realization of life, little bays, almost land locked, where the resinous odors of hemlock and pine fill the nostrils, and the whispers of nature's unseen life seem but to make the solitude more perceptible. Sometimes the vociferous cawing of crows sounds through the hollow woods, or a solitary eagle lifts from her perch on the top of a stark and dead pine, and sails majestically across the blue arch of the sky. Such scenes occur on a beautiful sheet of water called Lake of the Isle, lying placidly and balmily in the lap of the piney hills of Wells Island, reflecting their rugged crests in its glassy surface, dotted here and there by tiny islands. In the stillest bays

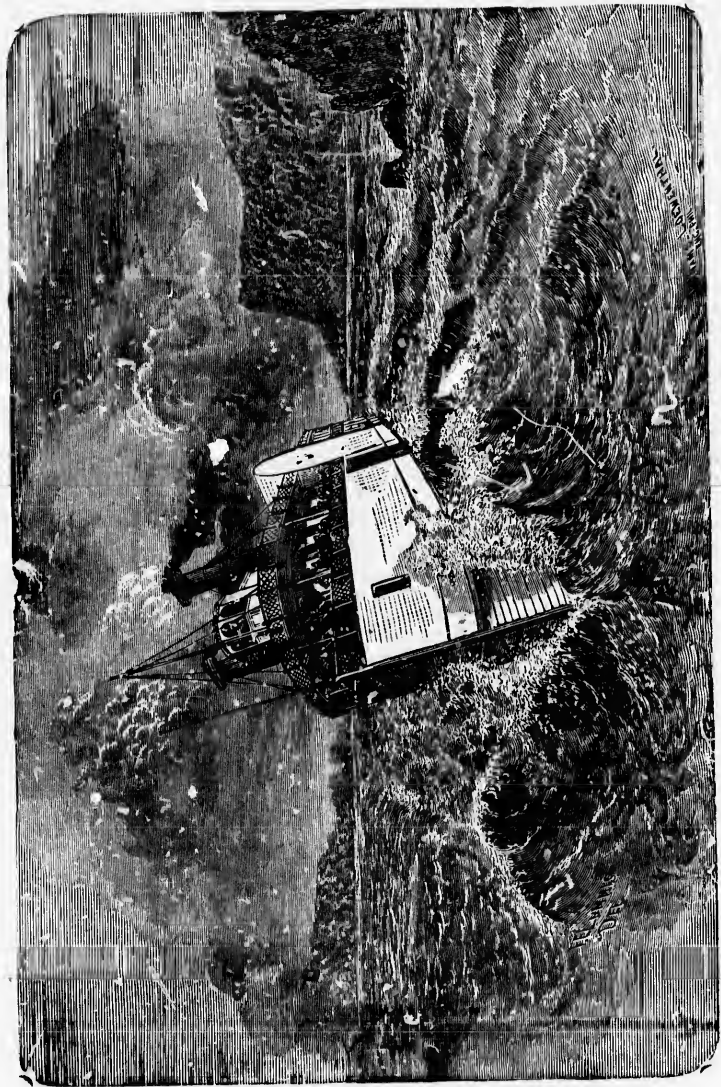
are spots that seem to lie in a Rip VanWinkle sleep, where one would scarcely be surprised to see an Indian canoe shoot from beneath the hemlocks of the shore into the open, freighted with a Natty Bumpo or a Chingachgook, breaking the placid surface of the water into slowly widening ripples. In such a spot, one evening after a day spent in sketching, when paddling our boat about in an indolent, aimless way, looking down through the crystal clearness of the water to the jangle of weeds below, now frightening a pickerel from his haunt or startling a brood of wood duck from among the rushes and arrow heads, we found ourselves belated. As the sun set in a blaze of crimson and gold, two boatmen moving homeward passed darkly along the glassy surface that caught the blazing light of the sky, and across the water came, in measured rythm with the dip of their oars, the tune of a quaint, old, half-melancholy Methodist hymn that they sang. We listened as the song trailed after them until they turned into an inlet behind the dusky woods and were lost to view. From such romantic and secluded recesses one can watch the bustle and hurry of life as serenely as though one were the inhabitant of another planet."

IN RECENT LITERATURE.

During the past few years wherein the Thousand Islands have suddenly become one of the leading resorts for summer recreation, they have been prominent in the current literature and pictorial illustrations of the country. Newspapers and magazines have made them the subject of many long and interesting articles; reporters, essayists, romancers, poets and humorists have seemed to vie with each other in calling the attention of the public to this place of enchantment; and the consequence is that a vast and annually swelling tide of humanity flows that way, and many linger there from early June until late October.



SAFE POINT.



DESCENDING THE RAPIDS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We have stated that the St. Lawrence was discovered and named in 1535, and that Lake Ontario was discovered in 1615. A few other references to the past may be interesting. The first military post on Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence was Fort Frontenac, which was established by the French under the direction of Count de Frontenac, in 1673, on the spot where Kingston now stands. During the French war, in 1758, this post was captured by an English army of 3,340 men, commanded by Col. John Bradstreet, who crossed over from Oswego. It then remained in British possession until surrendered again to the French, in whose possession it remained until a short time before the Revolution.

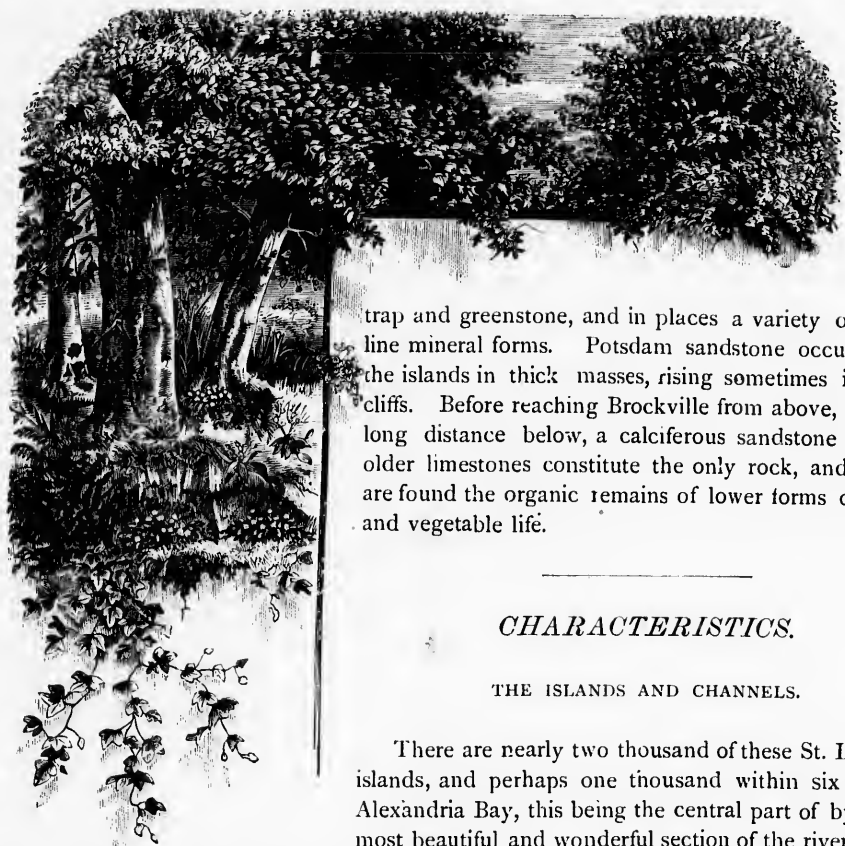
Fort Carleton, the ruins of which are seen upon the upper end of Carleton Island, just below Cape Vincent, was built under the direction of Gen. Carleton, as a British post, in 1777. During the Revolutionary war, and for some time afterwards, it was the principal military station on the lake. It was finally abandoned as a place of military defense in 1808. It remained in nominal possession of the British until the beginning of the war of 1812.

The boundary line between Canada and the United States was definitely settled in 1822. The first steamboat appeared on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence in 1817, causing great excitement and demonstration among the people along the shores. Its name was the Oneida.

In 1823 all the islands in the State between Ogdensburg, on the St. Lawrence, and Grindstone Island, in Lake Ontario, were granted to Elisha Camp, of Sackets Harbor, and all titles within these limits must be traced to this proprietor. The Patriot War, which led to exciting military scenes and adventures on the St. Lawrence, occurred in 1837-1839. The British steamer "Sir Robert Peel" was fired and burnt on the south side of Wells' Island on the night of May 29-30, 1838, and the "Battle of the Windmill" occurred at Prescott in November of the same year, a memorable battle to the elder Crossmon, who was taken prisoner during the engagement, tried, and sentenced to be shot. Owing to his extreme youth a respite was obtained, and he was afterwards ransomed, thus barely escaping with his life.

*GEOLOGICAL.*

The geological formation of the Thousand Islands is mostly gneiss rock, of the Laurentian period. This rock is composed largely of a reddish feldspar, with mixtures of quartz and hornblende, and a little magnetic iron ore. There are also occasionally thin veins of



trap and greenstone, and in places a variety of crystalline mineral forms. Potsdam sandstone occurs among the islands in thick masses, rising sometimes into high cliffs. Before reaching Brockville from above, and for a long distance below, a calciferous sandstone and the older limestones constitute the only rock, and in these are found the organic remains of lower forms of animal and vegetable life.

CHARACTERISTICS.

THE ISLANDS AND CHANNELS.

There are nearly two thousand of these St. Lawrence islands, and perhaps one thousand within six miles of Alexandria Bay, this being the central part of by far the most beautiful and wonderful section of the river. They

are nearly all small, usually varying in size from a few square yards of surface to several acres. Many of them are separated by only narrow channels, which are generally deep, but sometimes shallow. Quiet and inviting little bays are found here and there. All the islands are thickly studded with trees of rich foliage, but generally of moderate or stunted growth, many of which stand close to the water's edge, and afford cooling shade for passing boatmen. In the bays and by the sides of the islands is excellent fishing, bass and pickerel being the principal fish but the famous muscalonge is sufficiently numerous to warrant the fisherman in expecting an electric bite from him at any moment, which will put his strength and skill to their utmost test.



DRIED GRASSES FROM THE ISLANDS.

WELLS ISLAND.

Special mention should here be made of the largest of the Islands, the lower end of which is just below the village of Alexandria Bay. It is eight miles long, and from a few feet to four miles wide. Portions of it have been cultivated as farms for at least half a century. Other parts are charmingly wooded, and some of its rock features are exceedingly picturesque. The lower portion is separated into two parts by the "Lake of the Island," which is connected with the river on the American and Canadian sides by two narrow channels. This quiet lake, three or four miles long, is fringed with rich foliage and occasional bold rocks, and is a favorite fishing and hunting resort.

AS A SUMMER RESORT.

OLD TIMES.

Not until 1872 was the attention of the general public turned to the Thousand Islands as "a watering place," or resort for pleasure seekers and invalids, although some discerning ones had been in the habit of spending a few summer days or weeks there for more than a quarter of a century previous. There Gov'r Seward shook hands across the party chasm with Silas Wright, and caught bass and



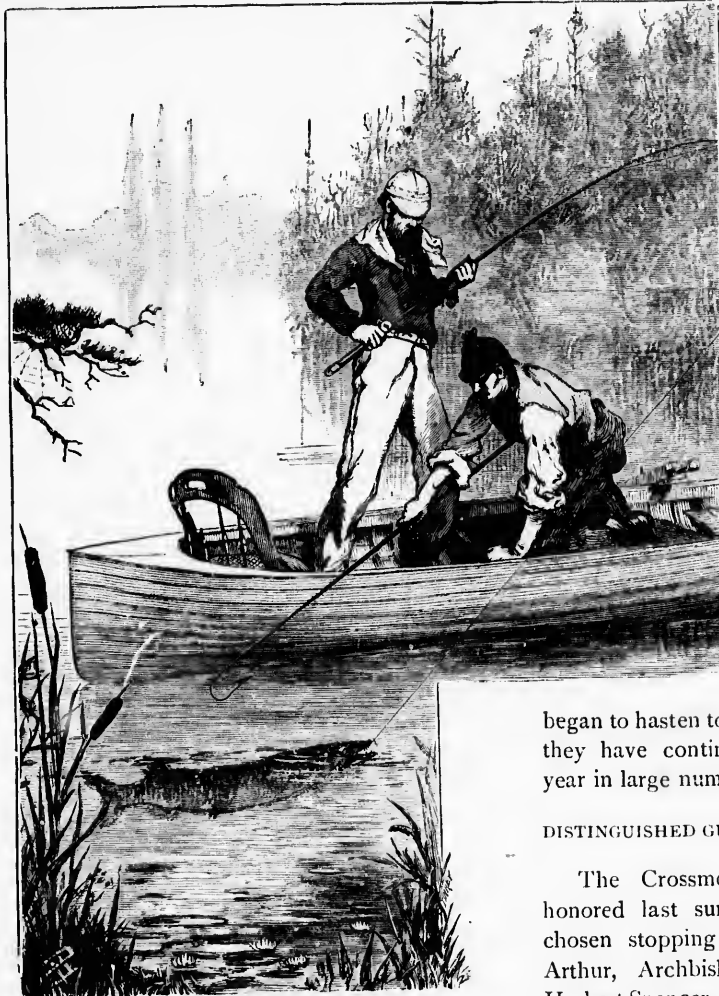
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muscalonge with him from the same boat, exchanging practical quotations and cheerful jokes instead of political opinions and arguments. There the Rev. Dr. Geo. Bethune dropped theology, and Gen. Dick Taylor forgot military tactics, and floated sociably together down among the islands. The wily Martin VanBuren, his witty son John, Frank Blair, and other politicians of the old school, found respite from the affairs of state and partisan squabbles, and were soothed and softened by the influences of nature. And when these intellectual giants returned from their fishing expeditions they found rare good cheer and comfort in the unpretentious old Crossmon House at the Bay, where the elder Crossmon was then known as the prince of country landlords, and in such goodly company learned thoroughly the fine art of managing and entertaining guests.

THE NEW DEPARTURE.

In the summer of 1872 two or three things occurred opportunely to draw immediate attention to the river attractions. George W. Pullman, the palace car king, had become en-

amored with the place, purchased a beautiful island nearly opposite the Bay, and erected thereon suitable buildings for a luxurious summer residence. By his invitation, in 1872, Gen. Grant and family, and a party of friends, went to Pullman's Island, as his guests, and remained eight days.



CATCHING MUSCALONGE.

About the same time there began to be a great demand for islands on which to build summer cottages. A large number were sold in 1872 and 1873, and the demand and sale have continued each year since. Of course the best of the islands have now been appropriated, but there are many desirable ones left, and beautiful points also, on the main shore on Wells Island.

The same season a large party of New York and Southern editors made an excursion to the islands, and dined *al fresco* on the same island, the viands being furnished from the cuisine of the Crossmon House. These two events brought the islands to the notice of the people in all parts of the country.

So when the big new hotels were opened in the summer of 1873, the people at once began to hasten to them, and since then they have continued to come every year in large numbers.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF LAST SEASON

The Crossmon was particularly honored last summer by being the chosen stopping place of President Arthur, Archbishop McClosky and Herbert Spencer.

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PICNIC DINNER ON AN ISLAND.

ISLAND NAMES AND OWNERS.

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DESHLER—seven acres.....	William G. Deshler, Columbus, O
ST. JOHN—six acres.....	Hon. Charles Donohue, New York
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WILD ROSE—one acre.....	Mrs. W. W. Herrick, Watertown, N. Y
— one-fourth acre.....	Mrs. Fanny Hammerkin, Syracuse, N. Y
HARMONY—one-fourth acre.....	Mrs. Cella Berger, Syracuse, N. Y
WYNNSTAY—one acre.....	Mrs. Sarah Schuyler Wynn, Watertown, N. Y
TONEY—one acre.....	Anthony T. E. Mullin, Watertown, N. Y
ALICE ISLE—two acres.....	John George Hill, Brooklyn, N. Y
SUNBEAM GROUP—one acre.....	C. E. Ailing, Rochester, N. Y
WALTON—two acres.....	"Watertown Club", Watertown, N. Y
TWO ISLANDS IN EEL BAY—two acres.....	E. L. Sargent, Watertown, N. Y
LONG BRANCH—ten acres.....	Mrs. Chas. E. Clark, Watertown, N. Y
NIGGER—three acres.....	Edward Robbins, Mullet Creek, N. Y
ELLA—one-fourth acre.....	R. E. Hungerford, Watertown, N. Y
LOOKOUT—two acres.....	Thomas H. Borden, New York
GRINNELL ISLAND—two acres.....	D. G. Grinnell, Brooklyn, N. Y
DOUGLASS—three acres.....	Douglass Miller, New Haven, Conn
HART'S—five acres.....	E. K. Hart, Albion, N. Y
SUNNY SIDE—two acres.....	Wm. Stevenson, Sayre, Pa
WAW-WINER—two acres.....	— Hill, Chicago, Ill

PARTICULAR ISLANDS.

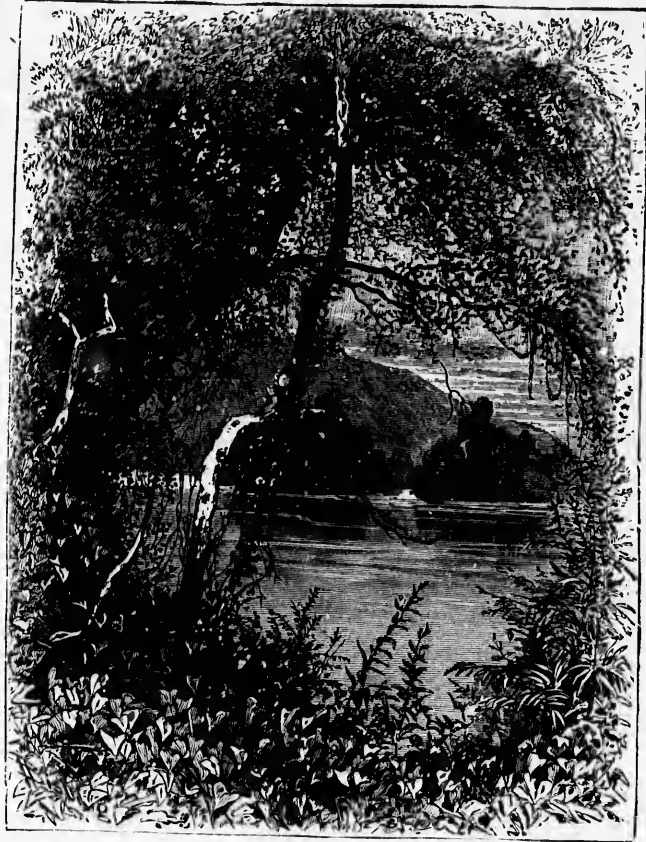
Among the islands let us notice a few more particularly. We have already referred to Pullman's island.

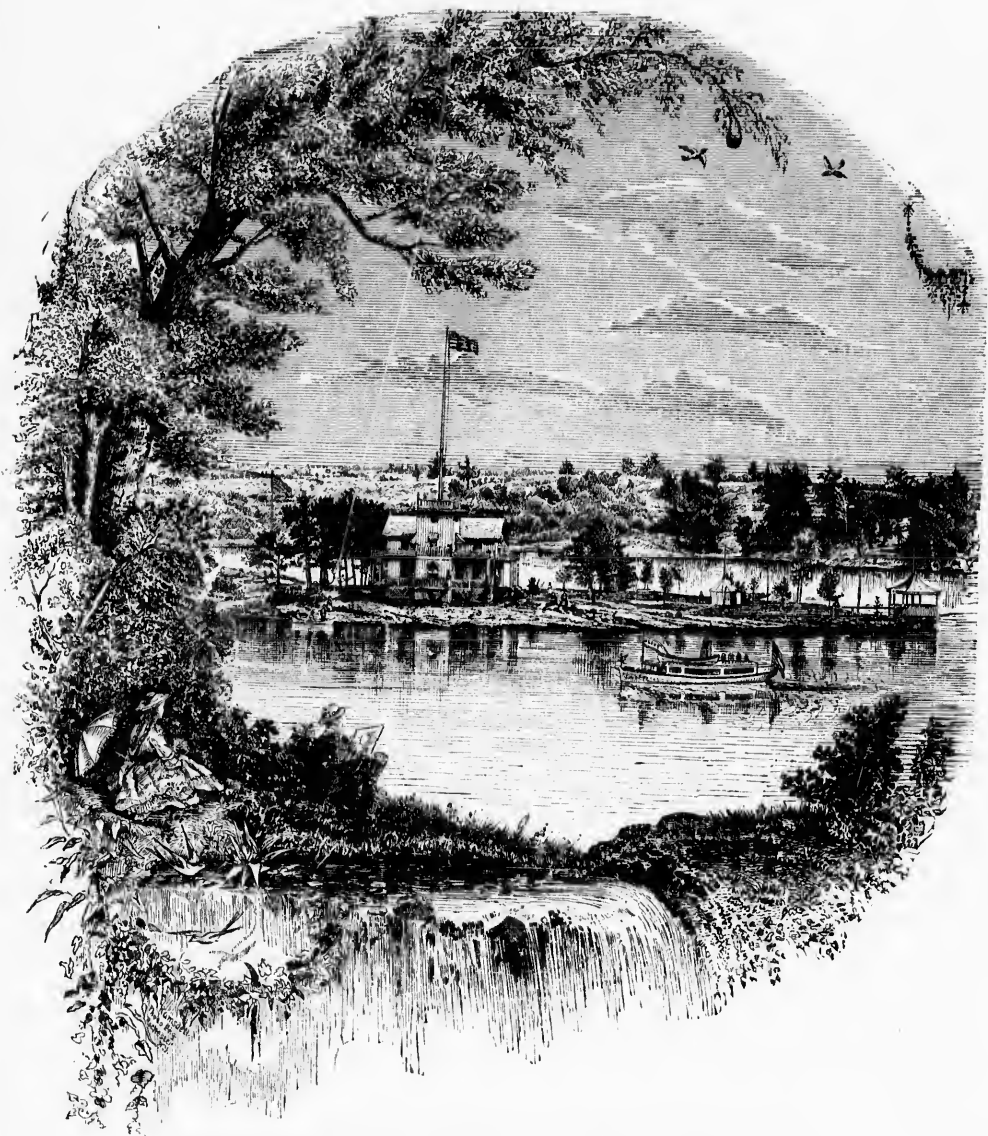
Just above the village in the American channel, is Warner's island, owned by H. H. Warner, of Rochester, who is famous for the magnitude, boldness and success of his business operations. The line steamers pass within a few feet of his handsome cottage. The river-bound half acre on which it stands has been beautified at much expense, and is one of the most coveted spots of the region. Mr. Warner and family are in the habit of remaining here two to three months of the year, and their gracious hospitalities have won them hosts of friends among the frequenters to the Thousand Islands.

A short distance down the river from the Bay is a triplet of charming little islands, owned by the following named gentlemen, who are spending much money upon them. They are, Little Lehigh, owned by Chas. H. Cummins, of New York; Sport, owned by H. E. Packer, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and E. P. Wilbur, Bethlehem, Pa., and Idlewild, owned by R. A. Packer, of Sayre, Pa.

The first two are connected by a handsome wrought iron suspension bridge.

Sport Island is nicely terraced, and a private gas house furnishes the means of illuminating it at night with two hundred lights. A few rods from the Crossmon, between it and Well's Island, is Hart's Island, a little paradise, with one of the largest and most elegant of the island cottages. Mrs. J. L. LeConte, of Philadelphia, Pa., has recently purchased Isle Imperial, just above Hart's Island, much enlarged it by piling and filling in, and erected a





WARNER'S ISLAND, AS SEEN FROM WELLS' ISLAND.

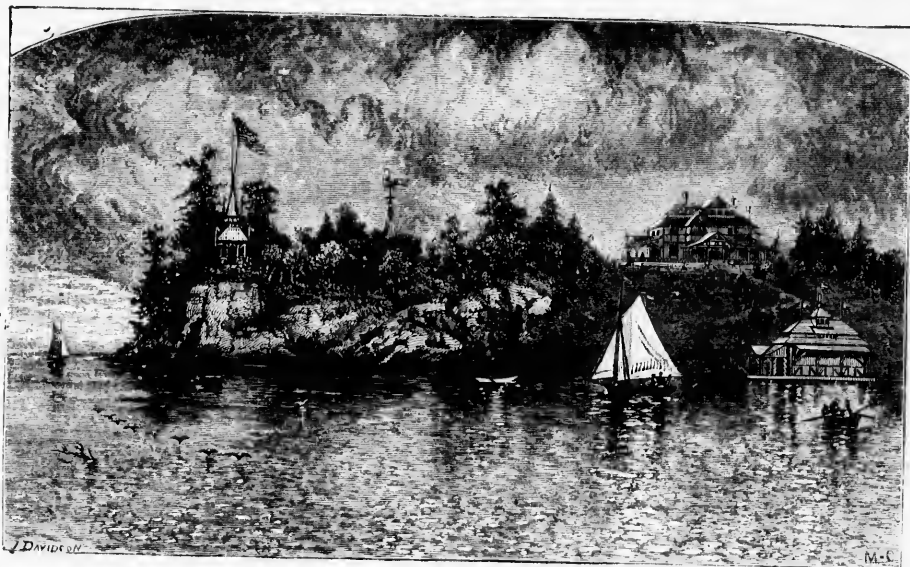
cottage costing about \$20,000. Plantagenet Island has been purchased by Judge Charles Donohue, of New York, and rechristened "St. John." He has built a handsome cottage upon it and is making many improvements.

The details might be indefinitely extended.

THE CAPES.

Many small capes which scallop the main shores of the river, afford beautiful building sites, and some of them are adorned by handsome cottages. The demand for these capes has increased of late, and it is probable that before many years the shores for a long distance each way from the Bay, as well as the islands, will be thickly studded with cottages, owned by health and pleasure seekers from abroad.

Perhaps the most desirable point on the river was purchased by Dr. J. G. Holland, the celebrated author, and late editor of Scribner's Monthly. It is at the mouth of the



DR. J. G. HOLLAND'S LATE RESIDENCE, "BONNIE CASTLE."

lovely little bay, overlooked by the Crossmon, and only a few rods across the water from it. Dr. Holland has expended many thousands of dollars in erecting here a luxurious cottage and improving the grounds. The point is named "Bonnie Castle," from one of Dr. Holland's novels. The family are in the habit of spending three or four months of the year on this island, and here Dr. Holland did much of his literary work.

SOME NAMES EXPLAINED.

The historically famous Devil's Oven is an island so named from a water cave into which a boat can be rowed from the river. This cave was the hiding place for many months of

the daring "Bill Johnson" during the Patriot War of 1837-39. Aided and sustained by his daughter Kate, he finally escaped.

Goose Bay is a well-known fishing and hunting ground three miles from the village. Eel Bay is another at the head of Wells island. Halsteads Bay is another, on the Canadian side.

Fiddler's Elbow is a thick and favorite cluster of islands in the Canadian waters.

THE COTTAGES.

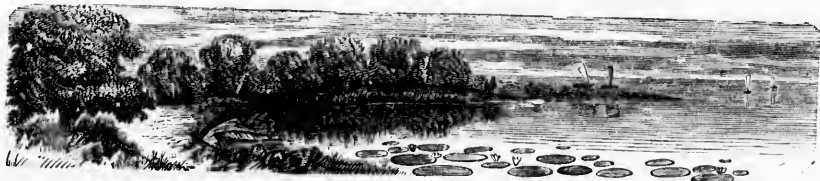
The river cottages are numerous and every year important additions are made to them. It is noticeable that as time passes the new ones constructed are made more and more elegant and improved.

PARKS.

The Thousand Island Park of the Methodists, on the upper end of Wells island, was started in 1873, and to its natural beauties have been added delightful drives and walks; dock and dock buildings, a village of cottages, bath houses, and buildings for religious purposes and the accommodation of visitors. Here are held camp meetings, Sunday school, temperance and educational conventions every season.

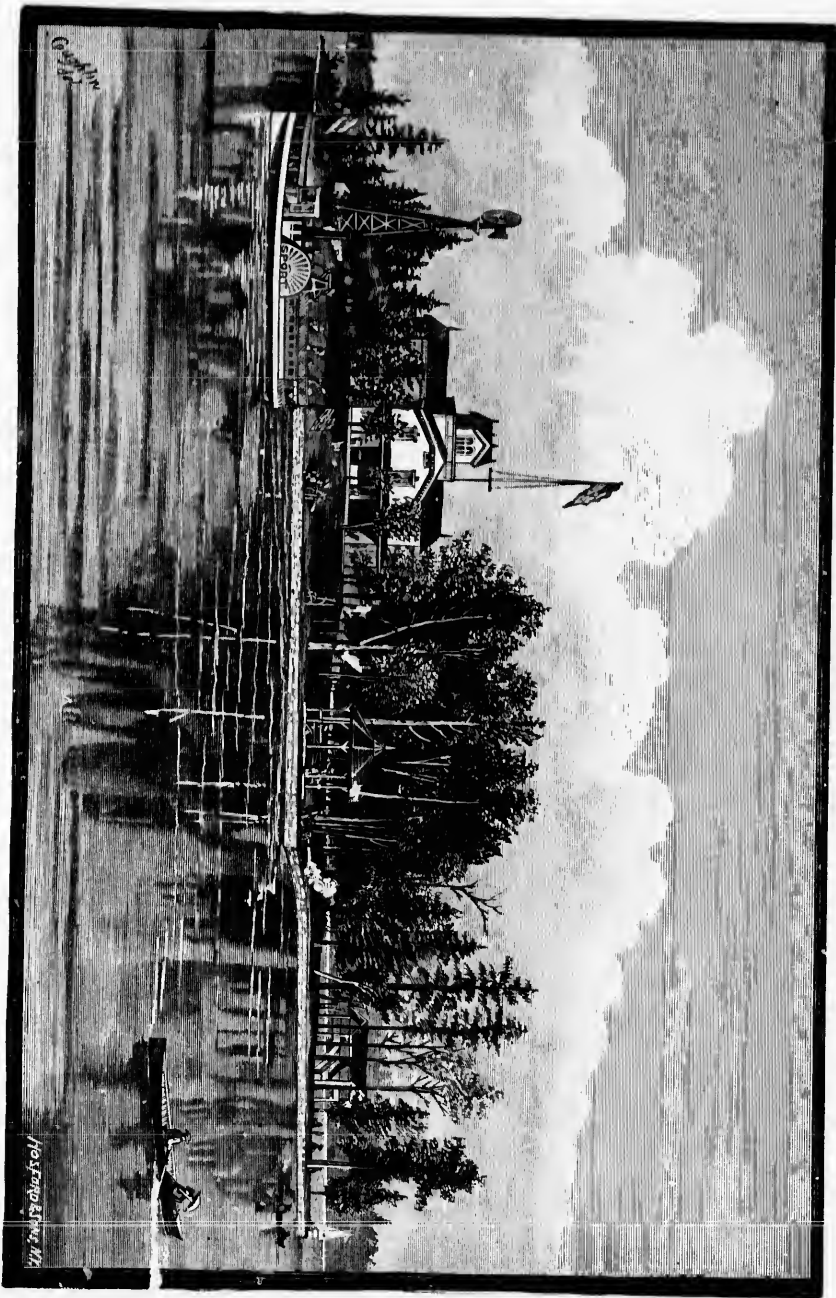


Westminster Park was purchased in 1874 by a Presbyterian stock company, and has been rapidly improved, having now several miles of winding drives, and some fine buildings. This Park is at the foot of Wells' Island and directly opposite Alexandria Bay, across a mile of water. In the midst of the ground is a high hill, to the top of which is a winding roadway. This hill is called Mt. Beulah, and is surmounted by a pentagonal chapel, which will accommodate one thousand persons, and has a tower 136 feet high, presenting one of the best views of the river and islands.

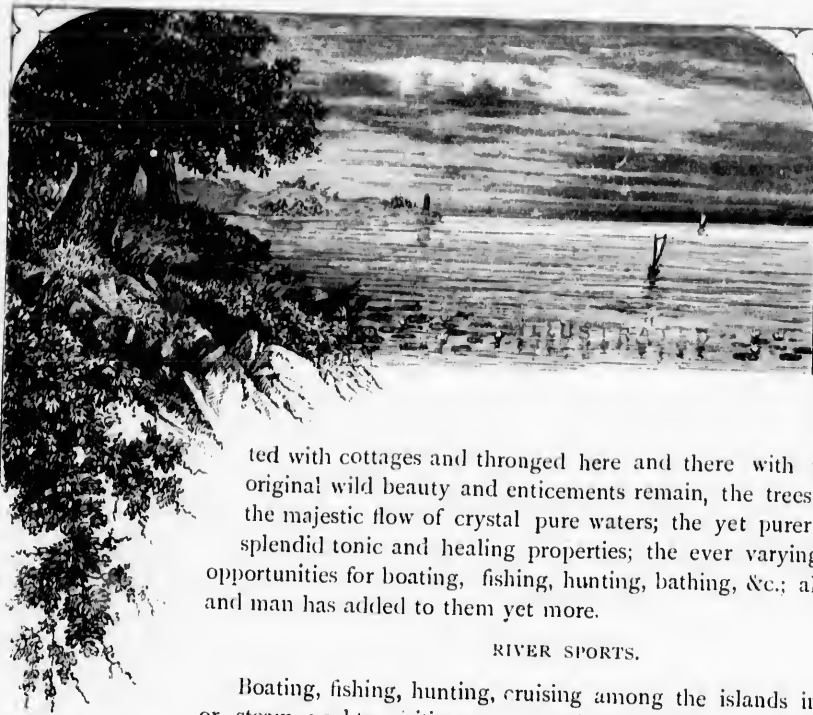


Round Island Park belongs to a Baptist Association, which was organized in the summer of 1879. It occupies the whole of a large island, about two miles from Thousand Island Park. A number of lots have been sold, and on many of them cottages are to be built this season.

Prospect Park is yet farther up the river, on a high wooded point on the main shore, and



SPORT ISLAND.



is laid out into streets and lots. This was done last year, and many of the lots have been purchased

Although the Thousand Islands are now dot-

ted with cottages and thronged here and there with people, their original wild beauty and enticements remain, the trees and rocks; the majestic flow of crystal pure waters; the yet purer air, with its splendid tonic and healing properties; the ever varying views; the opportunities for boating, fishing, hunting, bathing, &c.; all are here, and man has added to them yet more.

RIVER SPORTS.

Boating, fishing, hunting, cruising among the islands in row boats or steam yachts, visiting many points of historical or traditional interest, pic-nicking in large or small parties, open-air feasting, and lounging under the trees by the water's edge, are terms which sum up the principal sports of the river. There are many small boats at the Bay, and many good oarsmen stand ready to serve, at a moderate price, those who want their services. These oarsmen are a convenience, but not a necessity, to the enjoyments among the islands. They know all the good fishing grounds, can give all needed instruction in the art of catching, will furnish the requisite fishing tackle, and cook the fish in dainty and appetizing style when caught.

Black bass and pickerel, large and gamy, abound in these waters — many muscalonge are also caught every season, and the lady or gentleman who hooks and secures one or more of these largest and best of all fresh water fish, becomes the heroine or hero of the day on returning to the Bay.

Ladies are often the lucky ones, and sometimes pull in a muscalonge of enormous size, courageously refusing the while all masculine assistance.

Occasionally a muscalonge weighs as high as forty pounds, a



pickerel as high as twenty pounds, and a bass as high as six or seven pounds. The muscalonge are mostly taken between the middle of May and the last of July; the bass bite best between the middle of June and September, while the pickerel are caught early and late in the season, and all the season.

Trolling is the usual and most exciting method of fishing among the islands though much pleasant still fishing is also done.

Late fall and early spring, as all hunters know, are the times for shooting duck, when they flock to the bays and coves of this section of the river by thousands. It is not unusual for a fishing party to return to the Bay at night with a hundred or more fine fish, nor for the hunter to come in with fifteen or twenty broad-billed trophies of his marksmanship.

STEAMERS AND YACHTS.

The large line steamers are seen plying up and down the river at frequent intervals. All of them touch at the Bay, and many others nearly as large are devoted to excursions. A new company has been formed to meet the demands and necessities of the increasing travel along the River and Lake Ontario, by putting on a line of floating palaces, similar to those on the Hudson, and costing from \$80,000 to \$100,000 each.

An important feature of life at the Bay, and among the Thousand Islands, is the great and increasing number of steam yachts, large and small, which glide to and fro over the blue waters, and in and out among the island channels, during the pleasure season. Some of these are models of architectural beauty, such as can be seen almost nowhere else. In going considerable distances on the river, up and down and across from shore to shore, and island to island, and point to point, when fishing is not desired, these yachts have nearly superceded the row boats, although the latter are always ready, with good oarsmen, when required. These yachts afford a swift and delightful conveyance for small parties, as the larger steamers do for large parties, and for distant places and pic-nics, or extensive views of the river scenery.



A SCENE OF ENCHANTMENT.

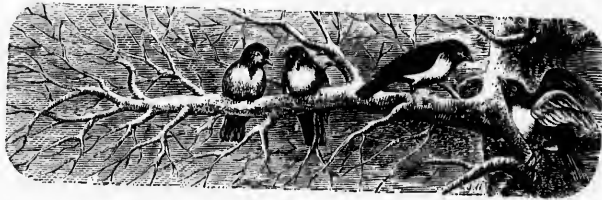
The summer night scenes at the Bay are wondrously enchanting, and European travelers say they remind them of the night scenes at Venice, and are quite as beautiful. The illuminations extend far up and down the river, on gliding yachts, and steamers, on the islands, along the grounds, and in the windows and towers of the great hotels and added to these

THE THOUSAND ISLANDS.

are the lights of the village, and almost nightly displays of Chinese lanterns, roman candles, rockets and other fireworks. This superb kaleidoscope of river fires must be witnessed to be appreciated.

IMPORTANT EFFECTS.

Some of the important effects of a sojourn among these Thousand Islands are: 1st, health and happiness; 2d, enthusiasm, and poetic feeling, as a substitute for dullness and dry prose; 3d, love matches. Concerning this last it should be said that Cupid is all-powerful here; the momentous question, which is the key to the heaven of matrimony, has been asked and answered several scores of times, on and along the river, during the past year. It is the resort before all others for lovers and would-be lovers.



"WILD FLOWERS OF THE ISLANDS."

ALEXANDRIA BAY.

This village, with a population of about seven hundred, is the place to stop at and then start from, when seeking the enjoyments of the islands. No other place on the river can compare with it in picturesque location, proximity to the islands, good fishing and hotel comforts. Here, too, is the

CHURCH OF THE THOUSAND ISLANDS,

built through the instrumentality of Rev. Dr. George W. Bethune, of the Reformed Dutch Church, who was a regular visitor at the Bay for many successive years, commencing as early as 1845. This church was built in 1851, and has been regularly occupied for divine service according to the usages of that denomination. Strangers are always welcome there, and seats freely provided. The church building, which is a chaste stone structure, with truncated tower, stands on a knoll in the edge of the village.

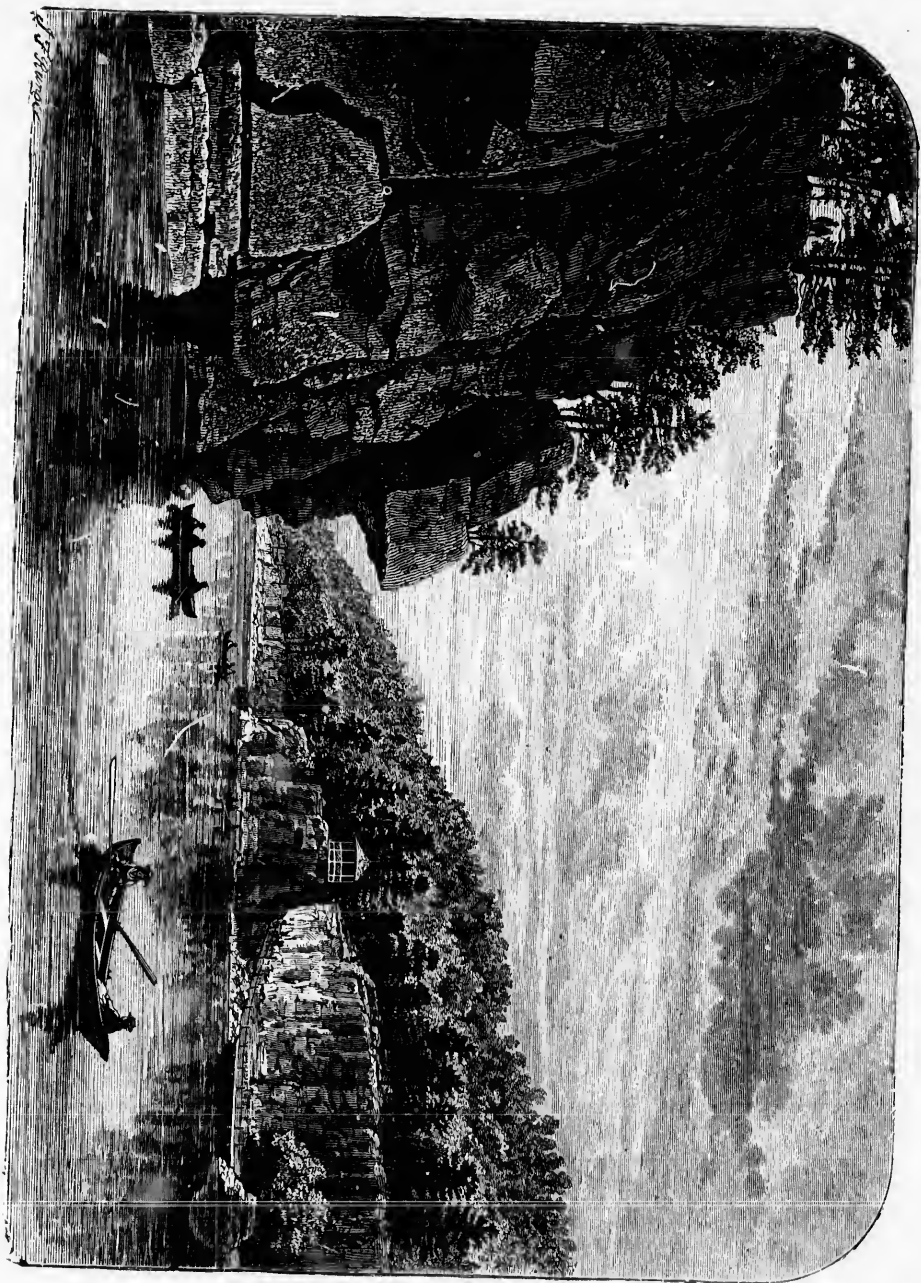
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METHODIST CHURCH.

There is also a pretty little church recently completed by the Methodists at a cost of about \$6,000, finished inside in black walnut and ash, and nicely carpeted. It has a capacity for seating about three hundred persons.

PROSPECTIVE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bishop Huntington and others are making an effort to secure the erection of an Episcopal Chapel at the Bay, and a part of the necessary funds have been pledged and collected.

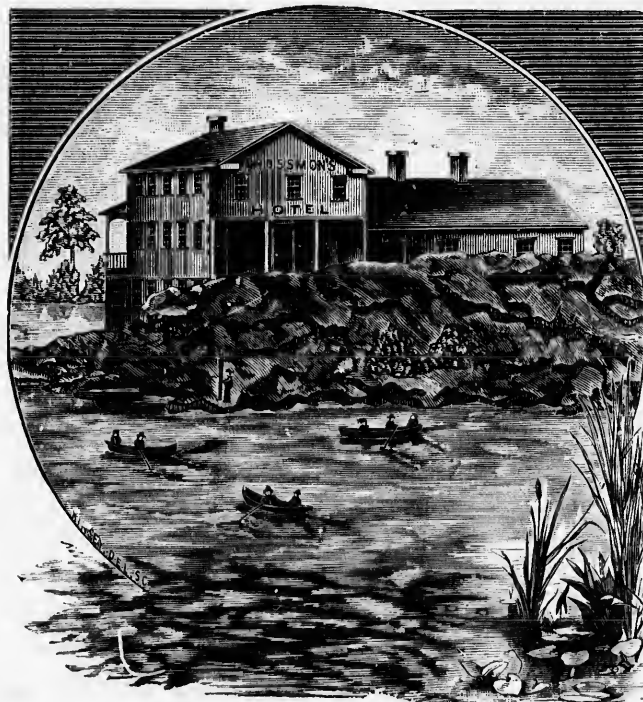
LIBRARY

A fine library has been established at the Bay for the use of visitors, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It has about one thousand volumes, a large portion of which were generously donated by its founder, Dr. Holland. These will be increased from year to year.

THE CROSSMON.

THE OLD AND NEW.

We now come to that which provides sweet and invigorating rest after the varied river



THE CROSSMON IN 1848.

sports, country drives and sociabilities, we mean THE CROSSMON. The old hotel under the same management as the new, has been referred to. It had been the stopping place for visitors to the islands for more than a quarter of a century and acquired a reputation during that time which any hotel with similar facilities might be proud. The new, many-towered Crossmon consists of a five-story building, covering exactly the site of the old hotel of pleasant memories. It is a picturesque structure, harmonious and pleasing in proportion and adornment, surrounded by wide verandahs and traversed by spacious halls.

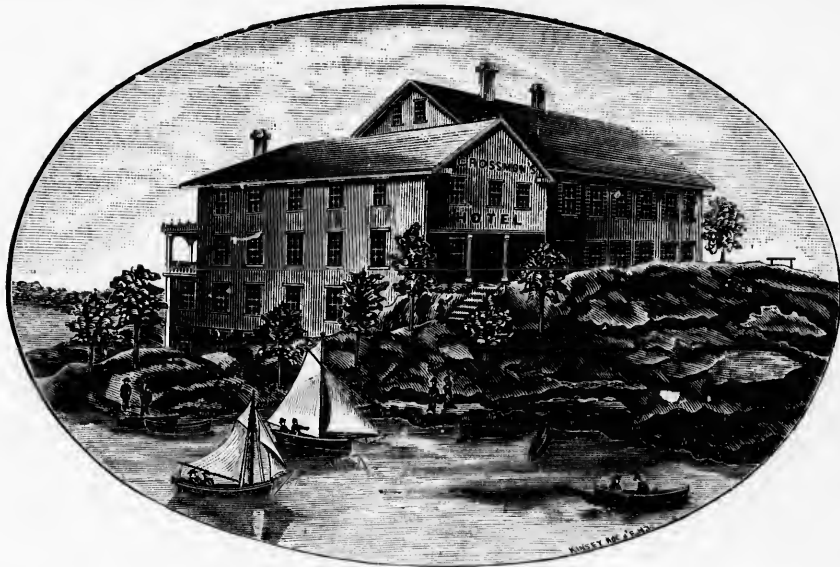
THE SITUATION AND OUTLOOK.

It is most charmingly situated, close to the river on the north, and the little gem of a bay from which the village

takes its name on the east, thus having *two water sides*. Its windows, verandahs and towers afford extensive views of the river and islands in three directions. Most of the prominent islands and cottages may be seen from it, together with miles and miles of the sweeping, bounding, gleaming river. The hotel has in reality two fronts (with their entrances); the one being towards the river, where boat passengers enter, and the other on the main village street, where carriages are the mode of conveyance.

PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGES OF THE CROSSMON.

The office, wine room, billiard room and barber shop being on the street front of the hotel, are entirely removed from the water front, where the verandahs are, and where the



THE CROSSMON IN 1863.

guests like to assemble for games and promenading. An elevator runs from the basement to top of the building, and the broad stairways in both main building and wing, afford quick means of egress in case of fire.

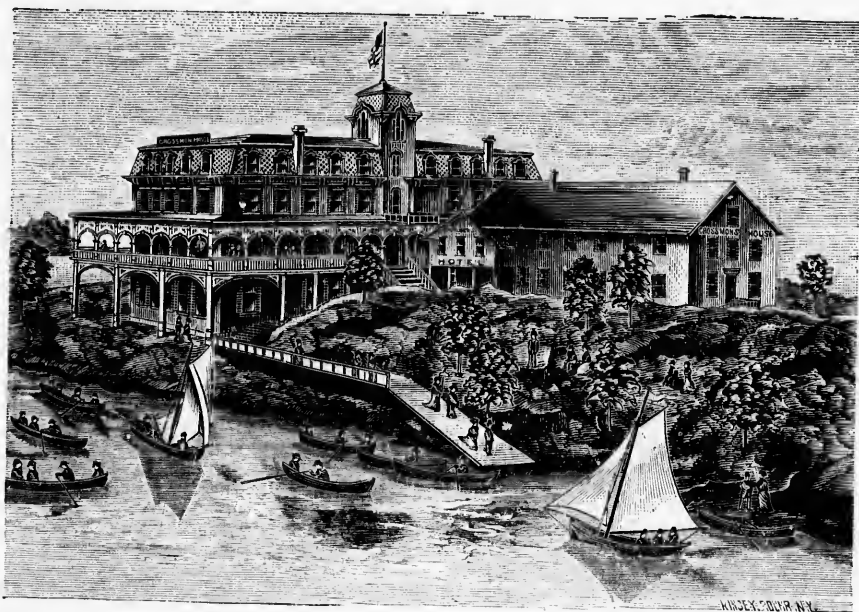
The hotel is lighted throughout with gas, and supplied with pure river water, which is forced by a steam engine into an enormous *copper tank* on the roof, and conveyed from there to the various floors by means of *galvanized iron pipes*, thus doing away with all danger of *lead poisoning*, and other impurities. On every floor are water closets and bathrooms, with hot and cold water. Electrical bells and speaking tubes connect the office with every part of the building. It will accommodate three hundred guests and is adapted to satisfy those who are accustomed to luxurious homes.

The table is supplied with all the delicacies of the season, prepared by accomplished

cooks; and the best brands of foreign wines, beers and liquors await the orders of all who desire them.

Morning concerts are given by a fine orchestra, and the amusements of the day are varied in the evening by music, dancing and games in the parlors, and thus the round of enjoyment may be continued from early morning until late bedtime. There are over five hundred feet of verandahs, and guests may promenade the entire distance, and through the long halls, without obstruction.

Appetizing lunches are neatly put up, free of charge, at the Hotel, for pic-nic and fishing parties, and, after a ride on the river, are often enjoyed in the open air, under the trees,

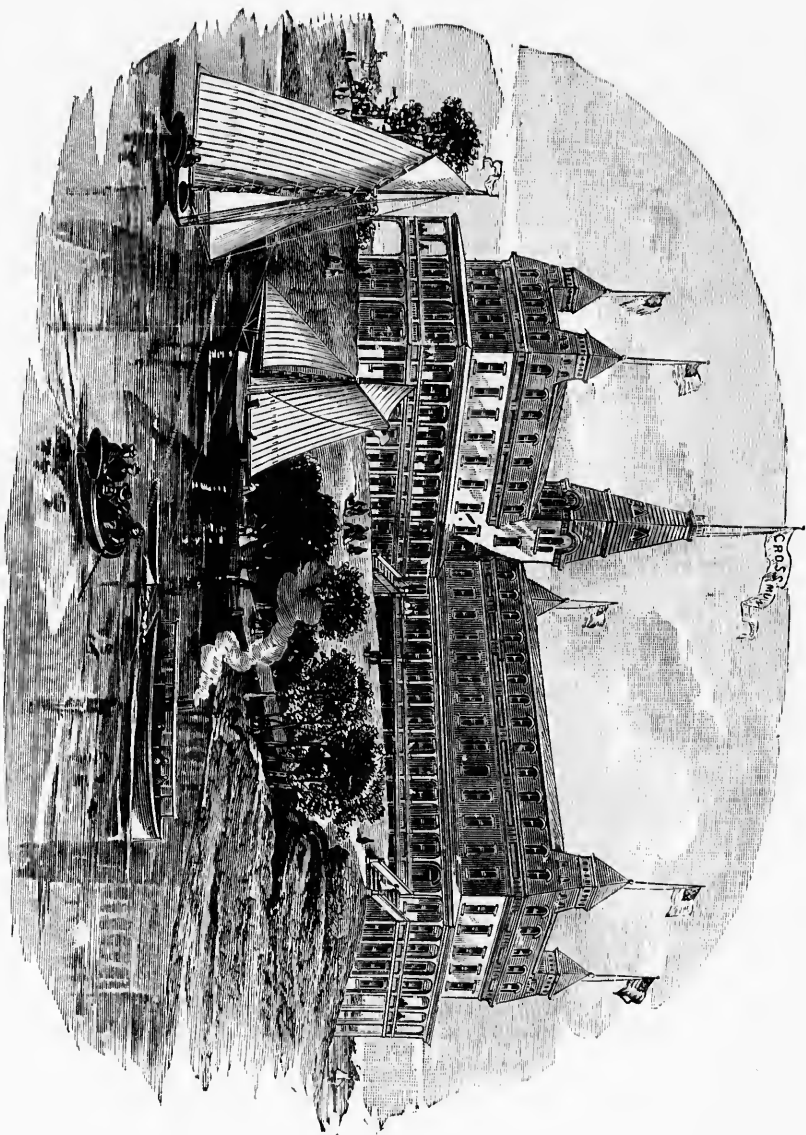


THE CROSSMON IN 1873

even better than the more sumptuous dinners in the dining rooms. Boats, oarsmen and fishing tackle can be engaged for parties wishing them by applying at the hotel office.

The grounds of the hotel, over an acre in extent, have been nicely grassed and graded, and are beautified in places with beds of flowers.

On the east, towards the bay, is an extensive lawn, reaching to the water's edge. On this side is the principal landing place for yachts and smaller boats. On the north is a rocky incline, spotted with grass and flowers. The grounds, as well as building, are brilliantly illuminated at night, colored lights shining in all the towers, which have a peculiarly beautiful effect as seen from the river.



THE CROSSMON IN 1881.

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Notwithstanding the extensive accommodations, the The Crossmon is crowded much of the time during the warm season, and it is therefore a good plan for parties wishing rooms to engage them in advance by letter, or through the agency of friends.

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Dedicated to the Guests of the Crossinon House.

ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.

By GEORGE C. BRAGDON.

AWAY! away! the golden day
Beams brightly on the river,
And time beguiles where happy isles
Rest peacefully forever;
And smilingly forever,
Invitingly forever.

Where isles of green o'erlook the sheen
Of fair St. Lawrence river,
The silver sheen round isles of green,
Upon the St. Lawrence.

Ah! fair the isles, adorned with smiles
To greet the wooing river;
We float between, 'neath branches green,
And long to float forever,
To dream and float forever,
Forgetfully forever.

With line and boat to dream and float
On blue St. Lawrence river,
To dream and float with line and boat
Adown St. Lawrence river.



IN THE REEDS NEAR WELLS ISLAND.

Now dipping oar recedes the shore,
And on the restless river
We gently ride, we bound and glide,
While sunbeams flash and quiver,
Around us flash and quiver,
From billows flash and quiver.

And all is bright, and care is light
On old St. Lawrence river,
And care is light, and all is bright
Upon St. Lawrence river.

Shall we forget the friends we met
And loved upon the river?—
Its songs and dreams and changing gleams?
No, never, and no never,
We shall forget them never,
We can forget them never.

The thousand joys and sweet alloys,
Of dear St. Lawrence river,
With sweet alloys the thousand joys
Of Thousand Island River.

ROUTES TO THE BAY.

Leave the N. Y. Central at Rome, and enter the palace cars of the Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad. A few hours ride on these will bring you to Cape Vincent, thirty miles from Alexandria Bay, where steamers run to and fro twice a day, connecting closely with the trains.

Or if you please take the other branch at Watertown, and ride through a picturesque country to Ogdensburg, (six hours from Rome,) and there take steamer up the river to the Bay, 36 miles.

Or leave the Central at Syracuse (which shortens the distance for parties from the west,) and take the Syracuse Northern to Richland, from which place the route is again on the R. W. & O. R. R.

Or starting from Oswego (to which city is a railroad from Syracuse and lines of steamers from all the principal points of the great lakes, some of which go to the Bay) a branch of R. W. & O. connects with the main road to Richland.

Or if from the east you take the Delaware & Hudson at Troy, or Albany, going through Saratoga and along the west shore of Lake Champlain to Rouses Point, there taking the Ogdensburgh & Lake Champlain R. R. to Ogdensburg, having a delightful sail from Ogdensburg by steamer to Alexandria Bay.

Or leaving Albany or Troy via. D. & H. C. Co., taking Steamers through Lakes George and Champlain, (the most delightful of all) to Plattsburgh, D. & H. to Rouses Point, O. & L. C., and Steamer to Alexandria Bay, making one of the best trips in this Country.

Or you can leave the Central at Utica and take the cars on Utica & Black River R. R., which will carry you without change of cars to Chayton, in four and a half hours, twelve miles above Alexandria Bay, where a steamer will be found which will complete the journey in one hour.

From Portland, Old Orchard Beach, and Maine resorts, take the Portland & Ogdensburg R. R., passing through the White Mountains and Vermont via. Rouses Point to Ogdensburg, and Steamer from there to Alexandria Bay. This is the shortest line from the White Mountains and Maine.

The U. & B. R. R. has been completed to Ogdensburg, from which point steamers also run to the Bay. A four-horse coach will run from Redwood station to the Bay, seven miles, connecting with the trains.

This is the route for those who wish to stop at Theresa and enjoy for a little while the pleasures of Indian River and its beautiful lakes.

Visitors from the east whose route is by the Northern Railroad, which connects with the Vermont Central, will take a Steamer at Ogdensburg for the rest of the journey, which leaves upon arrival of train, reaching the Bay in time for supper.

The Royal Mail line of Steamers run from Niagara Falls to Montreal, passing down the St. Lawrence by daylight, and stopping at the Bay.

Since the completion of the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad, facilities for reaching Alexandria Bay from the west have improved. Parties may now leave Niagara Falls in palace cars in the morning and ride in them to Cape Vincent, and there taking a steamer, arrive at the Bay in time for supper.



HOTELS EN ROUTE.

The following hotels, among others, are recommended to persons en route to the Thousand Islands, on account of their accommodations and management:—

BAGGS' HOTEL, Utica, N. Y.....	T. R. Proctor, Proprietor
GLOBE HOTEL, Syracuse, N. Y.....	Dickenson & Anstin, Proprietors
STANWIX HALL, Rome, N. Y.....	A. J. Sink, Proprietor
OSBURN HOUSE, Rochester, N. Y.....	Buck & Sanger, Proprietors
OSBURN HOUSE, Auburn, N. Y.....	J. E. Allen, Proprietor
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DANIELS HOTEL, Prescott, Ont.....	L. H. Daniels, Proprietor
RUSSELL HOUSE, Ottawa, Ont.....	James Guin, Proprietor
ST. LAWRENCE HALL, Montreal, Que.....	H. Hogan, Proprietor
POQUET'S HOTEL, Plattsburg, N. Y.....	A. J. Sweet, Proprietor
FERGUSON HOUSE, Malone, N. Y.....	S. E. Flanagan, Proprietor
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SPRING HOUSE, Richfield Springs.....	T. R. Proctor, Proprietor



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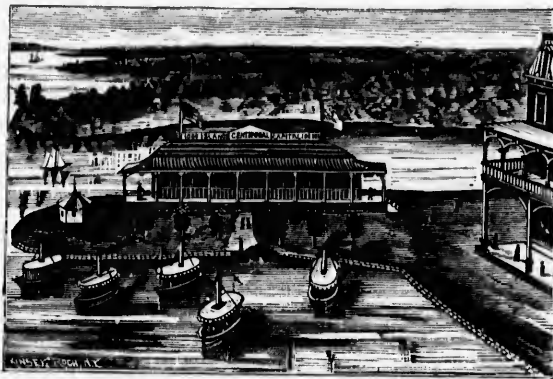
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CENTENNIAL HALL,

ALEXANDRIA BAY, N. Y.

One of the most attractive features at Alexandria Bay is Centennial Hall. It is a magnificent structure in the style of a Swiss cottage, 60x14 feet in size, entirely surrounded by a broad verandah 8½ feet wide, making the entire dimensions 77x31 feet : thus affording a delightful uninterrupted promenade of 216 feet.

The entire finishing and furnishing is of the richest description. Its sides are made up of windows, from each of which is a fine view. At each end are windows of stained glass. Flag-staffs surmount the edifice, bearing the respective banners of the United States and England. Well, you ask, what is all this for? Just what we are coming at. Here will be kept



ALL THE DELICACIES OF THE SEASON.

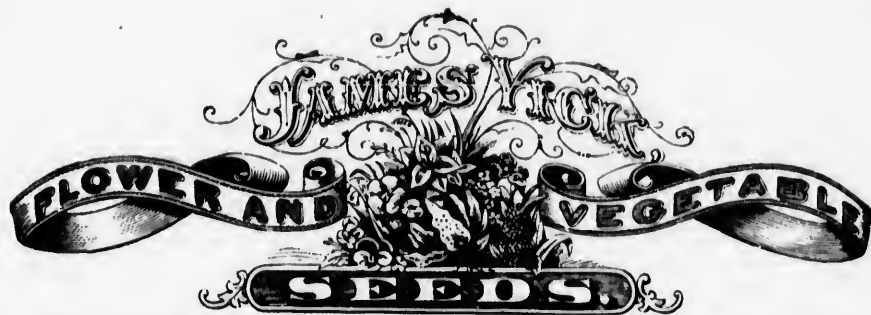
Here you will find the most delicious of ice creams, made of *cream*, too, my dear madam. Think of an iced lemonade in this delightful spot! Perhaps it is some of those fresh tempting oranges, pineapples, peaches or bananas that you prefer? If it be anything in the line of fruits, or the most tempting of confectionery, they are here. Here, too, is the

CHOICEST LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

Books, papers, magazines, etc., and McIntyre's Gems of the Thousand Isles are had here, and in fact much of all that goes to make life pleasant as well as profitable. In a word, Centennial Hall is *un Grand Place du Resort*.

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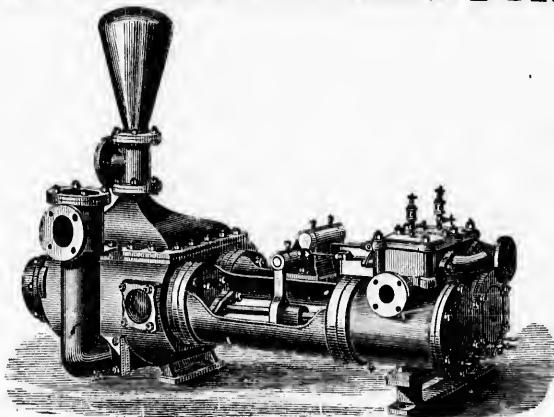
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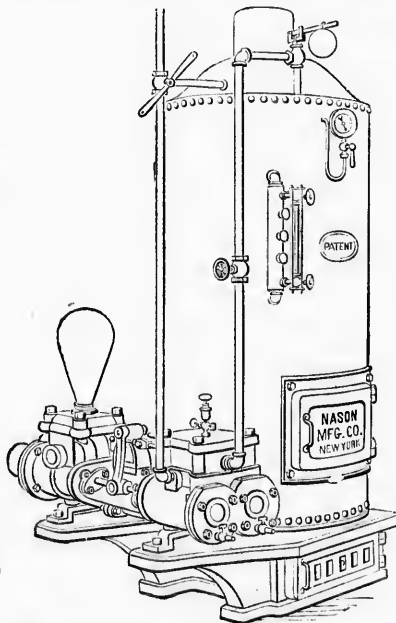
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