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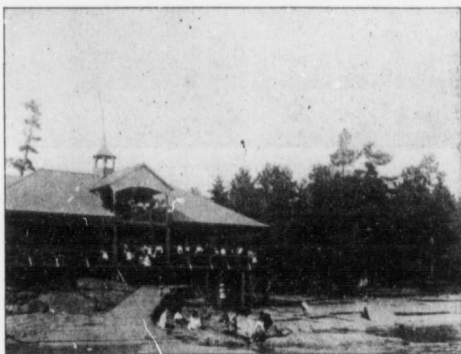
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## PARRY SOUND AND VICINITY

Parry Sound, a town of three thousand inhabitants, built upon the granite hills where the Seguin River empties into the Sound, is dependent upon the lumber industry for its progress. Within the last ten years it has become noted as one of the most beautiful summer resort in Canada. The town proper possesses little scenic beauty, as the hills cut off the water view; but the view from Belvidere Hill rivals the Citadel, Quebec, Mount Royal, Montreal, and Parliament Hill, Ottawa. At one time this part of the country was the property of the Huron Indians.



The Pavilion, Mowat's Island, free to patrons of the steamers.

Their villages are thickly dotted along the shores of the Georgian Bay. Hard pressed by their relentless foes, the Iroquois, the rocky walls of this hill formed a safe retreat, for then it was an island, protected on the eastern side by a triple line of pits.

On a bright day the waters of the Sound sparkle and dance until they are lost in the dim, misty outline where earth and sky meet.

The waters of the Sound are traversed in every direction by the comfortable steamers of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet, which give a really good service to suit the tourist.

White sails, like real birds, careen and skim and disappear beyond point and island. The wings of the white gulls flash in the light.

We know that the sun is scorching hot, but do not feel it for here there ever blows a cool breeze, and a cool night can

always be looked forward to. Another day comes when the sky is one shapeless mass of changing gray vapor. Curious bands of light and shade extend from every point and ripple over the water.



Rose Point, from Parry Sound,

The fishing in the Georgian Bay and surrounding lakes is unsurpassed. The fish stories told at night by the successful anglers would be discredited had not their arrival been seen.

Who can doubt the size of the fish that escaped when we have seen two Indian guides loaded down with the catch of one day?

By the Canada Atlantic Railway, the shortest way of getting there, the distance from Ottawa is two hundred and fifty-six miles.

Madawaska, half way up, is reached at noon, and a stop is made long enough to get dinner. Never on any journey are we brought to more fully realize that we live in a world of contrasts, for we soon enter the lake region of the Parry Sound, and for the remainder of the way are in the midst of scenes fairy-like, soft, and entirely different from any we ever saw before. Lakes ten miles long, irregularly-shaped, island-dotted, reflecting in their sun-kissed surfaces shadows from the massed boughs of the sighing, resinous trees and the interlacing shades of each quivering, wind-tossed leaf; lakelets that reflect nothing but the fragrant acres of the white water-lilies that cover them from shore to shore; wilding lakes, untouched by man except at rare intervals, the far-between settlers' homes and the red-painted two-tenement sectionmen's houses. The railway runs along the shore, and crosses the bays of one hundred and twenty-

six lakes. For miles and miles the rippling waters are never out of sight ; and it is hard to believe that we are not on a steamboat, far from the haunts of man. And the things we see are new and strange.

The most popular and best way of reaching Parry Sound is *viâ* the Grand Trunk Railway System to Penetang, thence *viâ* steamer "City of Toronto" through the Inner Channel of the Georgian Bay—a magnificent trip that well repays the tourist. It is an all-day trip, but a trip so filled with a strangeness and beauty all its own that it does not become wearisome. The return journey can be made through the renowned Muskoka Lakes, by taking stage from Maple Lake on the Canada Atlantic Railway to Port Cockburn or Rosseau, on the Muskoka Lakes. From Ottawa and Eastern points the Canada Atlantic Railway can be taken.

The Georgian Bay is said to contain over thirty thousand islands. From Parry Sound good and comfortable lines of steamers run in all directions. If you would like to take a trip of a few hours, the steamer "Emma," of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet, will take you for a delightful sail around the islands of the Sound, stopping at Depot Harbor, where the big elevators and grain-boats of the Canada Atlantic are objects of interest. Mowat Island is another call made by this cosy steamer, and one which delights the tourist and angler. On the island is located a large pavilion which is used for dancing, and is free to all passengers on the boat. The fishing at this point is also very good, and capital sport may be had at any time.

The steamer "City of Toronto," a large 800-ton passenger-boat, leaves Parry Sound every morning, and passes through the islands of the Inner Channel, on her way to Penetang, a distance of sixty miles.

The whole of this part of the country is rich in Indian

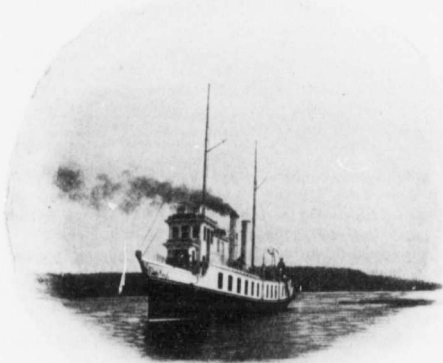


Shadow Picture, at Squaw Narrows.

legends and relics. Nature, in a wild and improvident mood, created more islands than she could decently and comfortably clothe with verdure. Recklessly she flung them into this great body of water.

Geologists say that they are the formation of a volcanic eruption, over which can be seen the sweep of the glacier's slow march.

In the mind of anyone who, either as a tourist or prospector, has visited the Parry Sound district, the first emotion likely to be excited on reference being made to this region is one of delight and pleasure, as the transcendent beauty of its woodlands and lakelands recurs to memory. Once seen, the recollection of these beauty-spots of Ontario never becomes entirely effaced from memory. Within the district of Parry Sound lies some eight hundred lakes, varying from a



One of the Steamers of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet.

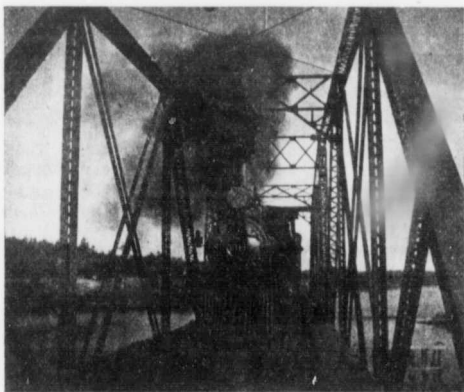
mere pond to some twenty to thirty miles in length. It is, therefore, not strange that the region is becoming so popular year by year, as its advantages become more widely known.

There are few places in Canada better suited than Parry Sound for the opening of many new industries, more especially those requiring natural products for their raw material or to assist them in the manufacture of their products. The fine water-power of the River Seguin adds to the advantages offered to capitalists.

#### AT PARRY SOUND.

Arriving at Rose Point, three miles from Depot Harbor, the terminus of the Canada Atlantic Railway on Parry Island, we take the steamer "Emma," of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet, and cross to Parry Sound. The company are prepared to furnish steamers for special parties at any time. Seen from the water, the town looks very picturesque

although, like most cities and towns, its gateways give only a hint of the beauties beyond them. The harbor is filled with booms of logs, and fringed with docks, lumber piles and lumber mills, each mill having an immense tall iron furnace for burning the sawdust and refuse, and from which night and day the smoke ascends. Back of these are the irregular rocky hills, the soft gray of their huge masses of stone relieved by the green of the hardwood-trees that in some mysterious manner gain a footing and flourish and live amid seeming barrenness. Scattered over the hills are neatly-painted houses, surrounded with large grounds, laid out in terraces and flower-beds, and shaded by many trees, the oak and maple predominating. The streets are also well shaded, and have good plank sidewalks.

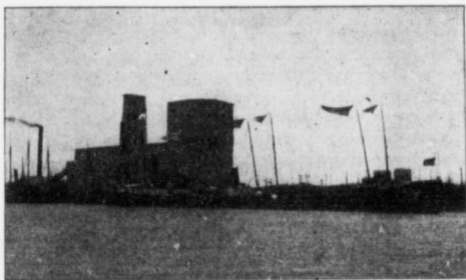


Express Train on the Canada Atlantic Swing Bridge.

The town has a frontage on that part of the Georgian Bay called the Sand, of more than two miles, and is divided into two parts by the Seguin River, called Parry Sound and Parry Harbor, the east and the west ward. It possesses a Waterous steam fire-engine and electric fire-alarm system, electric-light plant, and magnificent water-works, five churches, public library and reading-room, two newspapers, the oldest, the "Northern Star," having for editors and owners Messrs. Ireland and Bundy, two men of acknowledged ability and push. The Central School building is handsome, commodious and convenient, and contains ten rooms; while the east ward has a smaller school.

Grandly beautiful, the rocky islands and promontories and the rock-lands far back seemed, until recently, to have been formed merely for the purpose of delighting the eyes of travellers and tourists. But there is nothing but what has its use, and through man's ingenuity utilitarianism prevails in the end. The attention of mining men and geologists all

over Canada is now turned to those hoards of rocks, the Laurentians, and mine after mine has been discovered, whether in paying quantities remains for further efforts to tell the results. Certainly the greatest believers in the richness of the find are old residents and level-headed men

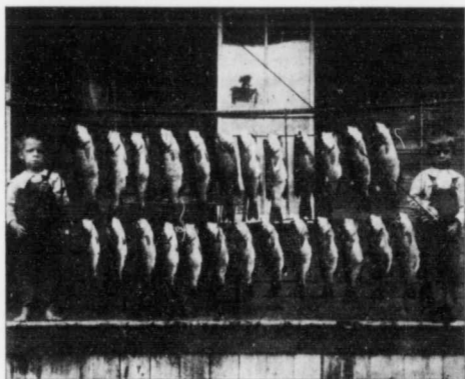


Depot Harbor Elevator.

not likely to be carried away by "wild-cat" stories. Gold, silver, nickle, mica and copper, the latter in the largest quantities, have been found. The most noted of these are the McGoun gold mine and the Lefex mine, just outside the town limits.

#### FOUNDER OF THE TOWN.

A description of Parry Sound would be incomplete without mention being made of the late Mr. Beatty, who was the founder of the town, and whose death was a community's lament. He was called "the Governor," and was at the head of every movement for the advancement of the town



Part of Day's Fishing.



and locality. He will always be remembered as a strong prohibitionist. He owned the land upon which the town of Parry Sound was built, and in every deed was a clause that



A Bathing Party at Mowat's Island;

the holder, for all time, should forfeit his title if liquor was sold upon the premises.

The people of Parry Sound are generous, easy-going, friendly and hospitable. The mining boom and an extra number of American tourists tax the lodging capacity to the utmost limit every year; but there is plenty of accommodation, as the people have just awakened to the fact that the summer visitor is knocking at their doors, not singly or by dozens, but by hundreds.



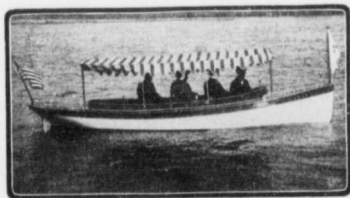
Watching the Sunset at Mowat's Island Beach.



"The Kipling," Parry Sound.

At Parry Sound will now be found what has long been wanted in the district—an up-to-date hotel—"The Kipling," recently built and pleasantly located near the water front, it is owned and managed by S. Phillips; has accommodation for over one hundred guests—is heated by hot water, lighted by electricity—and has every modern convenience. The sanitary system is good and the fittings in line with the requirements of the tourist of to-day. The rooms are large and airy, and the cuisine is good. The hotel is kept open all the year round and possesses every requirement for the commercial man as well as the pleasure seeker. Rates: \$2.00 a day, special rates by the week.

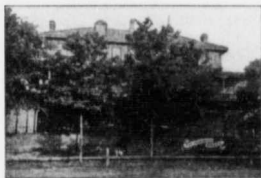
Close to the Kipling can be had a choice of boats for all purposes, by the hour, day or week. This enterprise is the pro-



perty of Milton Pearce, one of the leading general merchants of the North, whose premises are near by and where supplies of all sorts may be had. He also owns and has open for charter a fine launch capable of carrying thirty-five persons.

The Mansion House is located in Parry Sound, and is an extremely comfortable family house. It is situated in the midst of the business houses, and will be found a really satisfactory hotel. The bed-rooms are large and handsomely furnished, the dining-room lacks nothing. 'Bus meets all

trains and steamers. Any information for hunting and fishing will be cheerfully given here, and as a sportsman's headquarters it cannot be excelled.



Mansion House.

The Victoria is a family hotel, at Parry Sound.

There is a branch of the Bank of Ottawa at Parry Sound, which is a great convenience for visitors.

Belvidere Hill, the highest part of the town,

was once an island, and a famous battle-ground. The northern and southern sides are one hundred and eighty feet high. Long flights of wooden stairs, and steps cut into the rocks, now make an easy climb. There are two lines of them, one leading down to the Belvidere docks, the other to the beach. It can easily be seen that, without these artificial helps, scaling the cliffs would be almost impossible. The east side facing the river was protected by a triple line of pits, that can still be distinguished. Iron tomahawks of the French period have been found in them.

The view from the top of this hill is truly magnificent. In the background is the town; at the right, as far as can be seen, is a sea of green tree-tops; to the left, the harbor and the winding sound, with its numerous islands; in front, the waters of the Georgian Bay, reaching to where the horizon is a dim line.

The Rose Point Hotel is situated about three miles from Parry Sound.

#### FEW VISIT THERE.

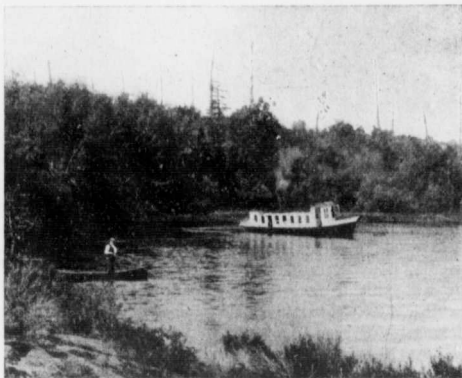
It is a singular fact that few people living in Eastern Canada have visited the Georgian Bay; this great inland sea, with its sixty thousand islands, offering, as it does, the grandest scene-



Bank of Ottawa.

ry with its other attractions. I will not use that stale and much-used word—ideal—as applied to Parry Sound as a summer resort; it is perfect. Americans go there in crowds, if Canadians do not know it. Seven eighths of the

visitors are Americans, and life there is consequently very gay, as only our American cousins can make a place. Dancing and concerts in the evening frequently occur, in which singers of the highest talent take part.



Near Parry Sound.

In the day-time there is fishing in the many lakes and rivers around, bathing on an excellent sandy beach, lovely drives, excursions to the Parry Island Indian Reserve, and trips around the bay and sound. I went on one excursion on the steamer "Emma" to Mowat's Island and through the Hole-in-the-Wall. The steamer "Emma" belongs to the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet, and is controlled by Mrs. Pratt, an enterprising American woman from Buffalo, who also owns Mowat's Island, an island about five miles from the town, where she has erected pavilions for dancing, bathing-houses, etc. Many of the longer trips are extremely



Some of the Steamers of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet.

enjoyable. The steamers of the Parry Sound Yachting Fleet meet all incoming trains. The company are prepared to rent steamers by the day or week, and for moonlight excursions, at moderate rates. Down to Pentang and



Fishing Party leaving Rose Point for Otter Lake,  
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return by the "City of Toronto" can be done in a day; to Killarney, at the north of the lake, three days are taken.

An afternoon can be very pleasantly employed in driving about the town and vicinity; to the cemetery, Mill Lake, Lake Eueyed and other places. The drive to the latter place is between thick forest-trees that arch over the top, so that no ray of sun can penetrate them.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

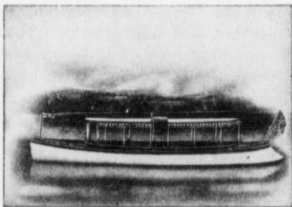
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The Queen's, Toronto.

of Messrs. McGaw and Winnett for the last thirty years. The Queen's Hotel at Toronto has been thoroughly renovated and improved, and an extension of fifty rooms was added recently.

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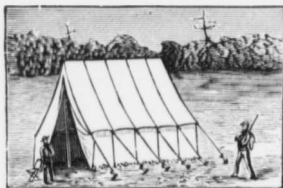
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