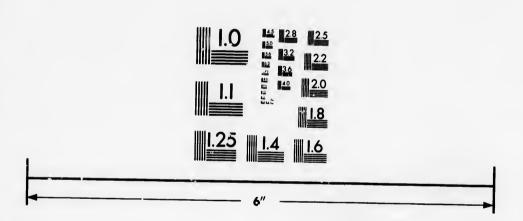


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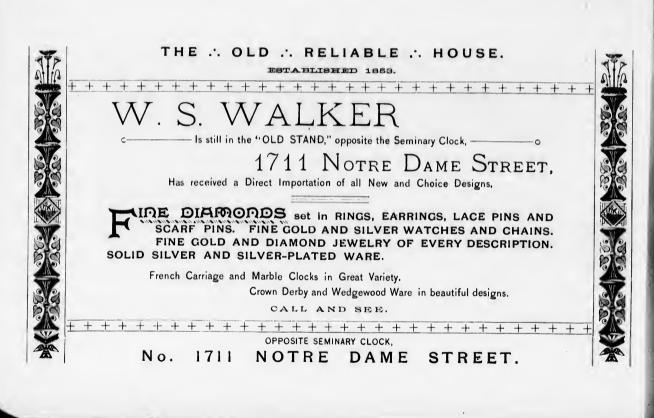
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This lake has sometimes been compared to Lake George, the two being of much the same size, and geographically not distant, which probably accounts for their being classed together; but each has its own charms, and Memphremagog though endowed with an awkward name, thinks she more than makes up for it in grace and stately grandeur; at ast those travelers who know them both say so.



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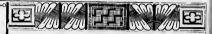


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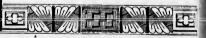
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has for years been famous for the fish taken from its waters; in its clear, cold depths, the Muskalonge (a species of lake trout) grows to perfection and enormous size; experienced fishermen not infrequently landing monsters of from thirty to forty pounds each. We hesitate to here make record of the quantities taken by different ones, suffice to say that one old fisherman's log book shows more than twenty-six hundred pounds that he caught and sold in one week. Ask him how he did it, with a twinkle in his eye, he will tell you that he spat upon the hook.

These are not George Washingtons either, but mostly loyal sons of "our own Queen," and would scorn to be so ungallant as to tell a lie.

There are many other fish to be caught, the lake having been stocked with black bass; pickerel are also very plentiful.

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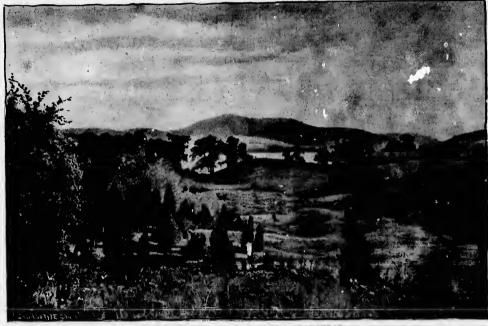


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HE railway station and extensive steamboat quay abut each other. The commodious iron steamer, "Lady of the Lake," belongs to the Railroad Company, and makes two trips daily down the lake and return. The steam launch, "Owl," the Mountain House, also connects with the early morning trains.

As we slip our moorings, the jagged summit of Owl's Head, although twelve miles distant, claims attention, but e, like it, are blinking in the early morning, and our vision seeks nearer and more distinct objects. Indian Point, of andy origin, on the right, is the summer muster-ground of the Vermont militia—the Green Mountain boys. The westerly here is craggy with sharp rocky points and charming bays.

The trackway of the South Eastern Railway, recently eased to the progressive Canadian Pacific Company, is seen inding in and out among the hills and reaching out towards ne Canadian metropolis, Montreal, in the northwest, while the loston & Maine R. R. keeps somewhat back from the easterly hore until the Province line is reached, when it takes a bee-line or Quebec in a northeasterly direction, skirting the shore of the uite beautiful Lake Massawippi.

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Past Indian Point, a broad bay sets in, and close by is the hamlet of North Derby, the village of Stanstead being on ligh ground in the remote distance; at the broadening of this ay are two islands, the Twin Sisters, also known as Black and sell. Gull Rock bobs up nearer the shore.



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Noblest of the island kingdoms, Province, is now straight head; it counts one hundred acres within its boundaries, and owned by Mr. Zabriskie, of New York, who has built a odern cottage upon the summit, all the rooms of which are ade of the many beautiful hardwoods of the region. oat house on the eastern side is the largest, and one of the



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est appointed about the lake; it contains a large steam launch and a regular flotilla of row boats.

The Province line—the 45° parallel of latitude—crosses near the southern end of this island, and as we pass from the domain of "Uncle Sam" to that of "Her Majesty," a shrill blow of the steamer's whistle apprises us the fact.

We are now advancing toward scenery of more than ordinary grandeur. Throughout this region the rock strata has en broken and changed by terrific volcanic upheavels; the granite foundations of the world seem to have melted nd, under enormous pressure, been forced upward into such stately monuments as Owl's Head, Elephantis and Orford

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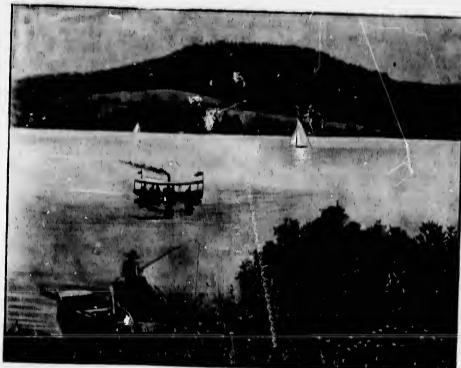
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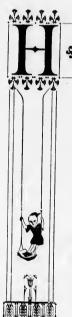
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RVEN in modern times these pyramids have been rocked by earthquakes, the most famous being in 1663, when the Indians, believing their forefathers were coming back to the earthly hunting grounds, kept shooting and making a frightful din, for said they: "it's plain there's not game enough on earth for all of us."

To the east of Province is the small cedar-covered Tea-Table Island, Shaggy Bear mountain, on the western shore frowns upon us; at a considerable distance on the right is Whetstone Island, near the entrance to Fitch bay—a long arm of the lake, at the head of which are extensive saw mills. This Island, about a mile and a half long, takes its name from the fine novaculite oil stone which, years ago, was quarried by a company of Yankees, but who were driven away by the "King's" soldiers as trespassers.



MR. A. C. ZABRISKIE'S COTTAGE-PROVINCE ISLAND.

Bay View Park and Magoons Point are directly ahead, while dome-like Round Island is to the left.

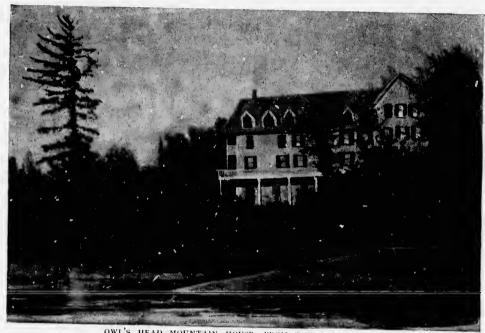
The lake is now forced into narrower limits, the scenery rivaling that of Loch Lomond, the queen of Scottish waters, and a feeling akin to awe comes over us as we glide within the shadow of Owl's Head, which springs precipitously from the lake and soars to the lofty height of 2,743 feet above it.

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boats, also the steam launch, "Owl," which is expressly for the convenience and pleasure of the guests of the house.

The ascent of Owl's Head involves about two hours' climb. The pathway from the hotel is in good condition, ropes being provided for assistance in climbing the steeper places.

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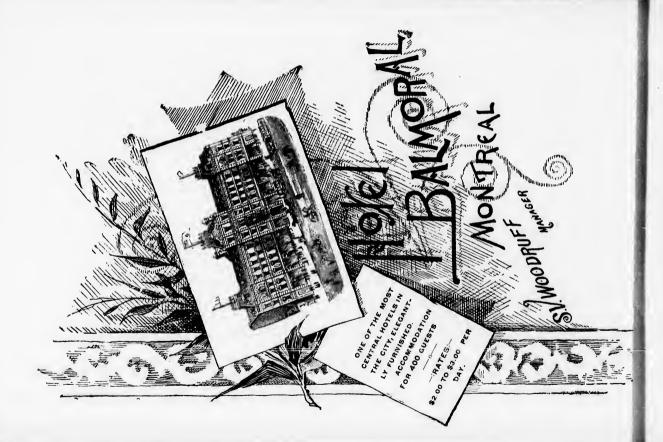
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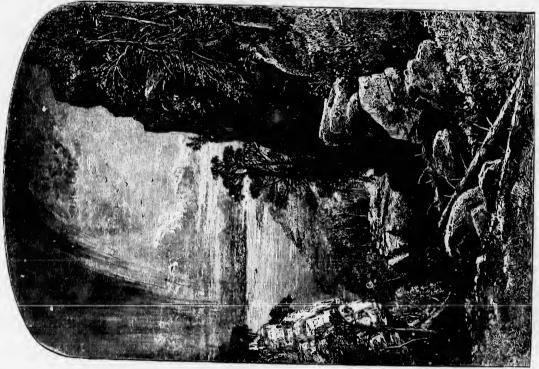
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The path now dodges in and out around huge boulders and by giddy cliffs, through Fatman's Misery and over fallen trees; finally, the summit reached, we stop for breath and a drink of water from a nate . pocket in the rock; then looking about are thrilled by the rare beauty of this landscape, and as the picture below becomes familiar to our vision, this feeling gives place to glad satisfaction.

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JIIIS sketch shows the "Lady of the Lake" about to land (from north) at Mountain House wharf, The foot spur of Owl's Head, Blue Point, climbs oward precipitously out of the lake; high up this ountain side is "Eagle Nest," for many years the home of the birds of liberty that are often seen r AND COMMON MA Coaring above the lake. A short time since a huge bulder came crashing down from that lofty eyric, IS The All for Men and How ling a clean cut path in its course, and now lies near the shore. Some adventurous spirits have succeeded in climbing to near the, nest, but it is considered quite unsafe.



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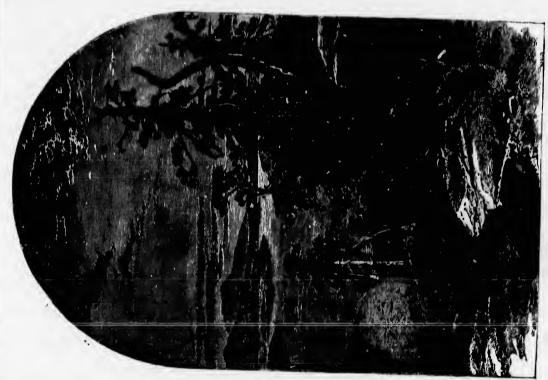
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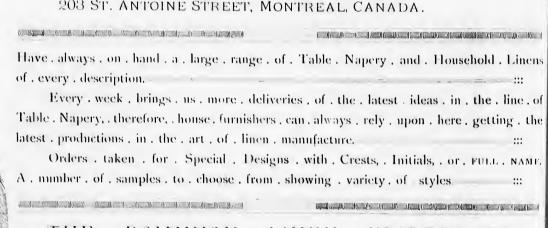
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With very black hair that hangs shaggily down,
With whiskers remarkably bushy and black,
With fists which might give a most terrible thwack;
With very fierce eyes under dark heavy brows,
That flashed like a cat's when it springs on a mouse,
Or like coals in a cavern that gleam fiery red,
With a great Roman nose, so uncommonly red.

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Stars shine bright in the dark blue sky, And the crescent moon sails in her glory on high:

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Very keen sighted and well-armed men. Motionless, and still as the dead, Were ambushed under the great Owl's Head?

" Look-don't you see! That, Skinner must be!" Ob, Skinner! bold smuggler! there's peril for thee!

Now the chase grows eager and hot, And Skinner himself thinks so too, I wot, For his boat speeds over the waters blue, Swiftly as flieth an Indian's canoe, And he has an Indian's craftiness too; Now they near him--now they are on His heels as it were-and now-HE IS GONE !



SKINNER'S CAVE.

But where? How they stare And rave and swear!

But all they find is the empty boat, Which one of the officers pushes affoat; The fruitless search they at length give o'er.

And Uriah Skinner was never seen more!

Nearly six years had passed away, When a fisherman out in a storm one day,

In the side of an island, a cave he spied, And in less than a minute, was safe inside.

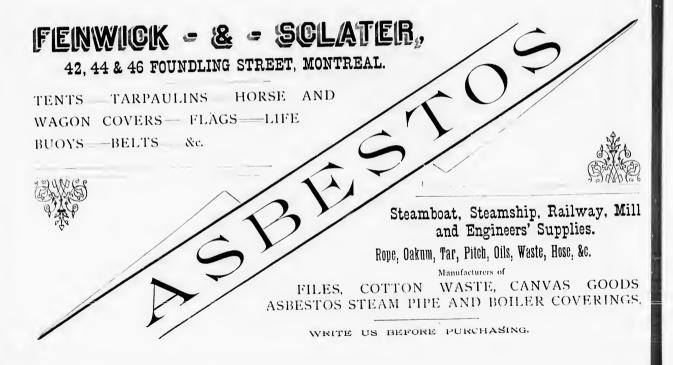
He looked above, beneath, and around, And what do you think the fisherman found?

Neither a golden nor a silver prize, But a skull with sockets where once were cves:

Also some bones of arms and thighs, And a vertebral column of giant size:

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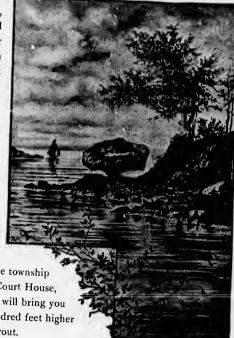
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but nearer the shore. It is one of the favorite haunts of the old fishermen, who have taken great quantities of "lunge" from the deep water about it, and is a delightful place for a day's sport. Less than a mile north of Skinner's is Long Island, about a mile and half in length, but of no great breadth; it is craggy, and has sharp cut shores, the rock for most part rising perpendicularly from the lake, so that there are not many places where landings can conveniently be made. At the southern end is the noted Balance Rock, firmly poised on a solid foundation, this granite mass, of many tons weight, silently receives the homage of the curious.

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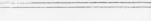






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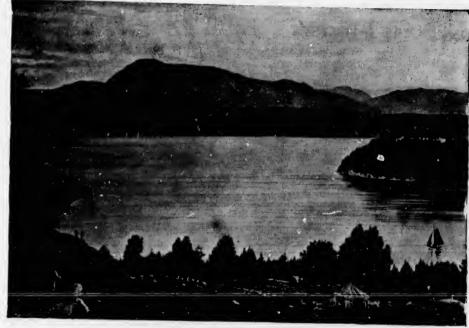
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Turning to the north, the commanding features are Gibraltar Point, Lord's Island, and Mount Orford. Sargent's Bay, more to the west, pushes its way between high banks for three miles back from the lake.

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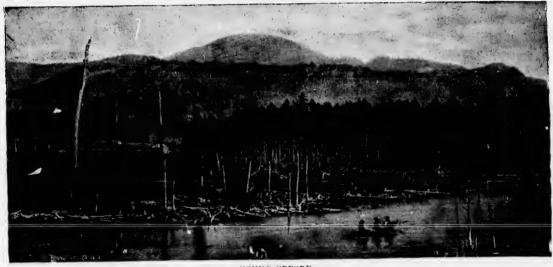
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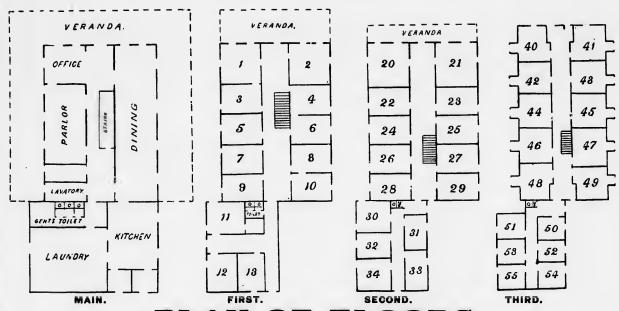
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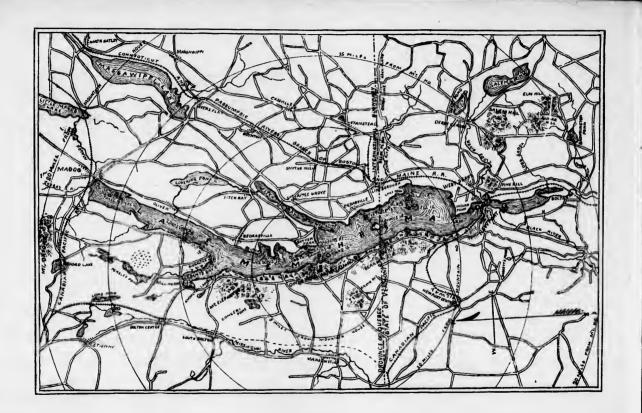


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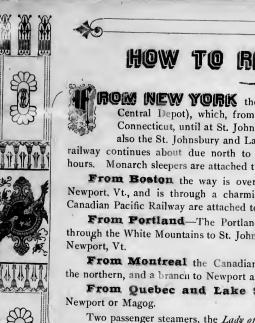
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