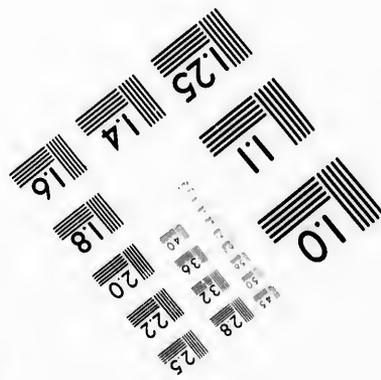
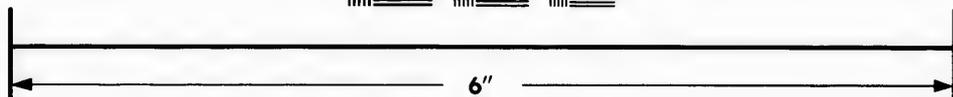
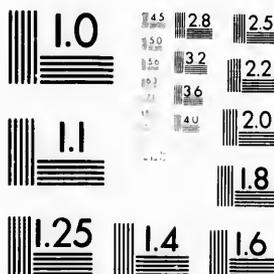


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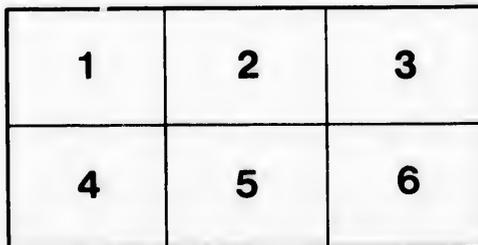
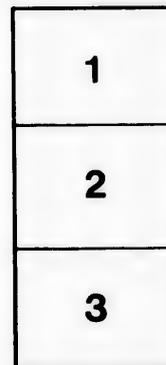
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Description of the Lake and River Scenery,

WITH THE

BEST SPOTS FOR WATERSIDE SUMMER RESORT, HOTELS,
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PRELUDE.

THE nooks and corners of the Muskoka territory are invested with no ordinary attraction for the *tourist*, *naturalist* and *geologist*; but as so little is known (beyond a prescribed limit) of this beautiful lake region, it is deemed expedient to present the public with the information contained in the following pages, inasmuch as no book written on the subject of summer resorts has as yet described Muskoka. The only reference to it that can be found, is in Mr. Taylor's "Canadian Hand-book and Tourists' Guide," (Montreal, 1866) which, after describing the village of Orillia, the writer says: "If the tourist wishes to extend his trip into the genuine wilderness, he can take the steamer *Fairy*, which connects here, for the Muskoka settlement—some forty miles north-east, on a lonely lake of the same name, rich in scenery and sport. But, there, he must be prepared to rough it with the lumberer or pioneer of civilization, who may be clearing for himself, literally, a home in the wilderness—must be prepared to satisfy his hunger with fat pork, and at night be well acquainted with the yielding properties of a pine floor."

Comment upon the above is unnecessary: when people visiting Orillia (within 24 miles of Lake

Muskoka) have manifested such ignorance as to the *distance, geography, etc.*, of our lakes, it is not to be wondered that this region has, until recently, been comparatively unknown. "The Fishing Tourist," by Charles Hallock (New York, 1873), has the following :

"This volume presents, in a concise form, all the information necessary to enable gentlemen to visit successfully every accessible salmon and trout region of *America*." However, we have examined Mr. Hallock's book and found no reference to Muskoka whatever ; he has probably never heard of the trout fishing in Muskoka river (south branch), which is said by competent authorities to be second only to Neepigon for trout fishing. The lack of general information with respect to this region (Muskoka) in the past; justifies, we think, the appearance of this modest "little guide." It is the aim of the publishers to give the fullest possible and most reliable information as to the distances, cost of travel, cost of hotel accommodation, time occupied in performing the journey, the outfit for camping, etc.

Mr. Cockburn has much pleasure in acknowledging the valuable assistance kindly rendered him by Col. Cumberland, M.P.P., Manager, N.R. ; also, to M. Cumming, Esq., of Toronto (article on Camping Outfit), in the preparation of the Guide.

Muskoka as a Summer Resort.

THIS district differs somewhat from nearly all the other summer resorts, involving a much shorter trip than either the St. Lawrence or Lake Superior routes, and will be found well adapted to those who prefer *short* trips, and a retreat from some of the conventionalities of city society. The places of accommodation being neither expensive nor *fashionable*, at the same time moderately comfortable, "no *killing toilets*" are required here. Those who prefer camping out in tents, or to build cheap board huts or cottages, will find, ready at hand, numerous islands, headlands, portages and bays, admirably suited for camping out.

The lakes (Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph) are magnificent expanses of water, together nearly 50 miles in length, and thickly dotted in every direction with richly-wooded islets. A daily steamer plies the length of Muskoka and Rosseau, and a semi-weekly steamer on Joseph.

Among the many lovely spots on these lakes, we instance a few, as follows :—

The western portion of Lake Muskoka, approaching and within a few miles of the falls at Bala ; also the river stretching below Bala ; the Narrows, near Gravenhurst ; the river mouth approaching Bracebridge ; the Flower Pot Islands, opposite Tonden Island. On Lake Rosseau, between Port Carling and Port Sandfield, a fairy scene enlivens the few miles' sail between these points, passing the Eagle's Nest Island ; the scenery is also beautiful off the mouth of Skeleton River, Irwin's Bay, and looking down the lake from the Rosseau House. Lake Joseph is also equally rich in scenery ; the

view is particularly fine looking down the lake from the Summit House, at Port Cockburn. About five miles from here, in full view, are the two islands of the Muskoka Club of Toronto (Islands Yohocucaba and Pegamogabo), where a cottage and a small wharf has been erected for the use of the ladies and gentlemen of the club, who spend a considerable portion of the summer months here. Numerous other lakes fall into the three lakes which we have described, all equally attractive, but not yet so accessible. All the lakes of this region are well sheltered from violent gales, owing to their limited size, and being studded so thickly with islands, rendering it perfectly safe to venture out in small boats.

The Route of Travel.

THE Northern Railway of Canada is the great highway to the Free Grant District of Muskoka, affording through railway connection from Toronto, where it forms connections from all points east and west, by Lake Ontario steamers from Niagara, Kingston, and Montreal, and by the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Toronto, Grey and Bruce lines. The Northern runs three passenger trains per day, viz., at 7 and 11.15 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The business man, to whom rapidity and close connections are of importance, will do best to take the early morning train, and travel all "rail" to Washago, which is 100 miles from Toronto, and is situated at the boundary of the Free Grant Territory. This is only a temporary terminus, pending the completion of the link (now under construction) which shall establish the terminus at Graven-

hurst on Lake Muskoka, with a probable subsequent extension to Bracebridge.

Leaving Toronto by this route, the passenger will pass through many populous and prosperous towns and villages, and through a rich agricultural country, which (especially in the neighbourhood of Aurora and Newmarket) is highly picturesque, and illustrates a very high standard of farming and its wealth.

The height of land between Lakes Ontario and Huron is reached at the summit (26 miles from Toronto) which is 755 feet above the level of Lake Ontario, and 415 feet above that of Lake Huron.

At 42 miles the line passes over what is known as the Holland River Marsh, a locality celebrated amongst sportsmen for its abundant supply of snipe, wild duck, etc., and for maskinonge and bass fishing.

Passing northwards we come to the Lefroy Junction, with the Bell Ewart branch connecting with Lake Simcoe, of which special mention will be presently made; and thence onward to Allandale, a station which for beauty of location (at the head of Kempenfeldt Bay), and for completeness as a junction and refreshment station, is without a rival in Canada.

It is here that the Muskoka traveller leaves the main line for the Muskoka branch, the first station upon which (65 miles from Toronto) is that of the prosperous town of Barrie, the county town of Simcoe, with an active population numbering about 5,000.

Passing over a line of exceptional excellence of construction, and through a country of great agricultural promise, although as yet but partially under

cultivation, the town of Orillia (86 miles from Toronto) is reached. Situated most picturesquely at the foot of Lake Couchiching, and nestling in the shadow of highlands to the rear, this prosperous place, of 2,500 inhabitants, owes its progress to being to a large extent the lumbering centre of the district, whence supplies are distributed to "the lumber shanties," and where the operations of that great trade are largely controlled.

Some two miles further on is the pretty Swiss station of "the Lake Couchiching Hotel," an attractive summer resort, to which we shall refer in more detail in connection with the "water" or "pleasure" route.

Immediately beyond this is the "Narrows," being the water channel uniting Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching. Here the traveller will find a great and most interesting work in the swing bridge, worthy in itself, as well as in its picturesque surroundings, of careful inspection.

Thence, onwards again, the line passes through the Indian settlement of a tribe of the Ojibbeways, but as the location of the road hereabouts is through forests, there is not much to indicate the presence of the "red man," or otherwise to interest the traveller.

And so "Washago" is reached, as the present terminus of the line, whence "the portage" of 14 miles between Lakes Couchiching and Muskoka has to be made by carriages. And here we will rest with the "business traveller," until we return and describe the "pleasure" or "water" route to this point from Toronto, in the interest of the tourist, who likes to take his ease and leisure, and travels rather for enjoyment than for material profit,

Your tourist then should avail himself of the "Steamboat Express Train," leaving Toronto at the comfortable hour of 11.15 a.m., always furnished with magnificent palace parlour cars that would do credit to the great Pullman himself, and the charge for the use of which is really insignificant, and scarcely worth the cost of counting.

Running rapidly over 50 miles of the line already described, this train diverges at Lefroy, already mentioned, to Bell Ewart, a pretty station on the shore of Lake Simcoe.

Here will be found waiting the upper-deck pleasure steamer "Lady of the Lakes," a craft of nearly 300 tons burthen, as trim and pretty, as fast and comfortable as the most critical yachtsman could desire; with a courteous captain, a tempting table, and a clear deck for dancing, if the ladies of the party will only discourse sweet music from the piano (one of Nordheimer's best) specially provided for the purpose.

And now you have a run of some 30 miles across Lake Simcoe, passing Serpent Island (occupied by an Indian tribe), and others whose names are too difficult either to write or to pronounce. Skirting the upper shores of the lake, past deep bays whose wooded promontories jut out picturesquely into the Lake, the steamer, after an easy run of less than two hours, enters the "Narrows," where the first view of Lake Couchiching is gained; and soon, upon a point stretching a mile in length from the shore, is seen the *Lake Couchiching Hotel*. The steamer rounds the point, and our tourist is landed at the end of the first stage of his trip.

The extreme beauty of the spot, overlooking, as it does, the full length of the lake, with its numer-

ous and picturesque islands, induced a company of Toronto gentlemen to establish here this hotel, which will provide for families of Western Canada all the advantages of a seaside summer residence, without the great expense and fatigue inseparable from long journeys to and from the sea, and will enable heads of families, while enjoying their summer holidays, to remain within easy reach of their places of business, should their presence become necessary.

From here charming opportunities are afforded for water and pic-nic parties on Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching to the Falls of the Severn ; and sportsmen are given ready access to the celebrated Sparrow Lake and its neighbourhood, where maskinonge, pickerel, black bass, speckled trout, etc., are found in abundance, and the best of duck shooting in season.

Our pleasure tourist can from here take steamer to Washago (30c.); or, joining again the "rail" route before described, can proceed onwards upon his excursion ticket towards Muskoka.

As the through connections are made with the mail train only, our tourist will proceed by it to Washago, and then take the comfortable well-horsed mail stages over the Government road.

Here the granite formation crops up to the surface, forming the height of land between Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching and Lake Muskoka. False impressions of the Free Grant district are frequently taken from the appearance of the country seen along this road ; but, as on the south side there are tracts of fine farming land, so, to the north, this ridge being passed over, lies the wide arable country which is being so rapidly peopled by thrifty settlers.

The rocks rise to considerable heights along the road, particularly at "Gibraltar," where an eccentric settler has established a fort high up on the cliff, and at the *Kasheshebogamog* river—of which name our tourist will take note, and practice till perfect.

The road is well maintained ; so after a drive of a little over two hours, the rising village of Gravenhurst, on Lake Muskoka, is reached. Here at the wharf lies the comfortable low-pressure side-wheel steamer "Nipissing," with steam up and ready to waft us swiftly further north, and from whose upper deck we can with pleasure view the scenery of the lake. The baggage is got on board, the port cleared, and dinner served up forthwith. After passing through the "Narrows," three miles from Gravenhurst, the steamer is headed for the mouth of the Muskoka river, en route to Bracebridge—the first regular calling place. This run (16 miles) occupies about 1½ hours through beautiful scenery. (*At Bracebridge stages connect with the steamer tri-weekly for Lakes Mary, Fairy, Vernon and Peninsula; conveyances can also be secured at Bracebridge for the Lake of Bays and the trout fishing of the south branch Muskoka river.*) The steamer remains for about twenty minutes at this wharf (Bracebridge), and then returns down the river. Arriving at the lake again, she heads for Port Carling, Windermere and Rosseau; passing through Lake Muskoka, Indian River and Lake Rosseau, arriving at her destination, Rosseau village, about 9.30 p.m. (*The steamer remains here overnight, and returns next forenoon to Gravenhurst by the same route.*) At Rosseau stages connect daily for Parry Sound, and semi-weekly for Maganetawan and Lake Nipissing.

The steamer Wenonah also makes semi-weekly trips to Point Kaye, Wood, Bala, Port Carling, Port Sandfield and Port Cockburn, places situate upon Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph; thus accommodating by the way camping parties and others.

Advice as to Tickets.

EXCURSION Tickets, Toronto to Couchiching, Bracebridge and Rosseau, and good to return in one month, can be obtained from CHAS. PERRY, 62 King Street, Toronto; D. MILLOY, 8 Front Street, Toronto; COUCHICHING HOTEL; and NORTHERN RAILWAY STATIONS, Toronto.

The stage connection, at Washago or Severn Bridge, is made only with the morning mail train north. Passengers wishing to go through in one day, must take that train and go by "all rail," reaching Bracebridge about 6 p.m.

The above excursion tickets are good, in either direction upon the "Lady of the Lakes," but only by rail between Couchiching and Severn Bridge.

Schedule of Rates.

Toronto to Couchiching	\$2 70
" " and return	4 00
" Bracebridge	3 50
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" Lake Rosseau	4 00
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" Parry Sound (via Muskoka route)..	5 00
Couchiching to Toronto	2 70
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Sporting Localities.

Speckled Trout.—The best fishing is on the Muskoka river (south branch) and its tributaries, Wood Lake, Hollow Lake, etc. Excellent fishing at White Lake, near Maganetawan, on Nipissing Colonization road. A considerable number of smaller trout are taken at the Hock Rock river, quite close to Gravenhurst; also in Sharpe's Creek, near Bracebridge; in streams near Port Carling and Point Kaye, Rosseau, etc. These places are all reached from the different landing places of the daily steamer on the lakes of Muskoka.

Salmon Trout, Pickerel, Bass, etc., are caught in most parts of all the lakes, and excellent maskinonge fishing four miles down the river from Bala.

Deer Shooting is very good in most places, ducks in a limited quantity; excepting on the Maganetawan River, where duck shooting is unsurpassed.

Camping Outfit.

SHOULD the tourist not go the length of building a shanty, good tents are a matter of the highest importance to him. An ordinary "ridge tent" holds six or seven very comfortably, and it is the most convenient form for general purposes. The ridge pole should generally be carried about from place to place; and the requisite number of tent-pins should always be on hand. Uprights may be easily cut at any point on landing. Great care should be taken in the selection of a site which will not be flooded in case of rain. A deep trench should be dug at the upper side, opening at each side somewhat beyond the ends of the tent. The tent should be provided with a lantern which can be hung from the ridge, and also with a musquito bar. This

allows good ventilation without affording admittance to mosquitoes.

Boats should be secured at some point on the lakes, or be brought from elsewhere. They should be stoutly built, as they frequently come in contact with the rocks. The greatest caution should be used in landing in the dark. Many boats are, in a few days, rendered almost wholly unseaworthy if they are not carefully handled in this respect.

Clothing of the strongest materials is desirable, especially in the case of those articles which are likely to come in contact with the rocks. Flannel shirts and woollen socks should be worn, and a tolerably warm coat should be taken up, as the nights are often cool. Old gaiter boots answer most of the purposes of the ordinary visitor. Unless he is very indifferent to flies and mosquitoes, he will not care to visit any swamps. Two double blankets, wrapped and strapped in two yards of waterproof cloth, will constitute his portable bed. A mosquito net for the head often comes in conveniently in the evening.

The principal cooking utensils are :—a pot, saucepan, frying pan, teapot, and the accompanying etceteras of iron spoons, dishpan and towels. Tin cups, knives and forks, tin or thick earthenware plates, sugar cans, syrup jugs, waterproof tablecloth, etc., etc., may be added as the tourist desires.

As to provisions, cabin bread, pressed beef, ham, lard or butter, oatmeal porridge, tea, sugar, syrup, salt and rice will be found to be the standard articles, in addition to fish. Tea will be found much more satisfactory than coffee, as it must be taken without milk. Condensed or preserved milk is sometimes used, but it is generally dispensed with. Three or four plum puddings, "ready made up," afford a good means of celebrating Sundays or public holidays. Rice and syrup form the ordinary dessert course. Whiskey and tobacco can best be left to the discretion of the members of each

party—merely warning them, however, that these articles disappear much more rapidly on a camping-out expedition than anywhere else. Brandy should be taken up for plum pudding sauce, and to restore life to those who may have suffered from drowning or great physical prostration. Tobacco is a good protection against flies while it is being smoked, which is generally, therefore, for a considerable portion of the twenty-four hours. If the excursionist happens on a lucky year, he can supplement his stores with any quantities of blue or huckle berries. These are found on islands which have once been burnt over, and where they occur, they generally grow in enormous quantities. Should the party include any good fishermen, no anxiety need be felt with respect to the meat holding out. During the months of July and August, however, the fishing is not as good as usual. Still, with perseverance and moderate skill, enough can be caught for ordinary use.

The labor of the party can be greatly lessened by taking up an Indian from Rama, opposite Orillia, to act as cook, and sometimes as fisherman. When a reliable man is secured, the pleasure of the party is materially increased, freedom from domestic drudgery being a great aid to enjoying the beauties of the country.

GRAVENHURST,

THE first village reached upon the waters of Muskoka, is pleasantly situated on Big South Bay of Lake Muskoka, and will become a very important town in a few years. Although its present size is comparatively small, it, however, contains three good hotels, four good stores, daily mails, telegraph, butcher, baker, doctor, large livery stable, etc. The village is eligibly situated on a gentle slope, in full view of Lake Muskoka and Gull Lake. There is some trout fishing in the immediate neighbourhood; also good salmon trout,

pickerel and bass fishing ; fair deer and duck shooting. The village is situate at the convergence of several leading roads ; also, it is the head quarters of the steamboat and stage lines. Provisions and fishing tackle to be had in the village. Mr. T. M. Robinson has a limited number of boats, and is a reliable and intelligent correspondent, for those who wish information about camping. Good and quiet hotel accommodation in the village at very moderate cost.

BRACEBRIDGE,

THE second calling place reached on the steamboat route, is by far the largest and most important village in Muskoka, and is pleasantly situated on high ground, overlooking the Muskoka river, 6 miles from its junction with Lake Muskoka. The village contains several good hotels, good stores of all kinds, two weekly newspapers, mills, doctors, lawyers, telegraph office, daily mails, livery stables, bakeries, butcher shops, barber shop, etc. Trout fishing is to be had in Sharpe's Creek, in the immediate neighbourhood. This is also the starting point for the famed trout streams of Muskoka river (south branch) and tributaries. Mr. Higgins, of the Queen's Hotel, is well posted and takes a special interest in trout fishing, and has provided a large supply of ice, etc., on the spot at the *best* fishing grounds. Steamers call here daily, making through connections to all parts. Population of the village, according to census recently taken, 916.

PORT CARLING,

A SMALL village situated on the Indian River, at the lock joining Lakes Muskoka and Rosseau together, where the steamers pass and repass during the navig.

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able season. Joseph's Lake, so much fancied for its clear water and good fishing, is three miles distant from this village. Also, Perch Lake, Pickerel Lake and several others, close to the road. West from Port Carling also, Silver Lake, ten minutes' walk from the village; and two miles further on is Terry's Lake. All these small lakes abound with fish, and are the resort for visitors during the summer.

Lakes Muskoka and Rosseau are becoming generally well known for their romantic scenery and good fishing, and with the commodious steamer "Nipissing" sailing on their waters, will well repay tourists for their trouble in visiting this district.

There is good accommodation for visitors at the village, and boats and guides can always be had.

The Polar Star kept here by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, though at present not a very pretentious building, is, however, highly spoken of by travellers and tourists. Guests are well cared for, and made to feel at home. There is an air of neatness about the place, and charges are very moderate.

ROSSEAU

Is delightfully nestled on beautiful rising ground, at the head of Lake Rosseau, and is likely to become a very important town. It is the starting point for daily steamers and stages. It contains at present two large hotels, three stores, telegraph office, post office, etc. Mails arrive daily from Toronto by steamer. A daily stage also runs to Parry Sound, and a semi-weekly to Maganetawan and Lake Nipissing. Rosseau is already becoming a favourite summer resort; and, with the railway completed to Gravenhurst, and the gravel roads to Georgian Bay (at Parry Sound) and to Maganetawan and Lake Nipissing, it will become very shortly quite a centre of travel. The place is, to

some extent, noted for being the abiding place of "Pratt," the proprietor of the Rosseau House. Mr. P. has seen a good deal of the world, and knows how to keep a hotel. He is very ably seconded by Mrs. P., who gives a large amount of personal superintendence to house-keeping, and has a thorough knowledge of the culinary art. Mr. B. W. Ross keeps the other house, the Nipissing; and as mine host "Walker" is so well known everywhere, as a genial, obliging fellow, further comment would be superfluous.

The "Nipissing" leaves Rosseau every morning, making a circuit of Lakes Rosseau and Muskoka.

PORT SANDFIELD

Is situated on the short canal of the same name, between Lakes Rosseau and Joseph. There are no places of accommodation here; it is, however, a very suitable spot for camping—at present the only mode of living at this place for tourists. The bass and trout fishing in this neighborhood is excellent. Mr. Shaffer, a settler, caught some very large salmon trout here, one weighing 35lb. This place received its name in honor of the then Premier of Ontario, named, in a formal manner, by the Rev. A. Styleman Herring, in 1870, in the presence of the late Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Carling, Hon. Mr. Richards, Mr. Cumberland, M.P.P., Mr. Lount, M.P.P., Mr. Cockburn, M.P.P., and others.

The "Wenonah" calls here semi-weekly.

PORT COCKBURN

Is beautifully situated at the head of Lake Joseph, and commands a fine view down the lake. It is one of the prettiest spots on the lakes of Muskoka. Contains a very comfortable hotel (the Summit House), kept by

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fraser, both of whom have had large experience in hotel-keeping both in Canada and the United States, always, deservedly, enjoying a high reputation. There is also a store, post-office, and a good road, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles, forming a junction with the Parry Sound road at Mr. Symington's, near Trout Lake.

The steamer "Wenonah" calls here semi-weekly for the accommodation of passengers, making close connections with the daily steamer on the other lakes.

BALA

Is situated at the outlet of Lake Muskoka, about 20 miles north-west from Gravenhurst. The steamer calls here every Tuesday and Saturday. There is a beautiful fall here, supplying immense water power. Mr. Thos. Burgess has a saw-mill here, and keeps the post-office. The scenery in this vicinity is very fine. Bass, pickerel and salmon trout fishing is also very good, and four miles down the stream there is excellent maskinonge fishing (at Moon river). There being no hotel accommodation here, parties coming must provide themselves with tents and provisions.

PORT SYDNEY.

SIXTEEN miles from Bracebridge is situated the new village of Port Sydney. It stands on a gentle elevation above one of the gems of Muskoka, a most enchanting and romantic piece of water (Mary's Lake), which is the commencement of a chain of lovely lakes abounding with fish, and their shores with game. At the head of Mary's Lake is a navigable branch of the great Muskoka River, which, by locks now in the course of construction, opens a communication with Fairy and Ver-

non Lakes. From Fairy Lake a narrow stream leads to Peninsula Lake; from Peninsula Lake a portage of three-quarters of a mile brings one to the head of the Lake of Bays.

The rising village of Port Sydney may be reached by mail stage from Bracebridge three times a week, *via* Utterson. A concession is being opened up which will bring Port Sydney nearer than by Utterson, and by a more level road. The village at present contains an excellent hotel, kept by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, called the Sydney Hotel, where a supply of boats, etc., is kept; a saw-mill, two stores, and others in the course of construction. A fine new church, erected principally through the great exertions of its present pastor, the Rev. Edwin Cooper, presents a beautiful object on an eminence overlooking the lake. Several neat residences, with clearings of some extent, adorn the shores of Mary's Lake, whose gladdening surface is studded with many islands where berries of various kinds are plentiful in the season, and which afford delightful places for pic-nics, etc. This lovely piece of water affords many attractions to the tourist, and to those seeking health or recreation, in the summer or autumn months. The lake being of limited size, there is less danger from storms than on some of the larger waters of Muskoka. About the middle of July to October may be called the pleasantest season; for the flies that annoy more or less in May or June, have all disappeared.

The mail accommodation is good—the delivery being three times a week; the weekly papers arriving on Saturday at mid-day.

From this locality many delightful excursions can be planned, especially when the steamboat commences its trips.

As respects accommodation for private parties, we have heard that there are private families here who would be willing to receive parties for the summer months; so what with the hotel and this, tourists and

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others need not at present fear any lack of accommodation.

HUNTSVILLE.

AN important village situated on the Muskoka Colonization road, and upon the north branch of the Muskoka River, is 25 miles north-east of Bracebridge. The large navigable river running out of Lake Vernon into Fairy Lake, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, passes through the village. These waters contain salmon trout and other kinds of fish. The village contains four stores, large hotel, post-office, with tri-weekly mail service. The future prospects of this village are excellent. The neighbourhood is one of the best in the Muskoka region as respects agricultural capabilities; it is also a beautiful country. Lakes Vernon, Peninsula, Mary, Fairy, and other beautiful and romantic expanses of water, are within easy distance and access from Huntsville.

MAGANETA WAN.

THIS village is situated 33 miles north of Rosseau, on the Rosseau and Nipissing Colonization road, half way to Lake Nipissing, and upon the river of the same name (Maganetawan), at a point between Lakes *See Seeb* and *Aumick*. The Ontario Government are now making this (the Nipissing) road a first-class highway between Lakes Rosseau and Nipissing. The land being very good in this neighbourhood, and the situation being central, the village is certain to become an important place. The fishing in Lake Aumick is very good, and the scenery unsurpassed. One can ascend or descend the lakes and rivers in boats here for many miles, amid excellent *trout, bass* and *pickarel fishing*. The same remark applies to *See Seeb Lake*. Within a short distance

from here is White Lake, literally teeming with speckled trout. Doe Lake, further up the river, is also rich in scenery and sport. This region is decidedly the best part of Muskoka for *deer shooting*, *duck shooting*, and all kinds of fish, and will very shortly be one of the most attractive portions of Ontario for tourists and sportsmen, as the road between here and Rosseau is now actually undergoing the most substantial and permanent repairs.

Speckled trout have been caught in the Maganetawan waters weighing from 3lb. to 5lb. ; bass, 5lb. to 8lb. ; pickerel, 8lb. to 14lb.

Comfortable stage from Rosseau on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

NIPISSING.

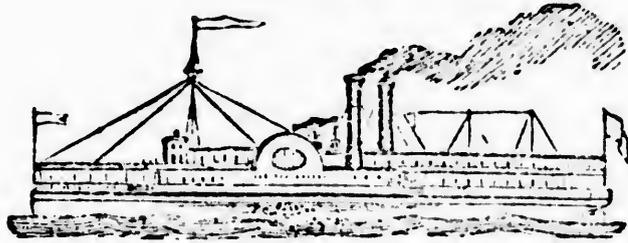
A POST-OFFICE on South river, at a navigable point, two miles from the magnificent lake of the same name. There are about thirty settlers in this neighbourhood. A road has been recently completed to Rosseau, 65 miles distant. The land is excellent in this region, and a large and important settlement will shortly be commenced. Excellent trout and other kinds of fishing in the neighbourhood. Good *deer*, *duck*, and also *wild geese* shooting—large numbers of the latter can be taken.

HOODSTOWN,

Is situated in the township of Stisted, at the head of Lake Vernon, near Fox Lake. Mr. Charles Hood, of Toronto, is here erecting a grist and saw mill, and will probably construct a steamer for these waters next year. Delightful scenery, but no hotel accommodation yet.

LAKES OF MUSKOKA.

1874.



The fine low-pressure Steamer "NIPISSING," (Capt. Kirkland) leaves GRAVENHURST every afternoon (on arrival of mails and passengers from the south) for

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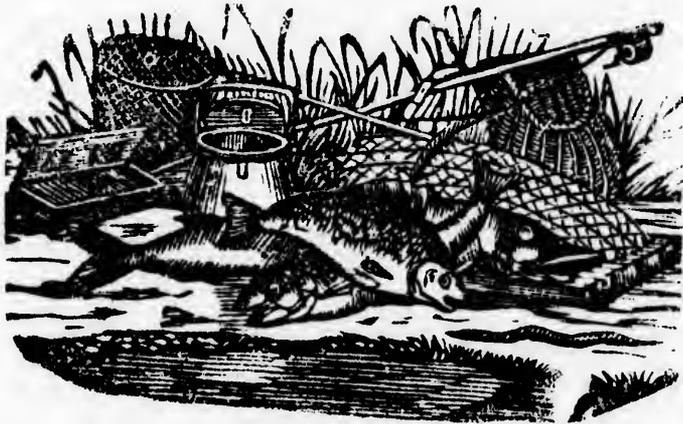


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FREE OMNIBUS TO AND FROM THE BOAT.

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THIS new and commodious Hotel is open for the reception of Tourists.

The Proprietor will always strive to give careful attention to the wants and comfort of his patrons.

Quiet rooms, good attendance, choice Liquors and Cigars, good Beds, and a bounteous Table will be found at the ROYAL HOTEL.

Stage to and from Boats.

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FARE, ONE DOLLAR PER DAY.

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QUEEN'S HOTEL,

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THE above Hotel is pleasantly situated on the Muskoka Road, near Gravenhurst village, and joins the station grounds of the Northern Railway of Canada. It is within a few minutes' walk of Lake Muskoka.

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