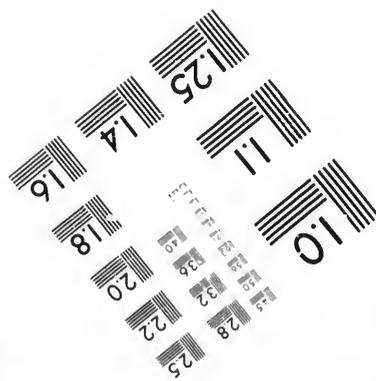
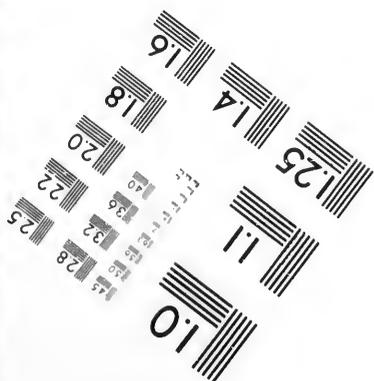
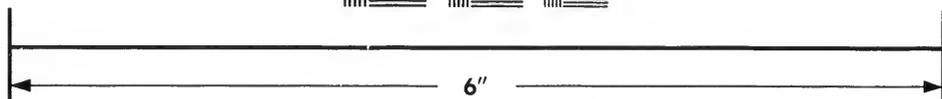
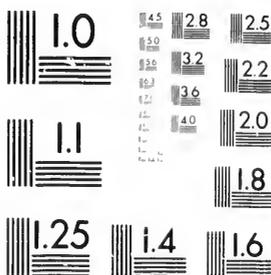


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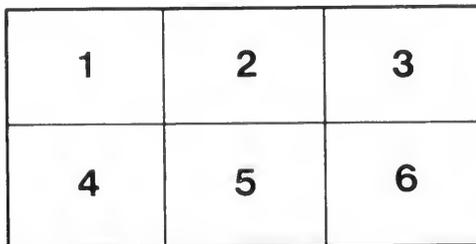
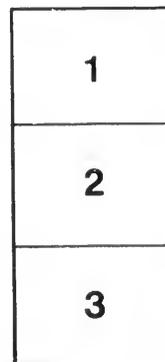
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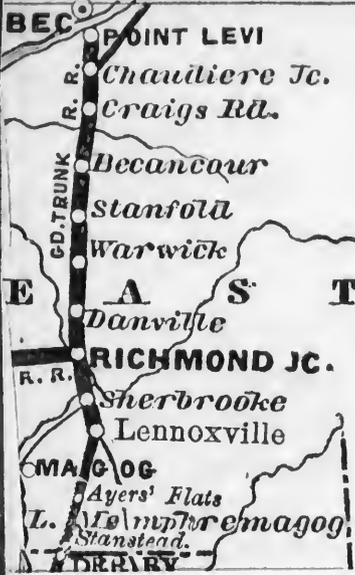
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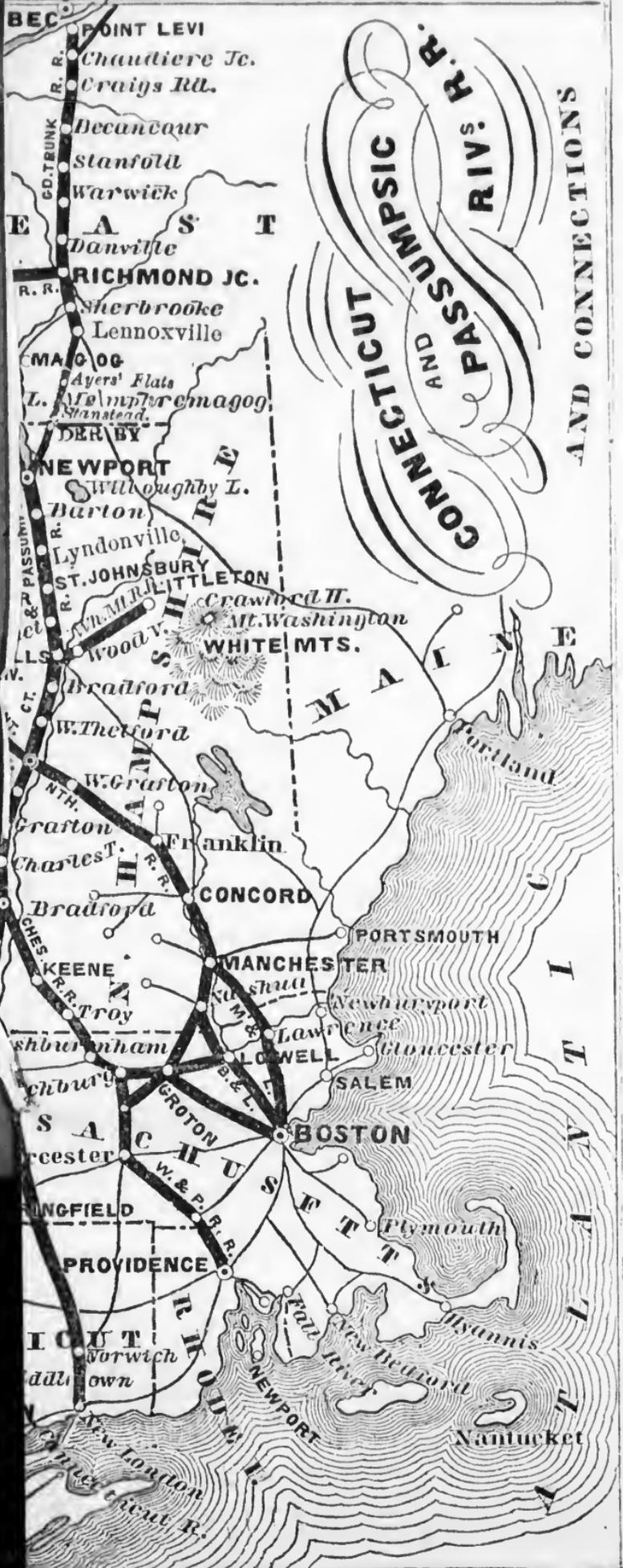
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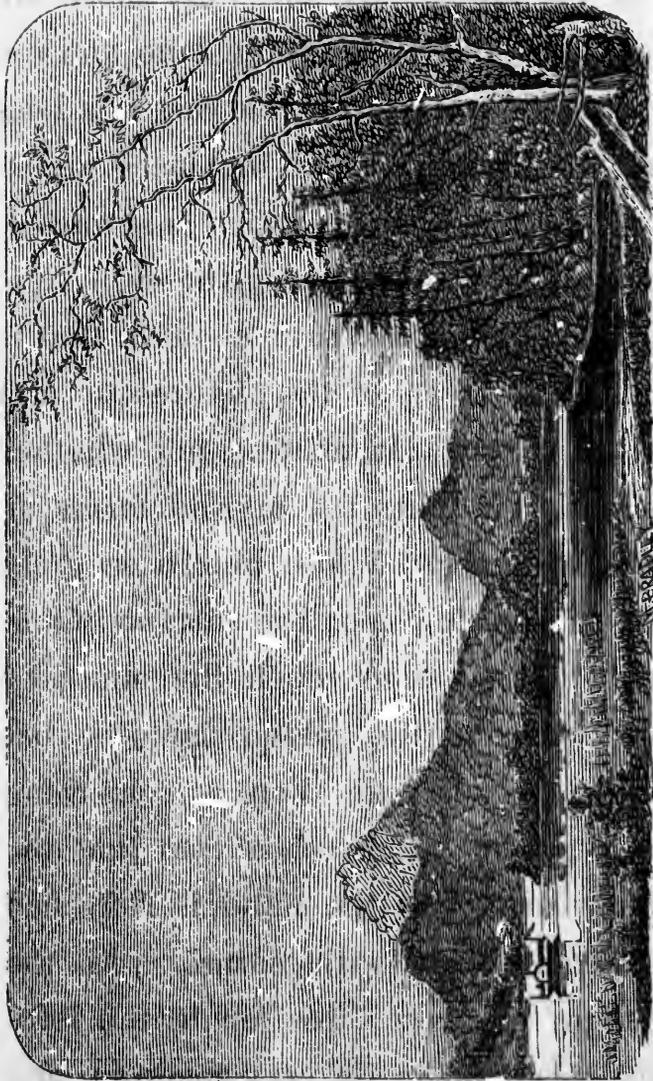
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LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG.

IN the great basin that lies between the White and Green Mountains, and on the borders of Vermont and Canada, is Lake Memphremagog, one of the loveliest inland lakes within the limits of New England. Its name is of Indian origin, and signifies Beautiful Water. Though differing in many particulars, in general appearance it more nearly resembles the far-famed Lake George than any other body of water that has come under our observation, and is so regarded by old travelers who are familiar with both. There are no marshes along its borders, and its shores are rock-bound, while the water is cold and clear as crystal. Here and there are beautiful islands, covered with spruce and other forest trees, adding



OWL'S HEAD AND MOUNT ELEPHANTIS—AS SEEN FROM THE
RAILROAD NORTH OF NEWPORT.

variety to the scene. On the west shore are high mountains, overlooking the lake and the country around it, while on the east is a long range of hills, sloping down in places to the water's edge. The scenery, which is so varied, is quite unlike any found elsewhere in New England, and there is a charm about it that is fascinating to all lovers of the picturesque and beautiful in nature. It matters not whether one is silently studying the myriad forms of beauty that are spread before him in so great profusion, or is gazing upon the distant mountain peaks that seem to touch the blue sky above, or is watching the golden shadows that flit across the placid lake, there is something that is so suggestive and so beautiful that the eye never wearies and the mind is refreshed with this communion with nature. As the steamer plows the lake close up to the lofty mountain, going within its very shadows, and the eye takes in the scenery that is so unlike anything that it is accustomed to, the traveler

catches some of that inspiration that must have animated those dusky sons of the forest, and lead them to exclaim, when they first looked down from the wood-crowned hights above upon the long and narrow lake, stretching away to the north, "Memphremagog!"—Beautiful Water!

There is something, too, in this northern air that exhilarates and increases one's love of nature. The heavy, murky atmosphere that is so oppressive in midsummer in the over-heated cities, is unknown here on the banks of Memphremagog. The currents of air that flow over and are cooled on the high mountain elevations, or come up the lake, seem to give one new life, infusing greater animation. The sunsets, too, are peculiarly beautiful. The blue sky seems almost transparent, while the golden tinge that is shed over land and water, gives the face of nature a charm and a coloring that sets the painter's art at defiance. It touches and quickens the inner nature of man, and he

longs for a closer intimacy with that Spirit which seems to pervade everything, and create so much that is wonderful and beautiful.

The lake is from one to two miles wide on an average, and is thirty miles long, reaching from the village of Newport, in Vermont, on the south, to Magog, a Canadian hamlet, on the north. Full two-thirds of the lake is in Canada, and the boundary line is easily distinguished—south of it there being more thrift and enterprise than is seen just north over the line in Canada. The water in most places is very deep and cold, and is just the place for the lake trout which are caught each year in great abundance. On the east shore of the lake are the summer cottages of some of the wealthiest people in Montreal, who always spend the warm season here. Among those who own cottages are Judge Day, Mr. Molson, the Montreal banker, and Hugh Allan, President of the Montreal and Liverpool Steamship Company. The latter owns a steam yacht in



BALANCE ROCK—THE GREAT NATURAL CURIOSITY.

which himself and friends sail up and down the lake at will, enjoying the cool and invigorating breeze, and the beautiful lake and mountain scenery.

BALANCE ROCK AND SKINNER'S CAVE.

Two of the principal objects of interest in the lake are Balance Rock and Skinner's Cave. They are situated on islands about twelve miles north of the southern end of the lake. Our artist has given a good representation of Balance Rock, which is on Long Island, and will be noticed at the southern end as the steamer goes north. It is a great granite boulder poised upon a single point, and must have been brought down from the north in the great flow of ice that is supposed to have taken place in remote ages, and here lodged.

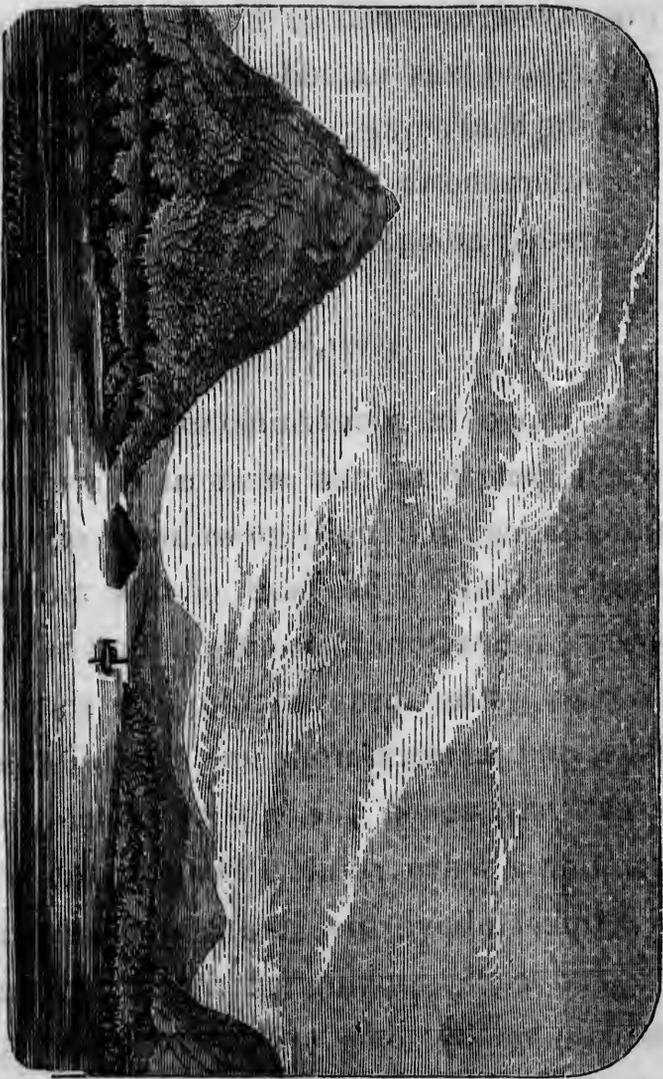
Skinner's Cave is at the north end of Skinner's Island. There is a legend connected with this cave, that is handsomely told in verse, and can be found in Burt's Connecticut Valley

and White Mountain Guide, and all lovers of the mysterious will be interested in reading it. The island was named after Capt. Uriah Skinner, the bold smuggler of Magog, and the legend has reference to this remarkable character who flourished along this lake many years ago.

OWL'S HEAD.

A range of mountains extends nearly the whole length of the western shore of Memphremagog, the most prominent of which is Owl's Head. The base of this mountain is twelve miles from the southern end of the lake. It rises quite abruptly from the shore of the lake, and as seen from one point, looks like a great hay stack, the top of which seems to come to a sharp point. The summit is nearly 3,000 feet above the lake, and is one mass of jagged rock, looking as though it had been broken up by some volcanic agency. In one of the rock chambers on the summit, the Golden Rule Lodge of Free Masons, of Stan-

OWL'S HEAD—ON THE WEST SHORE OF LAKE MEMPHEMAGOG.



stead, Canada, hold a lodge once a year, on the 24th of June. Masonic emblems and inscriptions are found painted on the rock where the lodge is held.

The view from the summit is remarkably beautiful, as well as extensive. From it one can get a better idea of the wildness of the scenery of northern Vermont and Canada than from any other point. North, the great Canadian forest seems to stretch away to the River St. Lawrence. In a clear day, with the aid of a glass, the tall, bright spires of Montreal are visible. West, is the Green Mountain range, Jay Peak standing prominently in the foreground. South-east are the White Mountains, Mount Washington reaching above its lofty neighbors. The more immediate view is also equally interesting, and includes the lakes and villages that help to add variety to the scene. No one should fail to visit the summit of Owl's Head. At its base is the Mountain House Hotel, where the steamer lands. From here

MOUNT ORFORD—THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN LOWER CANADA.



is a good foot-path up the side of the mountain, nearly all the way through the thick forest. One can have ample time to ascend the mountain, enjoy the beautiful view, and return before the steamer gets back from Magog. The Mountain House is delightfully situated, and a short stay here is always enjoyed. The view from the wharf is very fine. Here can be obtained boats for fishing, or to take a sail to Balance Rock or Skinner's Cave.

North of Owl's Head is Mount Elephantis, resembling a huge elephant in repose, when viewed from one point. Just north of the northern end of the lake is Mt. Orford, the highest point of land in Lower Canada. It is 3,300 feet high, and a carriage road has been constructed to its summit.

The only village on the shore of the lake between Newport and Magog is Georgeville, on the east side. The steamer touches at Knowlton's Landing, on the west side, and opposite Georgeville, to accommodate passengers going

by stage to Waterloo, and thence by cars to Montreal, over the Bolton Mountains and by way of Broome Lake. Passengers for the same destination have the alternative of this route or the still more beautiful one from Magog, beneath Orford Mountain and along the picturesque shores of Orford Lake. The last named route is four miles shorter staging, besides allowing passengers to view the whole length of Memphremagog.

THE ISLANDS.

There are more than twenty islands in the lake, the largest of which is known as Province Island. It contains a hundred acres of good land. The boundary line between the United States and Canada passes through it near the southern end. It was owned by the late Carlos Pierce of Boston, who had a farm and a summer residence in Stanstead. It has been devoted to grazing purposes, and on it have been kept some of Mr. Pierce's celebrated stock.

THE NEW IRON STEAMER, LADY OF THE
LAKE.

The steamer Mountain Maid being insufficient to meet the wants of pleasure seekers, a new iron steamer was built and placed on the lake, and is now under the command of Capt. George W. Fogg, assisted by George C. Merrill as purser, both of whom have seen long service on the lake. The hull, which is of iron, was built on the Clyde, at Glasgow, Scotland. It was brought to this country, and the steamer completed at Magog, where it was launched. It is 170 feet long, and is divided into four water-tight compartments. It is neatly and conveniently fitted up with dining-saloon and ladies' cabin, and everything has been done to make it a first class pleasure boat. It was christened the Lady of the Lake, by which name it is now known. It will run 17 miles an hour, makes two trips daily between Newport and Magog, leaving Newport after breakfast on its first trip, and just after dinner for the sec-

ond. It takes about three hours to make the run, including stops, from one end of the lake to the other.

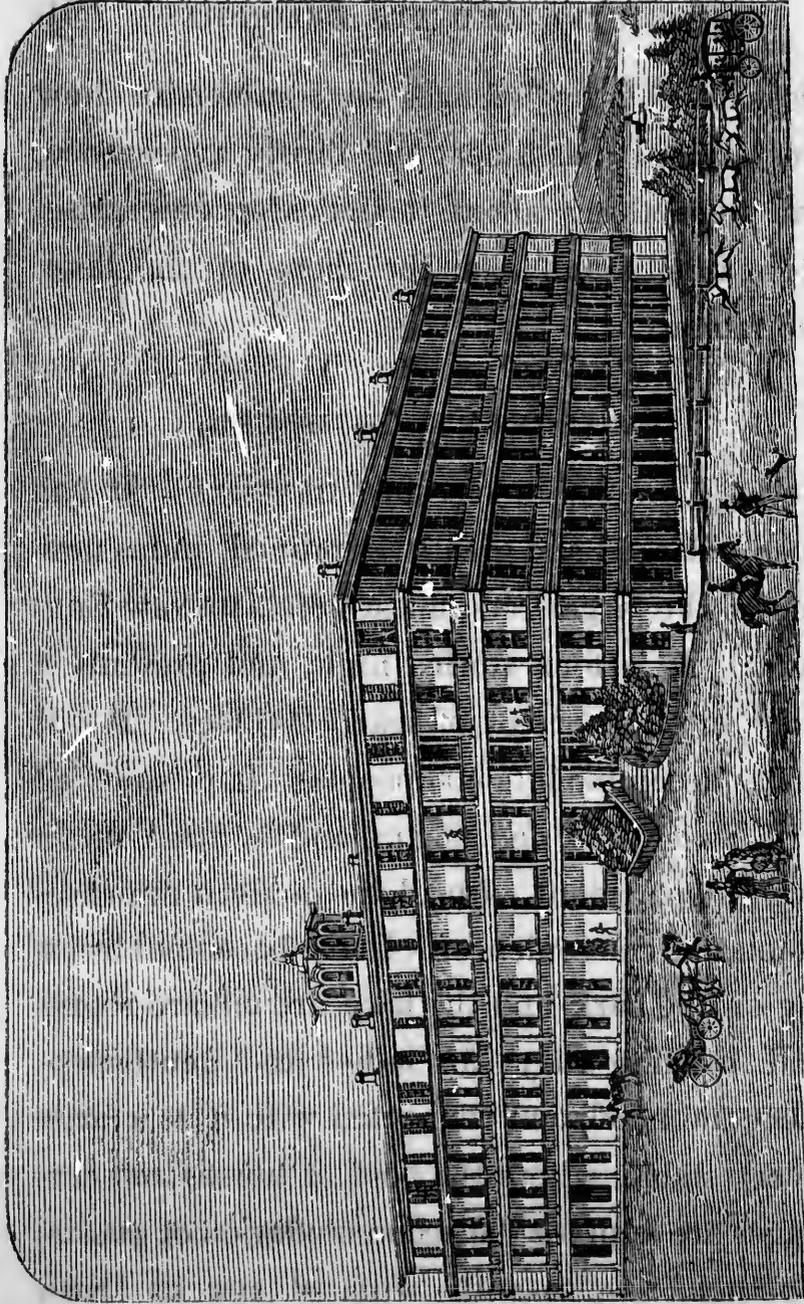
PLEASURE BOATS.



In addition to the beautiful steamer, *Lady of the Lake*, on which pleasure-seekers can go up and down the lake, and stop at all the points of interest, there are row, and sail-boats at Newport, which can be had at any hour. There is generally a good breeze on the lake, and nothing is more pleasing and invigorating than sailing, or rowing from point to point as taste or inclination may suggests. The steam yacht *Water Witch* with a speed of eight miles an hour is also at the command of pleasure or fishing parties, and can be landed at any of the islands or along the shore, as may be desired.

NEWPORT VILLAGE.

Newport is situated at the southern end of Lake Memphremagog, and is one of those



MEMPHREMAGOG HOUSE, NEWPORT, VT. BOWMAN & CO., PROPRIETORS.

THE HOTEL AND ITS BELONGINGS. 19

pleasant country villages so common in New England. It has a neat and thrifty appearance, and everything about it indicates enterprise. Here is situated upon the shore of the lake, the famous

MEMPHREMAGOG HOUSE,

So well known to pleasure travelers. It has been enlarged and greatly improved, and is now one of the largest and finest hotels in New England. It is four stories high, and presents a front on Main Street, of nearly 200 feet. It will easily accommodate 400 people. It is supplied with water, gas, and steam, and is fitted up in every department with all the modern improvements and conveniences. In the basement fronting on the park, and the lake, are billiard-rooms and bowling-alleys for ladies and gentlemen. Near the hotel, and connected with it, is a large livery stable, where the best of horses and carriages are kept for the accommodation of guests. The hotel is pleasantly situated, and its broad

piazas command a charming view of the lake and the mountains. There is nothing more gorgeous and beautiful than the sunset views obtained from the north piazas, which overlook the lake. The steamer Lady of the Lake receives and lands its passengers close to the hotel, while the depot is only a few rods distant. The proprietors of the hotel are Bowman & Co., long known to the traveling public, and who have no superiors in their profession. Every attention will be shown to guests to make their stay agreeable.

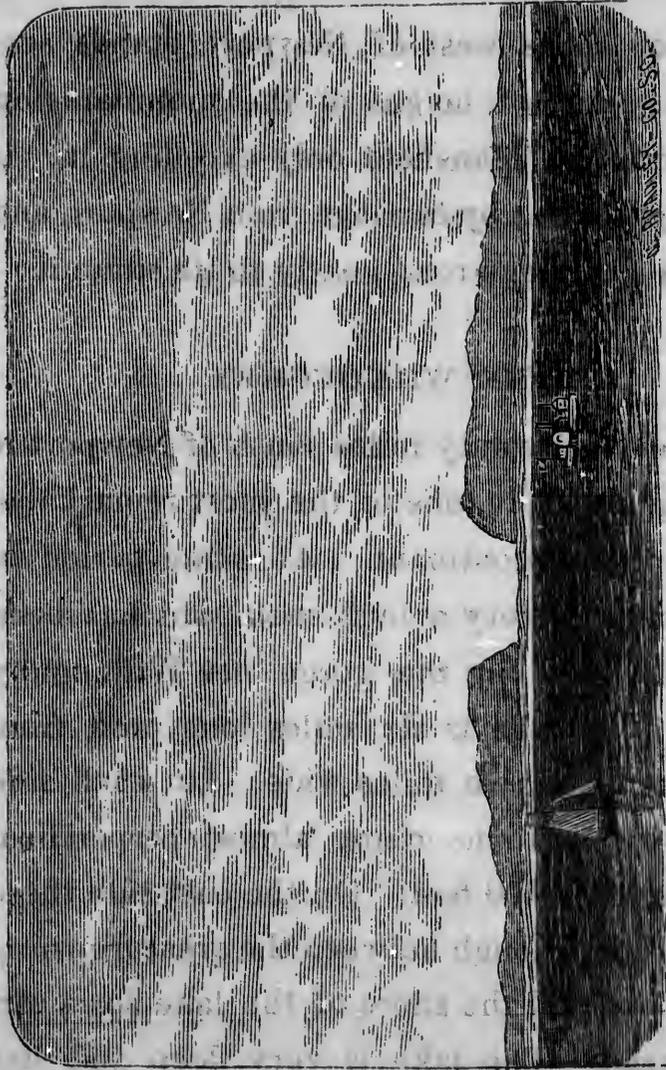
TROUT FISHING.

There is no better place for fishing than Northern Vermont. The small streams all about Newport and vicinity are filled with brook trout which are caught in great abundance. In certain seasons of the year fishing in Memphremagog for lake trout is rare sport. The fish resemble in general appearance brook trout, but are much larger. They usually

weigh from three to five pounds, though from ten to fifteen pounds is not an unusual weight, and there have been caught those that weighed forty pounds. The best fishing places in the lake are in the vicinity of Owl's Head, where the water is the deepest and coldest.

ABOUT NEWPORT.

The walks and drives about Newport are exceedingly pleasant. The view from Prospect Hill, south-west of the Hotel, is not excelled by any in New England. It commands the lake and surrounding country for many miles. From it there is a good view of Jay Peak, of the Green Mountain range. Clyde and Coventry Falls are among the places of interest within easy drive from the hotel. The village of Stanstead, just over the line in Canada, is worth visiting. It is a good representative of the thriving Canadian towns.



LAKE WILLOUGHBY GORGE—AS SEEN FROM MEMPHRETAGOG,
NEAR PROVINCE ISLAND.

JAY PEAK,

Fourteen miles west of Newport, stands second in point of height of the mountains in Vermont, Mt. Mansfield only excelling it. It is easily reached by carriage from Newport, and there is a carriage road nearly to its summit.

LAKE WILLOUGHBY.

Little over twenty miles south of Newport is Willoughby Lake, one of the most remarkable places on the continent. At some period in the earth's history a high mountain has been cut open, and in the gorge lies Willoughby Lake. The lake is six miles long, and from half a mile to two miles wide. On each side of it are mountains rising almost perpendicularly nearly 2,500 feet. On the east side there is just room enough between the great frowning wall above and the shore of the lake for a carriage road. The lake is very deep and has been sounded with a line six hundred feet long and no bottom was found. A full description

of this wonderful place can be found in Burt's Connecticut Valley and White Mountain Guide. The traveler in going to the lake should leave the railroad at West Burke, twenty-eight miles south of Newport and then go by stage six miles. The sketch given by our artist was taken near Province Island, while coming up Lake Memphremagog on the steamer from Magog to Newport, and is a good representation of it as seen thirty miles distant.

THE BEST ROUTE TO NEWPORT.

The most direct way to reach Newport and the Memphremagog House from New York and points south, is through the Connecticut Valley. The distance from New York is 369 miles. Passengers leaving New York by the afternoon boat to New Haven, or the through express train to Boston via Springfield, can remain over night at Springfield, and leave at 8 o'clock next morning for Newport, or if they leave New York by the 3 P. M. express, they can proceed

to Newport that night. Elegant ladies' cars, built with special reference to the pleasure travel, run through from Springfield to Newport so that there is no change of cars between the two points. Ample time is given for dinner at White River Junction, and the traveler reaches Newport at 6.30, in time for supper. The scenery through the Connecticut Valley is delightful. All the points of interest on the entire route are described in Burt's Guide.

Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars have been put on the route from Boston. One can sup in that city, take a berth in the sleeping car and rise to a delicious breakfast of lake trout at Newport, on the shore of Lake Memphremagog.

From the White Mountains the cars are taken at Bethlehem station, nine miles north of Littleton, and then the main line is intersected at Wells River, forty miles north of White River Junction.

From the Profile House, in the Franconia Notch, where are seen the Old Man of the

Mountain, and the Flume, the traveler comes by stage eleven miles to Littleton, and thence by cars to Wells River and Newport. From Lakes George and Champlain, the traveler will land at Burlington, and thence go by cars on the Vermont Central to White River Junction, where he will take the through train to Newport.

From Mount Mansfield, the route is by stage eight miles from Stowe to Waterbury, on the Vermont Central railroad, and thence by cars to White River Junction and Newport.

From St. Albans, and the Sheldon Springs, the cars are taken at St. Albans which run through to White River Junction without change.

THE NEW ROUTE FROM NEWPORT TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The extension of the railroad from Newport to the Grand Trunk was completed July 1, 1870, and the traveler goes through by cars to Mon-

treal and Quebec. The latter place, which contains more objects of interest to pleasure seekers than any other city on this continent, is now 70 miles nearer New York by rail than before this route was opened. White Mountain travelers who are going to Canada after visiting the mountains, will find this a desirable route, as it gives them an opportunity of visiting Lake Memphremagog. In going from Newport to Montreal the traveler, if he prefers, can go by steamer through the lake to Knowlton's Landing or Magog, stage it 20 miles to Waterloo, and then go by cars to Montreal.

The railroad from Newport to the Grand Trunk, intersecting it at Lennoxville, runs along the eastern shore of Lake Memphremagog for two or three miles, and thence into the valley leading to the Massawippi Lake. After it reaches this lake, for six miles it follows the southern shore, and then passes on towards the Grand Trunk. This is a new all-rail route and it opens facilities for reaching Quebec that

have not been before enjoyed. Travelers can now go to Quebec without hindrance or fatigue. At Quebec one feels as though he had gone back at least a century on time's calendar. Everything is so quaint and so olden that it is hard for the traveler to feel that he is in the nineteenth century and upon the American continent. No city on this side of the Atlantic has so many interesting historical events connected with it. Its wall around the city, built centuries ago, its odd-looking streets, and singularly appearing people, are subjects for study. The falls of Montmorenci, eight miles below Quebec, are very remarkable, and well worth a long journey to see. From Quebec, steamers run down the St. Lawrence, and up the far-famed River Saguenay, where there is scenery that has no parallel in grandeur and sublimity on the face of the globe. The distance from Quebec to Ha! Ha! Bay, as far as the steamers go, is 200 miles, and the trip occupies two days. Steamers are also run every night between

Quebec and Montreal. These boats are all large and well managed.

Tourists who arrive in Montreal and Quebec by other routes can make close connection at Sherbrooke with trains returning to New York and Boston, via Passumpsic railroad, Lake Memphremagog and the White Mountains.

DISTANCES FROM NEWPORT TO OTHER
PLACES.

	Miles.
Owl's Head, - - - - -	12
Mountain House, - - - - -	12
Magog, - - - - -	30
Jay Peak, - - - - -	14
Stanstead, - - - - -	8
Clyde Falls, - - - - -	3
Coventry Falls, - - - - -	6
Lake Willoughby, - - - - -	34
Montreal, via Waterloo, - - - - -	90
Montreal, via Grand Trunk, - - - - -	131
Quebec, - - - - -	150
Crawford House, White Mountains, - - - - -	102
Tip-Top House, Mount Washington, - - - - -	105
Profile House, Franconia Notch, - - - - -	89
Mt. Mansfield Hotel, Stowe, - - - - -	186
White River Junction, - - - - -	105
Boston, - - - - -	233
Bellows Falls, - - - - -	145
Brattleboro, - - - - -	169
Northampton, - - - - -	212
Springfield, - - - - -	229
Hartford, - - - - -	245
New Haven, - - - - -	295
New York, - - - - -	369
Philadelphia, - - - - -	461
Saratoga, - - - - -	259
Burlington, - - - - -	207
St. Albans, - - - - -	225

THE HIGHT OF DIFFERENT MOUNTAINS.

MOUNTAINS IN CANADA.

	Feet.
Owl's Head, - - - -	2,749
Mt. Orford, - - - -	3,800

MOUNTAINS IN VERMONT.

Jay Peak, - - - -	4,018
Mt. Willoughby, - - - -	3,800
Mt. Willoughby, (above the lake,) -	2,638
Mt. Mansfield, - - - -	4,348
Mt. Mansfield, (above Stowe village,) -	3,800
Camel's Hump, - - - -	4,083
Camel's Hump, (above Winooski River,) -	3,800
Ascutney, (near Windsor,) - - - -	3,320

FRANCONIA MOUNTAINS.

Mt. Lafayette, - - - -	5,000
Mt. Cannon, - - - -	3,500

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

Mt. Webster, - - - -	4,000
Mt. Jackson, - - - -	4,100
Mt. Clinton, - - - -	4,200
Mt. Pleasant, - - - -	4,800
Mt. Franklin, - - - -	4,900
Mt. Monroe, - - - -	5,400
Mt. Washington, - - - -	6,285
Mt. Clay, - - - -	5,400
Mt. Jefferson, - - - -	5,700
Mt. Adams, - - - -	5,800
Mt. Madison, - - - -	5,400

ELEVATIONS ABOVE THE SEA.

The following show the elevations above the sea at different points on the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad, and between White River Junction and Lake Memphremagog. We would add here, in the way of comparison, that Lake Champlain, east of the Green Mountains, is 90 feet above the sea :

	Feet.
Lake Memphremagog, - - -	634
Crystal Lake, - - -	983
Lake Willoughby, - - -	1162
Barton, - - -	953
Summit, (north of West Burke, on the railroad,) - - -	1183
Lyndonville, - - -	735
St. Johnsbury, - - -	585
Barnet, - - -	460
McIndoe's Falls, - - -	449
Newbury, - - -	420
Norwich, - - -	400
White River Junction, - - -	329

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