

On The Main Street

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Many words have been spoken and many chapters have been written in an attempt to describe the almost indescribable beauty of the Highlands of Haliburton and the beauty of the lakes and streams in Victoria County, but a few more will not be amiss, especially in the tourist season.

The general advice to automobilists is to pack the hamper, load the car with friends and visitors, and head north.

Make a round trip by starting on the Lindsay - Bobcaygeon Highway, stopping at Bobcaygeon long enough to walk the main street, see the small and larger cruisers and travel the three bridges where the waters of Sturgeon Lake slip smoothly in three channels; if time permits visit with the passengers on a number of beautiful yachts and smaller vessels.

Travelling northward the highway to Kinmount is good and fortunately there are a number of curves to slow up the fast drivers.

No one seems to know how the village got its name, although one resident said he

heard that years ago when lumbering was the major industry that a visitor remarked: "I kin mount that hill."

Where there was once two saw mills, today there is one; where there was at one time two hotels, today there are none. Where there was at one time many stores on both sides of the street, there are only three or four today — two fires wiped out the main street. However, the stores at present doing business are enjoying happy days and good patronage.

One is the large and modern store owned and operated by William Scott, member of parliament for Victoria and Haliburton with wife, Betty, actually managing this popular departmental emporium. Incidentally, this store serves a wide area and business on the Civic Holiday was the best in years, demonstrating the fact that more people are in the area.

By-passing the village of Gooderham and ascending the gradual incline, a stop was made at Tory Hill, years ago a settlement which stoutly supported the energetic poli-

ician, Sam Hughes. Hence the name "Tory Hill".

Postmaster Ross Anderson, who handed over the reins to his son, was unavailable for questioning, but it was learned that the hill today is now well surrounded with summer homes and a number of lodges, especially on Loon and Drag Lakes.

While Tory Hill would seem to be thousands of feet above sea level, visiting motorists should be sure to mount an easy grade to Skyline Lookout, at Haliburton, some 1,100 feet above sea level. On this day a number of people were picnicing on the top of the mountain from which there is a grand view of the Village of Haliburton.

Members of the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce could do well to advertise the lookout and also to erect new highway signs on the approaches to the road turning into the stretch leading to the summit. It is definitely a tourist attraction.

Much can be said regarding the scenic highway around Lakes Kashawigamog and Sawyer Lakes and the drive to Carnarvon and Hart Lodge; the short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hodgson at the lakeside home of their son Douglas and for the enthusiasm of the former member of parliament concerning the many assets of the Highlands as a tourist area and the great wealth of bush land at Crooked Lake and in other parts where he has timber limits.

The homeward trip included a visit to the County seat at Minden and to the County Home, called Highland Crest Manor, and to the tourist the journey back to Lindsay by Miner's Bay, Norland, Coboconk and Rosedale marks part of a delightful holiday.