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Cruising down the Scugog River on a Sunday afternoon was a romantic thrill in the days gone by. In fact canoeing was a great pastime and the seven miles from Lindsay down the winding Scugog was something to remember.

The outing to young and old was not one of endurance, it was one of exciting thrills as the canoeist expertly skirted close to floating logs and at the same time it was necessary to keep in the channel. On occasion the canoeist was lucky enough to manipulate his light craft into the "wake" of a passenger steamer and that helped a lot.

At one time there were hundreds of small yachts and a number of steam yachts on the river and several decades ago there were a large num-

ber of steamers, tugs and vessels of all sorts and sizes. To name a few:

Reuben Crandell and his son George of Port Perry operated the "Firefly" from 1835 to 1845.

George Crandell built the first steamboat "S.S. Woodman" in 1851.

"Capt." Crandell built at Lindsay the "Ranger" 1863; "Anglo-Saxon" 1867; "Commodore" 1868; "Champion" 1870.

He brought from Coboconk: "Sampson No. 1" 1870; "Mary Ellen" 1872; "Vanderbilt" 1880; "Eva" 1880; "Stranger" 1885; "Grandella" 1893.

George Crandell was born in 1828, and died in 1904. He served on Lindsay council for 33 years. He founded the summer village at Sturgeon Point.

Excursions were popular with destinations at picnic grounds at Pleasant Point, Thurstonia, Bobcaygeon, Sturgeon Point, Fenelon Falls, and to the Kirkfield lift locks. The all day outing to Peterborough by boat and the return trip to Lindsay by train was one of the most popular. Picnic baskets were in style and appetites seemed to be ferocious.