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ALL ABOUT RONDEAU

IN THE COUNTY OF KENT, FROM A NATURALIST'S POINT OF VIEW.

Where Lampman Was Born and Where the Late Hon. Senator David Mills Taught—A Charming Spot in Western Ontario—Rondeau Park a Veritable Paradise to the Botanist—Garden of Wild Flowers.

It is safe to say that no prettier drive exists in Ontario than that from the village of Morpeth, in Kent, to the lighthouse at the entrance to the Rondeau Harbor. At least nothing could be more charming from a naturalist's point of view. Morpeth itself is a quaint old-fashioned little village, which at one time was a thriving metropolis, the centre of trade for the district; but when the railroad came into Ridgeway, five miles away, it diverted the business from Morpeth, and for the last thirty years it has been dwindling away. Up to a year ago, however, the village contained two interesting buildings at least, which have associations of their own aside from any changes in the commercial world. One is the old school house, in which the late Hon. David Mills taught in his younger days, and which is now used as a residence. The other was the birthplace of Archibald Lampman, Canada's first and truest poet. This building was worth very little, only a few hundred dollars at the most, and was used as an English church parsonage. It could have readily been preserved at a small outlay, but no effort was apparently made to save it, and it was pulled down a year ago to make way for a safer building.

A mile and a half south of Morpeth is Terrace Beach, a group of summer cottages, and a favorite resort for the smaller picnics. An unused dock, rapidly rotting away, and an empty warehouse, remind the visitor of the days when Morpeth was the shipping port of the district in the old times before the railroad came in. I took a turn through the warehouse and found it haunted only by bats and by the chimney swallows, who glued their nests to the walls of the grain bins.

From Terrace Beach the road runs along the shore of the lake for several miles, and a more charming drive than this it would be difficult to find. Within a mile or so of the Eau we come to a little village of rather picturesque fishermen's cottages, which lie along the side of the isthmus separating the lake from the Eau.

The left side of the Eau, you will notice at a glance, is covered with a dense forest, mostly pine and oak. It is a large, triangular peninsula, lying between the Rondeau harbor and the lake, and containing some thousands of acres. This peninsula, ten miles long by two or more wide, is what is commonly known as the Rondeau Provincial Park.

The sandy waste lying between the fishermen's village and the park proper is crossed by a gravel road, recently constructed by the Government. This road is being extended this season from the entrance of the park to the pavilion and picnic grounds. At the picnic grounds the Government some years ago constructed a residence for the park ranger, a dancing pavilion and a wharf, in addition to the usual conveniences for picnic parties. An effort has been made to stock the park with deer and pheasants, but for several reasons progress has been slow. The pens at present contain a good number of pheasants, and about a dozen deer are at wild in the park, while seven or eight more are confined in the enclosures.

Since the new road has been built through the sand the park has become a favorite picnic resort, and it is not an uncommon thing to find a couple of thousand people gathered together from all parts of the country. And at the Government wharf you are almost sure on picnic days to find a sailboat moored, in command of a characteristic darkey preacher, who in ferrying you across the water supplements his income by the kindred calling of "saving souls."

From a naturalist's point of view, however, the park has greater attractions than its picnics. First and foremost are its famous black squirrels, which exist here in thousands, and are growing more numerous and more tame every year. The red squirrels, the enemies of the black, are shot off, but all the other smaller rodents—the chipmunks, muskrats, wood hares, raccoons and woodchucks—exist in considerable numbers. Every spring a trapper obtains the privilege from the Government of trapping muskrats and digging out the foxes, which are in danger of becoming too numerous on the upper end of the park.

Next to the squirrels the wonderful monster ant-hills claim my attention. The majority of these giant ant-hills are six or eight feet in diameter, but I have seen some as large as fifteen or twenty feet. Some of the ants in these communities are black, but the majority are red-headed, being the only place in Ontario where this species is found. But, although they are exceedingly interesting, they are in some respects very disagreeable, for they seem to cover not only every square inch of the ground, but also the trunks of the trees, up and down which they make a perpetual procession. In the lower end of the park a great number of them have been dug out and fed to the pheasants in the pens, who are especially fond of the larvae. To a botanist the park is a veritable paradise, and in the midsummer season of the year is a perfect garden of wild flowers. The sides of the road leading to the piers are gay with a profusion of wild bergamot, tick-trefoil, yellow St. John's wort, black-eyed Susans, and the delicate white flower of the spurge, while through the denser woods and along the marshes are to be found almost

every species of flower that the season affords.

The trees on the lower half of the park are mostly scarlet oak, but a rarer species, the chestnut oak, is also found. On the upper end of the peninsula the pine predominates.

A rustic road runs through the woods from one end of the park to the other up to the piers, ten miles away; and a most beautiful drive it is, in spite of mosquitoes and deer flies, past great wild-grape vines forming "many a banner fair," past the wild bergamot and black-eyed Susans, the purple beard-tongue and the flaming cardinal flower; past the monstrous hills of red-headed ants; past the famous twin pines, into the cool pine woods beyond, with lustrous black squirrels frisking across your path and the hoarse scarlet tanager singing in the trees above, till you come to the open space at last and see the lighthouse of Erie Eau in the distance, against a background of water and sky and sand.

Once, indeed in your progress to the lighthouse, you turn aside from the path to a little open space in the woods. It is an Indian clearing, in which, when I first stumbled on it years ago, I found only an old log hut, a broken-down cutter and a lonely forsaken grave.

The Erie Eau, where the lighthouse stands, is simply the outlet of the Rondeau Harbor, where it joins the lake. In spite of the dust and sand, and the dirt, from the great coal hoist, it has grown rapidly into a considerable summer resort. The bird student who visits Erie Eau cannot but notice the great numbers of swallows, purple martins, chimney swifts, kingbirds and other flycatchers that hover over the spot, in pursuit of the flies that are attracted thither no doubt partly by the picnic supplies.

On an excursion day you may perhaps find that your darkey friend with the "sale box" has preceded you here from the other end of the Eau, and if you wish to continue your circuit around the Eau you cannot do better than take passage with him in the "Wave Crest." He takes you down the western shore of the Eau, and as he passes Shrewsbury, from which he himself hails, some three or four miles from the lighthouse, it would be worth your while to land. Shrewsbury is only a little poverty-stricken negro village, but even as such it is interesting, and if you happen to arrive on one of the feast days of the village, a threshing or a wedding, it is doubly so. As a thriving, growing, go-ahead town it had its own hopes in days past, as the farms for a mile around actually laid out and fenced off into streets and blocks destined never to be built abundantly testify. Its founders long ago had great expectations regarding the great trading metropolis which should some day rise on the marshy borders of the Eau. There was a momentary flutter of excitement, and speculation ran high. But alas! today the wild duck rides unmolested in its reedy harbors and the call of the night heron alone disturbs the silence of its rushy shores.

Between Shrewsbury and the Government dock, for which the Wave Crest is bound, the shore is, in a sense, uninviting—low, marshy, reedy—giving no indication of the rich farm lands behind it. But down in these same desolate marshes there is at least one spot of romance about it. In a little clearing in front of a clump of forest, by the side of a creek, which affords an outlet through the marsh, stands a small white dwelling, in which a solitary Frenchman lives alone, in company with his dogs, his tame quoniam, and the volume of his favorite Moliere, a well-read and well-educated man, notwithstanding his loneliness, with an allowance two or three times a year from France to keep the wolf from the door—a lover of the birds and marsh flowers and the lovely Eau, but a mystery, and to me at all times the true habitant and genius of the waste.

The channel near the foot of the Eau is bounded by shoals, and more than once have I spent an uncomfortable and unprofitable hour in vain efforts to clear myself of an unexpected sand-bar; but to-day, being in the hands of the experienced ecclesiastic who conducts divine service of a Sunday in the dancing pavilion, and by long experience knows the safest channels, we arrive at last in safety at the Government dock.—Naturalist, in The Toronto Globe.

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