

Beauty at Our Door

Where in Bruce County, much of which has been lavishly endowed with natural beauty, can one find fine views such as ^{are to} ~~can~~ be seen in Elderslie township? True this township is inland, not enjoying the beaches such as are along the shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay; but that does not mean that it lacks the attraction that the presence of water affords. Through it flow the North Saugeen River and the Snake Creek, each having its own beauty spots. While the North Saugeen is, in most places, a fast moving stream the Snake Creek is a slow meanderer. It provides water for large herds of ~~xxxxxx~~ beef cattle. Many were the happy hours spent by farm children of more than one generation in its swimming holes.

The North Saugeen enters Elderslie at Scone where pioneers built a dam, no longer in use as a source of water power for the old mill but still providing a rushing waterfall-fit subject for an artist. The stretch above the dam is a favorite place for canoeists and fishermen. Beside the river in the town Chesley a pleasant park has been made with swimming and wading pools. Within sight of the business street there is a waterfall over a dam and in a place where early settlers built a woollen mill which was burnt to the ground is Riverside park. Farther downstream is a frequently photographed four-storied old grist mill.

A mile west of Chesley, in concession 2 of Elderslie an "S" curve in the river provides a picturesque view. The location, opening off sideroad 25, has been chosen by a couple who looked for a place beside a clear river on which to retire. They built a sunroom on the side of the century-old house next the river and from its windows and overhead balcony enjoy such