

It soon became apparent, that a craft larger than a canoe, would be necessary to ~~be~~ transport all the food supplies and equipment necessary for an extended survey in this area.

Mr Dennis purchased a 20' sailboat in Kingston and had it sailed and freighted overland to South Bay, Lake Muskoka. Here it was loaded with supplies and sailed to the portage at Indian Village (Port Carling) then moved on rollers into Lake Rouseau.

At the head of Lake Rouseau they moored near the mouth of the river, and nearby a store-camp was established. Here the men cleared about an acre of land, which later became the site where Pratt's hotel located.

From here they ran an exploration line to Panny Sound, and were received with great delight by the few who lived there. Now they would be able to travel out in winter, other than by the ice on Georgian Bay.

When the surveyors returned to their camp, winter was approaching. Some of the men were instructed to take the sailboat on shore in some sheltered spot. With the help of an Indian who was camped in the bay, the boat was taken down the east shore and hauled out of the water.

The surveyors then ran an exploration line south to North Falls, now Bracebridge.