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AT WASAGA CAMP.

Cool Breezes and Fish on the Nottawasaga.

A Week's Outing and How it was Spent - Bathing, Boating and Trawling - Graves That Were Not Graves.

Canada is prolific in beauty spots, and the Canadian summer is peculiarly adapted to an acquisition of the very fullest enjoyment which mankind can get out of nature.

Such was our objective point last week. Seventeen miles east of Collingwood the Nottawasaga River enters the bay bearing the same name.

Monday morning we left Flesherton for Stayner, passing en route Singhaup-ton, Glen Williams and along the brink of the Devil's Glen, where an unobstructed view is obtained for fifty miles towards the north-east and nearly as many towards the east, embracing in its scope the whole of Nottawasaga Bay and most of the townships bordering upon its shores, including Sunnidale and Floss.

It is a grand view over a glorious stretch of country. From this point, too, we caught one seductive glimpse of the shimmering stretch of water where the Nottawasaga prepares to mingle its waters with the Nottawasaga Bay, and where we were destined to spend many happy hours, during the ensuing week.

Away to the north lay the Christian Island and North Shore near Penetanguishene. The whole of this land over which the eye now travels was the scene of many conflicts between Algonquin, Huron and Iroquois, and more than one battle ground has been unearthed, more than one Indian ossuary, or burial place, has been desecrated by the white man in search of information relative to the early Indian tribes, or by the husbandman in his daily avocation.

Within a mile of the town of Stayner an eminence is pointed out which has received the title of Indian Hill, from the fact that a bloody battle between Iroquois and Hurons once took place upon its brow. To-day this hill is being utilized as a gravel pit, and those engaged in removing the gravel frequently unearth ghastly and telling proofs of the terrible slaughter which once took place there.

We passed Duntroun, a little village nine miles from Collingwood and six from Stayner, lying at the base of the mountain, on the Hamilton, & North-

western. Here there are extensive quarries of freestone, only one of which is in operation. Eastward to Stayner we pass through a beautiful section of farming country with crops promising a most bountiful harvest. Upon arriving at Stayner our party of two has one more added. Stayner is an old town containing some very fair buildings, but nearly all bearing evidence of age. It has a general air of old-manhood, or at least of having arrived at its full maturity some years ago.

Tuesday morning, 6 o'clock, saw our party on its way towards the lake shore. Our democrat contained the necessary outfit for a week's camping, embracing great variety, in edibles, pots, pans, dishes, bedding and a heterogeneous mass of stuff too large to particularize. A two-mile drive over a light sandy road brought us to the border of the lake. And here we entered upon a drive such as we think Canada or any other country on the face of this earth cannot surpass.

A beach five rods in width, gently sloping to the lapping waves, and paved with a sand so white and solid that our horses' hoof prints were scarcely visible; shallow water far out from shore through which one may drive if so disposed, this was our driveway formed by nature and which mankind can never improve upon.

Here we found summer cottages built upon the peninsula among groves of stunted pine, white birch, spruce and other forest growths. We unpacked our goods and took possession of one of the at present deserted cottages, which bore above its door the appropriate title of "Wasaga Camp."

It contained five rooms, with a shady veranda overhanging the river, and under which only the early morning sun can penetrate. At our feet lay the broad and deep Nottawasaga. Ten rods to the west was the lake. Subsequent investigation proved that we were domiciled upon a peninsula five miles long and not more than twenty rods wide at any point, with the Nottawasaga river on one side and the lake on the other.

It is a peculiar act of nature, which has caused the river to flow in such close proximity to the lake for so great a distance. For a short distance on either side of our camp were other summer cottages as yet unoccupied by their owners (for it was rather early in the season) and embowered among thick-foliaged evergreens.

The surrounding soil is sand - all sand - kept moist by the abundance of water and producing luxuriant vegetation. Flowers whose names were entirely unknown bloomed around us; creeping vines familiar and strange bloomed profusely, some of whom were worthy of gracing any flower garden in the land.

Among these latter were orange lilies growing in abundance, and a small bright orange flower growing in large bunches of extraordinary beauty. Wild pea vines were blooming in many places, wild strawberries and June berries were quite plentiful, as also were sand cherries.

A few miles east of this spot are the huckleberry plains, from which great quantities of this fruit are gathered annually. The river itself produces a plentiful supply of the finny tribes - pickerel, black bass and pike - all of which, but mops especially, the two former, are fit food for the gods.

four days, revelling in fish, berries and the sweet idleness and dreamy luxury of knowing that success in life did not depend upon any exertion of ours during that period of time. We had a good boat at our disposal and explored the river for miles up its course, the monotony only varied when a large pickerel or pike seized the glittering "spoon" which followed in the wake of our boat.

The main object of our visit to this delightful spot we have not as yet touched upon. It was with the idea of unearthing some ancient Indian graves which were rumored to be situated about four miles from the river's mouth on the peninsula. In this we were unsuccessful, as the spot was not an Indian burial ground at all.

A large bridge crosses the river's mouth, about forty rods below Wasaga Camp. At the bridge is a small handlet and postoffice, called Van Vlack, consisting of a steam sawmill, a small general store and an apology for a hotel, together with several frame residences.

"The mouth" is a favorite picnicking resort among the people for miles around, and several parties enlivened matters by their advent among us while we were domiciled there.

Saturday morning last, 4 o'clock, saw us on board a steam tug bound for Collingwood. We took train from Collingwood to Thornbury, and a conveyance home, where we arrived at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning tired out and sleepy - but not too tired, and not too sleepy, to dream of slaughtering pickerel and rolling and basking in the warm waters on Nottawasaga beach.

ADVICE TO MOTHER - Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething.

BOAR FOR SERVICE.

The undersigned has a thoroughbred Berkshire Boar for service on lot 3, con. 10, Osprey. Terms \$1, to be paid at time of service.

PASTURAGE.

Good pasturage, well watered, plenty of shade, reasonable terms. W. B. GALLOWAY, Lot 3, con. 10, Osprey



ST. LAWRENCE CANALS.

RAPIDE PLAT DIVISION.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for the St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office, until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Wednesday, the 23rd day of July next, for the construction of a lift lock, weirs, etc., at Morrisburg, and the deepening and enlargement of the Rapide Plat Canal.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the representative works, can be seen on and after Wednesday, the 9th day of July next, at this office, and at the Resident Engineer's Office, Morrisburg, where printed forms of tenders can be obtained.

In the case of British tenders, the 9th day of July next, the actual signature of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and, further, an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in Canada for the sum of \$5,000, must accompany the tender for section No. 1, and an accepted cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, for the sum of \$2,000 for each of the other sections.

THE MARKETS

FLESHERTON.

Carefully Corrected Each Week

Table listing market prices for various goods like Flour, Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Barley, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Pork, Hay, Hides, Sheepskins, Geese, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, and Wool.

WM. CLAYTON, BOOT AND SHOE DEALER, FLESHERTON.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, RUBBERS, TRUNKS, ETC. SEASONABLE GOODS. REASONABLE PRICES. Any Quantity of Fresh Eggs Taken in Exchange. Custom Work Made to Order.

IT IS The Town's Talk

That we are doing the Clothing Trade of Flesherton, and now we have a Genuine Bonanza. To offer you in Men's, Boys' and Youths' Clothing at prices that will force you to buy if requiring anything in that line.

THIS WEEK WE ARE OFFERING BIG DRIVES IN GLOVES, PARASOLS, HOSIERY, GINGHAMS, ETC.

MILLINERY. IN THIS DEPARTMENT WE ARE RECEIVING NEW GOODS ALMOST DAILY. Prices Lower than ever.

FRESH ARRIVALS.

This week we announce the arrival of a new stock of General Dry Goods as follows: Cottonades, Shirtings, Gingham, Prints, Denims, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Parasols, Hosiery, Etc., Etc. Carpet Warps in Brown, Green, White, Orange and Red, all of the best manufacture.

Hurrah for Haying! Just received to-day a large stock of Haying and Harvesting tools consisting of SCYTHES & SNATHS, RAKES, HAY and BARLEY FORKS, FORK HANDLES, SHOVELS, HOES, ETC.

BOOTS & SHOES. In this line we make specialties in Men's and Boys' Kip and Split-Boots. In Ladies' and Children's Shoes we have a larger stock than ever at prices which will astonish you.

EGGS. EGGS. EGGS.

2 car loads of eggs wanted for the New York Market by the 15th of July. THE BEST MARKET PRICE PAID.

R. TRIMBLE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS FARMERS! LOOK!

WE take this opportunity of thanking you for your support in the past and hope for a continuance of your patronage. This year we have a good variety of Greenhouse plants, also Bedding and Perennials for Garden.

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery; Tomato, Cucumber, Pepper Plants

In Their Season. All orders promptly attended to. I have the honor to remain yours truly,

James Bescroft, FLESHERTON GREENHOUSE, Flesherton, April 8.

Advertisement for a watch with an eye. Text: 'One of the BEST Watches in the world. Our watches are unequalled, and to introduce our superior goods we will send you ONE WATCH in each locality, as above. Only those who write to us at once can make sure of the chance. All you have to do is return it to show our goods to those who call - your neighbors and those around you. The signing of this advertisement shows the small end of the telescope. The following cut gives the appearance of it reduced to about the fiftieth part of its bulk. It is a grand, double size telescope, as large as is easy to carry. We will also show you how you can make from \$25 to \$100 a day at least, from the start, without experience. Dealer writes at once. We pay all express charges. Address: H. HALLITT & CO., Box 990, Postland, Maine.'

Advertisement for a watch. Text: 'OUR NEW GOLD Solid FREE. The watch is the most valuable thing in the world. Perfect timekeeper. Warranted heavy. GOLD HUNTING CASE. Both ladies and gents sizes, with works and cases of equal value. ONE PATRON in each locality can secure one free, together with our large and valuable line of Home-Made Watches. These samples, as well as the watch, are FREE. All the work you need do is to show what we send you for those who call - your friends and neighbors and those about you - that we send a valuable train for us, which holds for years when once started, and has we are repaid. We pay all express, freight, etc. After you have all, if you would like to go to work for us, you can earn from \$25 to \$100 per week and upwards. Address: Edmond & Co., Box 519, Portland, Maine.'