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AMONG THE ISLANDS.

Cool Breezes, Beautiful Scenery,
and Fish.

Leaving home by the noon train on Tuesday, 30th ult. we arrived in Owen Sound at 1 p. m., and spent a very pleasant afternoon with old and new acquaintances in Little Liverpool. Among the latter we would name Bro. Joe Lang of the Owen Sound Sun. Two hours were spent in his company and the genial atmosphere which seems to hover around Bro. Lang's presence would have rendered pleasant a couple of hours more, but we had to tear ourselves away, even should our worthy brother bohemian (for Joe is somewhat of a bohemian, as we are ourselves) be drowned in such a depth of gloom at our departure that the Sun would never shine again. But it was happily not so bad. "The Sun do move," as Mr. Johnson's Lion insists, and dazzles the optics of its rivals with its glittering rays. Archie Duncan of the Patterson House was one of our older friends, and under his protecting care the Advance ventured to indulge in a satisfactory investigation of the cuisine provided for poor hungry humanity. The Patterson House is the best conducted hotel in Ontario and as a proof of that its proprietor has a blue ribbon hung up in his hall by a gold-headed walking stick. The commercial travelers voted Mr. Duncan the walking stick and Archie voted to himself the ribbon. They are both works of art. This puff is perfectly gratuitous, as we paid for our dinner and supper.

Going down to the docks, we honored the C. P. R. steamship Manitoba with a visit. It did not seem that our visit was opportune for the boat looked as black as a thunder cloud. She is painted black. When we left she was much lighter. By a peculiar arrangement of scoop shovels and an elevator she was made lighter in one hour by eight thousand bushels of grain. The Manitoba is the largest boat on inland waters and was built in Owen Sound. She is a marvel of symmetry and perfection in every way—from an Owen Sound point of view. A correct estimate, too. This boat can carry—no, we have the name of veracity to maintain and will not jeopardize it by telling exactly what that boat can carry. We will merely state that she could place Owen Sound in her hold and Colingwood between decks. This information was given by a veracious Owen Sounder, and must therefore be inside the mark. Owen Sound people never exaggerate.

The Advance slid down the gang-plank of the G. N. W. T's steamer Pacific at 11.20 that evening, fixed his ticket with the purser and retired to rest at twelve. The staterooms were neat and airy and the linen scrupulously clean, but with all these perfections a novice is apt to court slumber for some time ere the fickle god will put in an appearance. The captain should stop his engine for the novice's especial benefit. If he would only stop it for five minutes, all would be well. But he does not. The continuous clug, clug, clump is kept up hour after hour and the traveler grits his teeth and imagines he is being pumped out with a patent resuscitating apparatus. Sleep comes at last. Then in about five or ten minutes (approximated) comes daylight, the washing of decks, the rattle-bang on the piano by a son-of-a-gun with green goggles and big mouth, who imagines he is Acolas, whereas he is only a very attenuated imitation of Banquo's ghost. The Georgian Bay has all this time been calm as a mill pond. Would that it had been just rough enough to turn Goggles inside out. We had a curiosity to know whether the inside of his face was as homely

as the outside. We would also have much enjoyed seeing his musical apparatus exposed to the weather. This might have warped it back again to something like a musical condition.

In the early morning our boat was off Cabot's head and at 9 o'clock land ahead was seen. We were shortly running parallel with an island. A sudden turn of the vessel brought us into a narrow channel of two miles in length, and midway between the two outlets, on the main land, lay Killarney the beautiful. This picturesque spot has been likened to the Killarney of Ould Ireland, but we imagine an Irishman would sweat before he could work himself into the belief that what he saw before him here was a second edition of his own Killarney's hills and lakes. This is a fishing village. The other industry pursued here is the manufacturing of birch bark toys in birch bark and porcupine quill work, which a white man sells to tourists. We should also mention the gathering and shipment of huckleberries and cranberries, both of which grow in large quantities in the vicinity of Killarney, but will be a short crop the present season. We will have something more to say about Killarney hereafter.

The boat remains here about fifteen minutes, then steams away past islands towards the southward. The view is simply superb. To the north rises a high chain of bare quartz mountains—the Laurentians. Wind swept and fire-burned, they form a dark but imposing background to the beautiful panorama of fantastic islands and placid waters which surround us on all sides.

The north-east headland of Manitowaning island comes in view. Cape Smith, a bold headland, projects far to the eastward. Dozens of small islands are in view at the same moment. Smith's Bay, its entrance island barred, is quickly passed, and an entrance made into Manitowaning (hole of the spirit) bay. This lovely sheet of water is ten miles wide at its mouth, sixteen miles long, and narrows to one mile at its head.

THE INDIANS.

All the land to the east of Manitowaning bay constitutes the Wikwemikong Indian reservation. It comprises about 77,000 square acres of fairly good land, on which there at present reside about 400 Indians. We had considerable opportunity to study the character of these Indians. They are an improvident lot, lazy and indolent, taking them as a whole. Farms that were once cleared and fruitful, are now neglected and covered with scrubby foliage. Little or no plowing is ever done. The houses are mostly all built of logs and are in nearly every case completely surrounded by trees. The Indian nature still appears to assert itself in this respect. He loves the forest growth, and next to that he loves a life on the sparkling waters. In fact, he will leave all farming operations and his crops to suffer, and go off on a fishing expedition. Poor Lo is also inordinately fond of fire water, and in the vicinity of Manitowaning appears to experience little difficulty in securing a generous supply of the incubator. The Wikwemikong reserve has its spiritual wants administered to by the Jesuits, who have for many years resided at, in fact they built, the village of Wikwemikong, on Smith's Bay at the extreme eastern end of Manitowaning island. At this point the Jesuits have built an imposing stone church and stone college building, where Indians, male and female, and also a few whites, are taught the arts and feminine accomplishments. There is one small store at this village, but one of the brothers informed us that a second of larger dimensions was about to be opened up with the view to securing a great portion of the Indian trade and thereby keep the population away from the seductive temptation of Manitowaning fire water, as there is no liquor sold on the reserve. This is a laudible undertaking, and we wished them god speed. Vessels do not call regularly at this port, but we believe an effort is to be made to secure a regular service. If this is done visitors will have sufficient time to inspect this picturesque Indian village, which is more than worthy of a visit, and cross the peninsula in time to meet the boat at Manitowaning. A stage runs regularly across here, and the fare is but 25 cents.

The Indians on this reserve are composed of three tribes—the Ojibway, Ottawa, and Mohawk. The males all speak English to a lesser or greater extent. There are at least two other Indian reservations on the Manitowaning island, one at Shegandah and the other near Providence Bay, but both are small compared to the Wikwemikong.

(To be Continued.)

Artemesia Council.

The regular monthly meeting of this council was held on Monday 6th inst. All the members were present, the revee in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The following petitions were read. From S. Martin and others re opening of 30th sideroad between the 12th and 14th con.; from Thos. Scott and others, re improvement on town line Artemesia and Euphrasia. A communication was read from the assistant provincial treasurer stating that the Land Improvement Fund will be ready for distribution to the municipalities entitled thereto sometime during the present month. Bylaw No. 475, as introduced by Mr. Sharp, was read a first, second and third time and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes. This is an important bylaw, providing for the division of Ward No. 3 into two polling subdivisions, which had become a necessity owing to increase of population. The new subdivisions will be numbered 3 and 5 respectively. No. 3 shall consist of the following lots and the subdivisions of any of the said lots: Lots 135 to 160 inclusive in con. 1, 2 and 3, N. E. T. & S. R.; 135 to 160 inclusive in con. 1, 2 and 3 S. W. T. & S. R. Div. No. 5 shall consist of lots 161 to 210, con. 1 and 2, N. E. T. & S. R.; lots 161 to 170 con. 3, N. E. T. & S. R.; lots 161 to 190, con. 1, 2 and 3, S. W. T. & S. R. Bylaw No. 475 to amend bylaw No. 472, by placing the name of Mr. Mat Bolger in place of Mr. Jos. Cairns as pathmaster, introduced by Mr. McMillan, passed its third reading.

Several bills and accounts were presented, which are dealt with among the following motions. It was moved by G. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, that the petition of S. Martin and others lie on the table till next setting of council. Carried.

Moved by T. Kells, seconded by G. Thompson, that the sum of six dollars be placed in the hands of Mr. Lemon Williamson, pathmaster, to be expended in the road division of which he is pathmaster and under his supervision, said amount having accrued on N. R. lands in said division. Carried.

Moved by D. McMillan, seconded by W. Sharp, that Chas. Tryon be refunded \$3.50 for statute labor against his lots, 2 and 3, con. 8, the same having given satisfactory proof this day that the same has been paid, and that the revee issue his order. Carried.

Moved by D. McMillan, seconded by W. Sharp, that the pathmasters of the village of Flesherton and Priceville be loaned amount of commutal of statute labor in said villages, viz., Flesherton \$151.75, Priceville \$90.20. Carried.

Moved by D. McMillan, seconded by W. Sharp, that a grant of \$25 be given to repair townline between Artemesia and Glenelg, south of Irish Lake. Carried.

Moved by G. Thompson, seconded by W. Sharp, that the council of Euphrasia be notified to act conjointly with Geo. Thompson, of this council, in repairing townline east of lot 26, con. 14, of this township, and that the clerk forward a copy of this notice to Euphrasia council. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by G. Thompson, that the petition of Thos. Elliott and others be not entertained. Carried.

Moved by Thos. Kells, seconded by W. Sharp, that this council finish the road now begun to the station in good workmanlike manner, and further that the sum of \$200 be expended on main leading roads by each ward commissioner, above all special grants. Carried.

Moved by G. Thompson, seconded by T. Kells, that a special grant of \$30 be made for opening that part of the valley road past Hog's mill, and that W. Sharp be appointed commissioner for that purpose. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by G. Thompson, that the petition of B. Coleman and others be accepted, and T. Kells meet Mr. J. Elliott and let work, amount not to exceed \$30 from this council. Carried.

Moved by T. Kells, seconded by D. McMillan, that the following parties be paid for gravel as follows: W. Davis, \$11.05; R. McGruther, \$8.50; John Boland, \$4.74. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by D. McMillan, that the clerk be paid one quarter's salary, \$37.50; copying assessment roll, \$7; postage to date, \$3.41. Likewise to John Bellamy, caretaker of town hall, \$3.75. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by G. Thompson, that this council grant \$50 to repair townline, Proton and Artemesia, between Proton station and gravel road, Proton council having granted an equivalent. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by D. McMillan, that the petition of J. I. Graham and others be not entertained, as the road could not be made fit for travel this season. Carried.

Moved by W. Sharp, seconded by D. McMillan, that the petition of W. Meads and others be entertained, and that W. Sharp and D. McMillan be appointed commissioners to open up base line, S. W. of lot 150, as far as Cullens' lake. Carried.

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