

# Beautiful Thousand Islands and Some of Its Wonderful Views

Kingstonians who enjoy making an excursion among the Thousand Islands during the summer season, and especially those who own motor boats of their own and can cruise about in this delightful region, have much appreciated the setting aside of islands and beautiful points as public recreation grounds. Few people have any idea of the extent of these Dominion Lands, as they are legally known. They serve the travelling or holidaying public in a most admirable manner. So great has been the demand for islands and adjacent mainland points by private individuals that there was scarcely a suitable landing place that did not already bear the sign, "Private, Keep Off." The action of the Dominion Government, under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in setting aside numerous beauty spots at well-selected points was much welcomed by the public. Here excellent docks have been constructed, good landing places afforded, the ground has been cleared, trees trimmed, pavilions built as shelter from rain and sun, fireplaces, ovens, benches, etc., installed, so that the picnic party has every convenience at its disposal.

That the public may gain some accurate and detailed information as to the extent, character and location of these Dominion lands, the Whig has compiled the following article. It might be mentioned in passing that the movement to set aside lands was jointly entered upon by both the Canadian and American governments. On the United States side of the boundary line they are known as State Lands, and are much frequented by the tourist and the picnic party.

**Composition of Reservations.**  
The St. Lawrence Island Parks are small reservations, consisting of twelve islands, or parts of islands, and a portion of the mainland containing approximately four acres, mostly situated between the towns of Brockville and Gananoque on the St.



STOVE ON PICNIC ISLAND

an ordinary iron stove covering. They make very serviceable stoves, and supply all the conveniences necessary for a picnic party or campers. In addition to this, some of the islands are provided with rustic seats, which add considerably to their comfort and appearance. Suitable flag poles have been provided, a Union Jack is

park is nicely shaded with large oak and maple trees, thus making it admirably suited for picnic grounds. Adelaide Island is situated about one and one-half miles south of Mallorytown landing, and immediately east of the foot of Grenadier Island. It contains eleven acres, but most of the island is comparatively low, and the river on three sides of it is somewhat marshy. It is, therefore, not much used for park purposes. R. J. Haffle, whose home is about one-half mile from Mallorytown landing, is caretaker of these parks.

**Grenadier Island.**

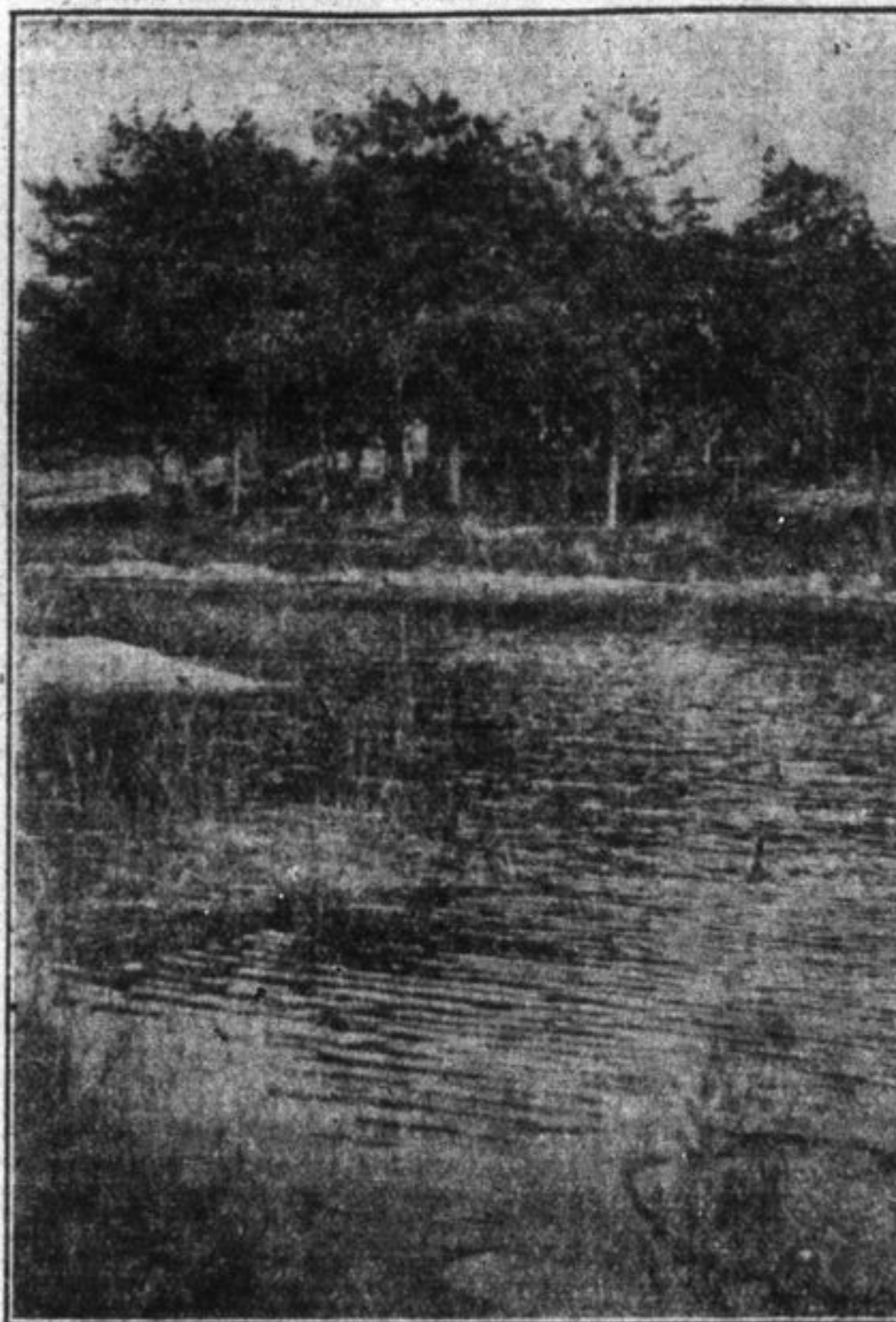
This park consists of the western portion, or head, of Grenadier Island, and contains an area of approximately five and one-tenth acres. It is situated about one-half mile east of Rockport. In this park are a pavilion, two stoves, two closets, with a number of tables and benches, etc. There is one large wharf on the west side of the island. Nearly all the brush and undergrowth have been cleared from this park, forming an open grove of fine shade trees. Owing to its high elevation in places, there is an excellent view up the river, overlooking all the many different islands in the immediate vicinity. It is very convenient for camping, as all kinds of dairy and vegetable products can be obtained from the farmers on the island. Mr. Delbert Root, whose home is on the island and adjacent to the reservation, is the caretaker.

**Georgina and Constance Islands.**

These islands are near Ivy Lea and immediately opposite Echo Lodge. Georgina Island has an area of twenty-three acres, and Constance of seven acres. No improvements have been made on Constance Island, as these islands are situated beside one another, and up to the present the one is large enough to accommodate all the visitors at this point. Georgina is commonly known in the vicinity as "Deer Island." It is very rough, and is covered with a heavy growth of timber with a considerable underbrush. It has two pavilions, one at each end, with the necessary stoves, closets, tables, etc. Only a small portion of this has been cleared, comprising about an acre around each pavilion. At the western pavilion, there is a large launch wharf, and a skiff wharf, both situated in a sheltered bay. The pavilion is on a high imposing bluff, and affords an excellent view of the river and surrounding islands. South of the pavilion, at the east end of the island, is a small skiff wharf. J. G. Wallace, whose home is on one of the islands near these parks, is the caretaker.

**Gordon Island, Endymion and Camelot Islands.**

Gordon Island is situated about two miles southeast of Gananoque, and contains an area of approximately sixteen acres. Camelot and Endymion are about three miles from Gananoque, south of Gordon Island near Grindstone Island, and contains an area of twenty-five and ten acres respectively. These latter two islands are little frequented, and have been allowed to remain in a comparatively wild and unimproved condition. There is one stove on each, but these



BAY AT BEURIVAGE ISLAND.

Looking toward Gananoque. This island is known locally as Burnt, Bear, Smoke, Dark and Porter.

imposing and attractive position and affords one of the best views along the river. There is a good launch wharf, as well as a skiff wharf, in full view from the main channel of the river. Thomas Glover, of Gananoque, is



A TYPICAL ISLAND PAVILION.

the caretaker in charge of these islands.

**Beau Rivage Island.**

This island is situated about two

Aubrey and Mermaid Islands.

These islands comprise an area of fifteen acres and four acres respectively. They are situated near one another, and about two and one half miles southwest of Gananoque.

There are no improvements on Mermaid Island, as Aubrey Island appears to meet the requirements at this point for the present. Aubrey is well wooded with oak, hickory and birch. There is a pavilion, two stoves, two closets, tables, benches, etc. As this island is not used so much as the ones near Gananoque, one small wharf has been found sufficient. The caretaker of these islands is J. A. Acton, of Gananoque.

**30,000 MEN FROM ERIN**

Are Wanted For the Irish Division at the Front.

Dublin, Oct. 12.—The Irish division at the front will need reinforcements of 30,000 men before Christmas, according to a statement by Lord Wimborne, the Lord Lieutenant.

The Lord Lieutenant said that before the war there were 34,822 Irish Protestants with the colors and in the reserves. Since mobilization 92,404 Catholics and 62,391 Protestants had joined the army from various parts of Ireland.

Flight Lieut. Harold Carl Baker, a Toronto aviator, was killed near Dover, England.

A sixty million dollars munition order has just been received for Canada.

**The Music of the Spheres.**

Pictorial Review for October.

There is music in the thunder, the weird mystery of the storm.

There is music in the falling rain as thirsty flowers look up to drink.

There is music in the sunshine, the sweet and perfect harmony of earth and sky.

There is music in all the mysteries of the universe—the whole creation is one vast, eternal, boundless, endless triumph of rhythm. The unvoiced song of swinging words is merely the expression of universal rhythm.

"The music of the spheres" is more than a bit of fancy. It is a symbol of exquisite power. It portrays the refinement of world forces, where the laws of earth are modified into universal principles—there music begin where knowledge grows dim, where learning has lost its way. There music begins.

When space and distance are defied, when science has passed its confining boundaries, on the borderland of art—there music begins.

"The music of the spheres," as endless as eternity, as unfathomable as space, as mysterious as life.

The songs of the earth are the same songs that "the morning stars sang together" in perfect harmony and rhythm "when the world was young."

For earth is heaven and heaven is earth. The stars are ours and not circling globes of mystery, and we a star and not an earthly world to those who dwell beyond the sky.

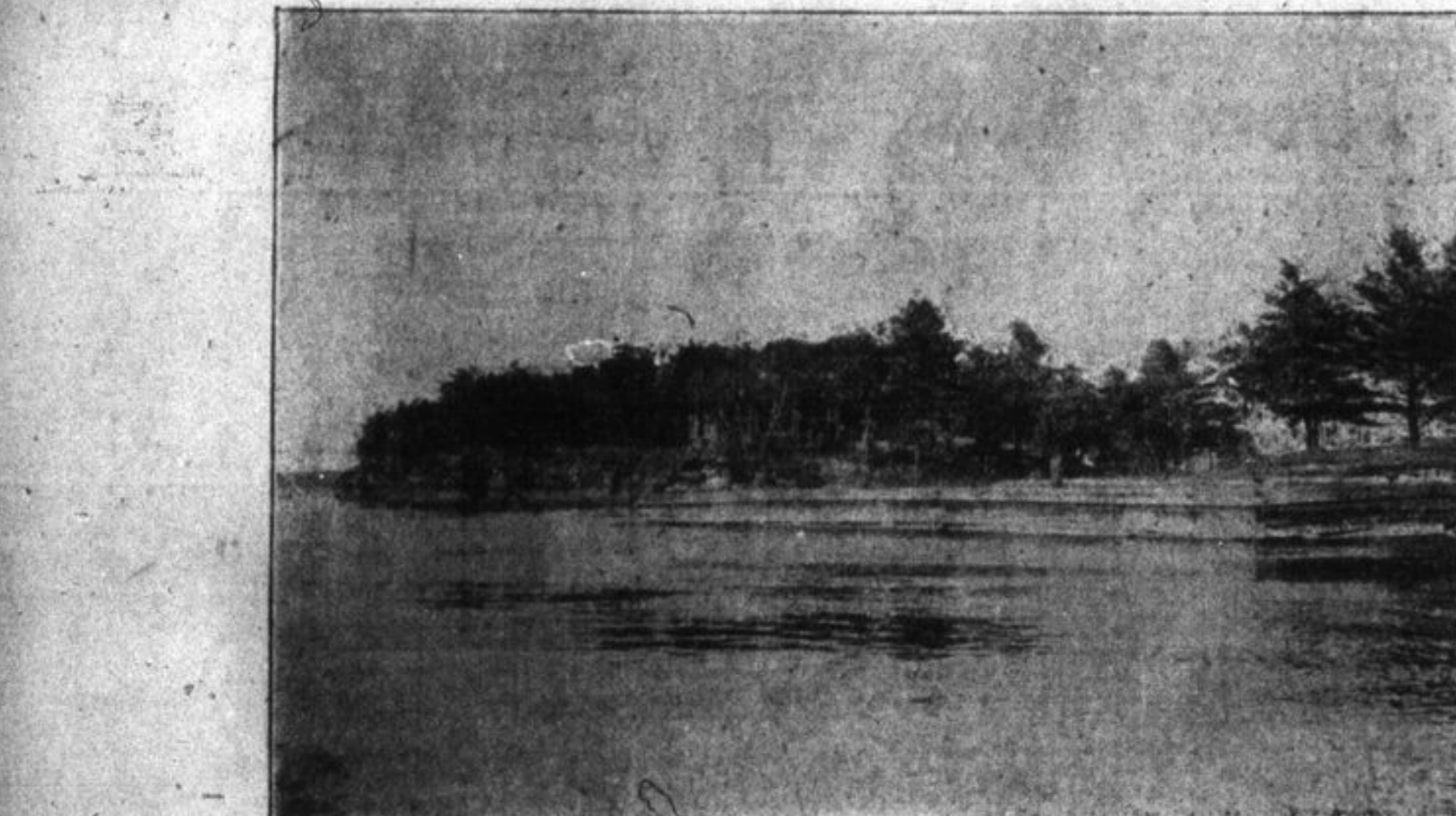
For God is here and everywhere and His interpreter is the music of the soul.

Occasionally a man balks at doing a thing merely because some one he dislikes expects him to do it.

**WAR AND GREAT GOOD IT HAS DONE**

Dr. Sarolta in Engineering.

Someone is sure to write me a sarcastic letter, suggesting that as war has done us so much good it ought to be continued indefinitely. I received such a letter some time ago from a clerical gentleman who had not yet learned the difference which degree makes in all things. For example, if my clerical correspondent got upon his knees and went on praying for an indefinite period without ceasing he would surely drop dead within a fortnight or so, but that would not prove that praying is always harmful. It is perfectly true that the war is, in an industrial sense doing us a tremendous amount of good which will redound to our future benefit; it does not necessarily follow that this war could continue indefinitely without injuring us. What is true is that it has not injured us so far, but on the contrary, worked good in a thousand different directions. (Of course I do not forget the precious lives lost, but here I am speaking of aggregate and long-run effects.) It is also true that the war will certainly end before the period is reached at which its continuance would be materially harmful to us. Even in the matter of lives, it is a true saying that the war will probably give us such a new valuation of lives of what before the war were common people as to ensure that within fifteen years we shall have saved the lives of more individuals than we shall have lost in the war.



WHARF AND PAVILION, STOVIN ISLAND, NEAR BROCKVILLE.

Lawrence river. Eleven of these islands were purchased by this department from the Missisquoi band of Alnwick Indians. Nearly all the many beautiful islands which constitute the famous St. Lawrence Thousand Islands, and which can easily be called some of the most beautiful and most popular summer resorts in Canada, are privately owned and occupied. One need, therefore, only take a trip through this part of the river to realize and appreciate the action of the government in taking over these lands, and turning them into public parks, where the hundreds of campers and picnickers, who visit each of them during the summer, can enjoy the pleasure of an outing on the St. Lawrence river and the surrounding lakes.

**Conveniences on Islands.**  
The parks are administered direct from the Dominion Parks Branch at Ottawa. Each island park, or group of islands, as the case may be, has a caretaker, who enforces the necessary regulations for the protection of the park, and who is directly responsible for its upkeep. All information in connection with the islands may be obtained from him, as well as the necessary permits to camp for any definite period. The islands have all been partially cleared, and have been provided with wharfs suitable for skiffs or launches. Nearly all of the larger islands have a pavilion, and on some of the larger there are two. These pavilions are octagonal in shape, and are large enough to accommodate several large picnic tables and benches. Each pavilion is supplied with a number of tables, benches and camp stoves. These stoves are made of stone and concrete, and have

always in evidence during the summer. The islands are designated by large sign boards, upon which is written, "Dominion Public Lands," with the respective number of each island.

A list of the islands, with their approximate size and location, and a description of each is as follows:

**Stovin Island.**

This park is situated about two and one-half miles west of the town of Brockville, and contains an area of approximately five acres. It is commonly known in the vicinity of Brockville as "Picnic Island." It has evidently been given this name owing to its suitability for picnics, and the number of picnics held thereon. This island is mostly shaded with evergreens. It has been nicely cleared, and has two pavilions, five stoves, four closets, besides several tables, benches, and rustic camp chairs. It has a large wharf, at which some of the picnic and excursion boats call, and a small skiff wharf.

J. Timleck, 112 Water street west, Brockville, is caretaker in charge of this island.

**Mallorytown Landing and Adelaide Island.**

Mallorytown landing is a portion of the mainland on the left bank of the St. Lawrence river, about one and one-half miles south of the village of Mallorytown. It has the advantage of being accessible both from the mainland, and from the river. This parcel contains approximately four acres, and was presented by a private individual to the Dominion Government to be used as a public park. The fact of its being

situated on a picturesque rocky bluff at the river front, on which is also the skiff wharf, and steamboat or launch wharf. This wharf is a regular stopping place for one of the river freight



BATHING BAY AT BEURIVAGE ISLAND.

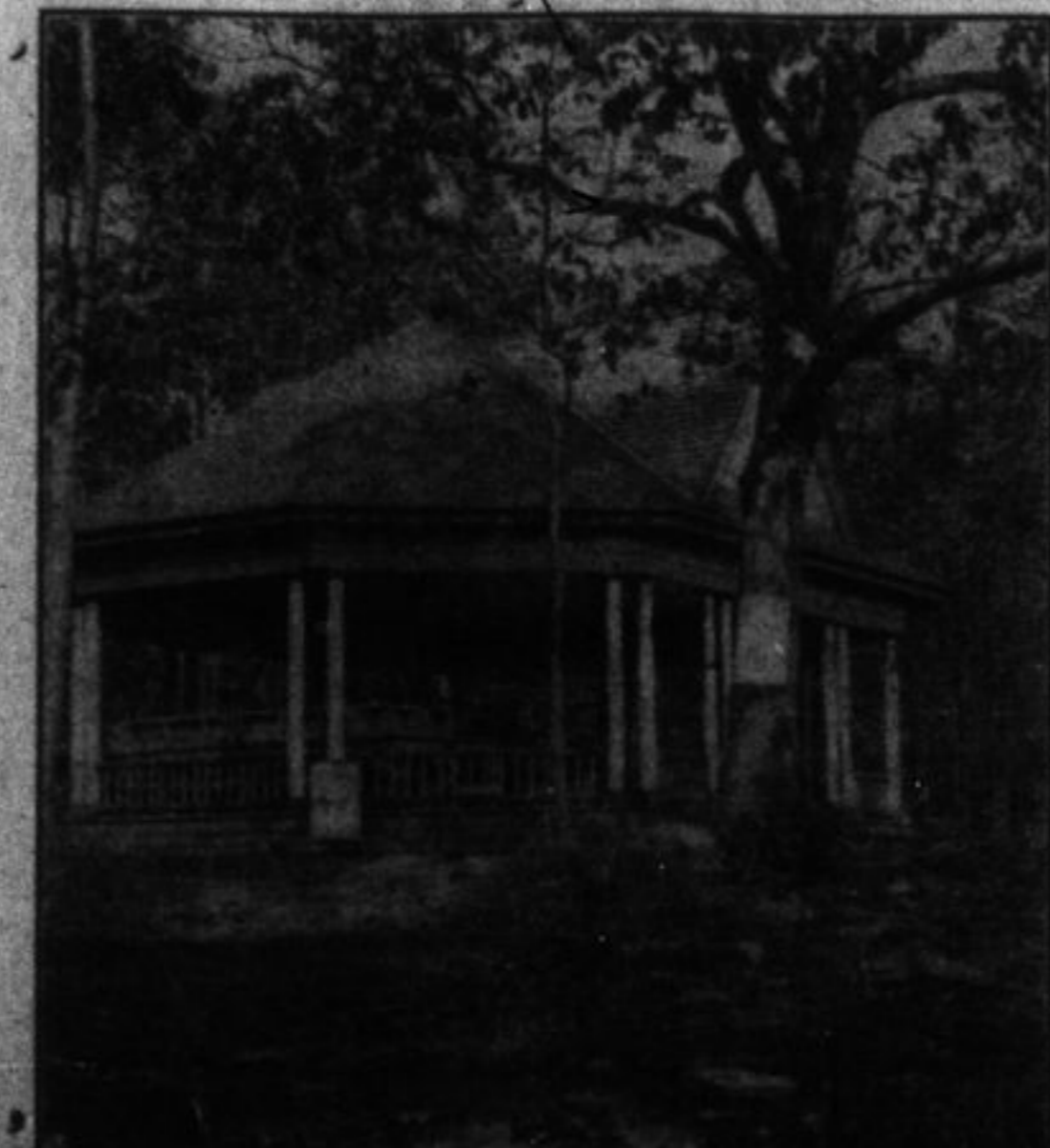
and passenger boats. The rocky bluff is joined to the mainland by a narrow piece of marsh land. The latter has been converted into a roadway and path about 300 feet long, thus allowing the people to drive to the pavilion and wharf. The front portion of this park is cleared, and has very few trees; the rear of the

is mostly used by fishermen. Gordon Island is one of the prettiest of the Government island parks, and is covered with some very fine timber, including oak, butternut and chestnut. The pavilion is situated on the eastern end of the island, which has been nicely cleared of small trees and brush. It has a very

miles southwest of Gananoque. It contains an area of about twelve acres. This is one of the most popular islands in this vicinity, and is greatly used by the people of Gananoque and the surrounding district. The island has numerous shade trees, but there is a general scarcity of wood for fuel, which is so easily obtained



VIEW FROM BEURIVAGE ISLAND, LOOKING TOWARD GANANOQUE.



PAVILION, GORDON ISLAND, NEAR GANANOQUE.



VIEW FROM AUBREY ISLAND, LOOKING TOWARDS GANANOQUE.