

ONTARIO'S SHORE HAS MANY RESORTS

Toronto Is Center of Popular Playgrounds of Canada in Summer

Beautifully situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, surrounded by lovely natural scenery, ornamented with charming public parks, elegant buildings and hundreds of church edifices, Toronto has an undoubted right to the title of "Queen City of Canada," as well as a good claim to the subtitle of "The City of Churches."

The town was founded by Governor Simcoe in 1794, and was given the name of York, by which title it was known until its incorporation as a city in 1827, when it received the name it now bears. At that date it had a population of less than 10,000, but gave promise of rapid growth, which has been fully realized. The population today is heading for three-quarters of a million.

Ontario! The word implies in the Indian language a pleasant prospect of lakes and woodlands, and could not be more appropriate for the beautiful province.

It is a land dotted with lakes and rivers—rivers that have their source in the northern forests, and flow until they join the vast inland seas, Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario. Superior waters are in turn borne by the broad St. Lawrence to the Atlantic Ocean. In natural beauty and variety Ontario is replete with attractions, and the magnificent playgrounds of the thousands of Ontario are filled during the summer season with tens of thousands of people from all over the American continent.

Thousand Islands

Where the great Laurentian chain of mountains, running from east to west across Canada, swings southward to enter Northern New York, it drops a link, as it were, so as to allow the last of the big lakes an outlet in the channel of the St. Lawrence, which flows majestically among the Thousand Islands, helping to form the most picturesque archipelago in the world. The actual number of the islands of this lake of the Thousand Islands is really nearer 2000, though this discrepancy would not be noticed by the newcomer into this enchanting realm. This was the old Indian trail, and along this course followed the adventurous Champlain, who was the first white man to gaze upon this entrancing scene.

The largest portion of the travel to the Thousand Islands passes through Clayton, which is practically the gateway to the entire region. It is not only the gateway, but is noted as a summer resort. Hotel and boarding-house accommodations as well as cottages may be had at reasonable rates. Below Clayton, island after island, unfolding the river views into view, the finger-tips of the great mountain range,

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Covered with the ancient forest, fitting haunts for the wild dove, the little bass and inlets, the common resort of water fowl, it must indeed have been a paradise for a dusky hunter and fisher. It is well that all of these natural attractions have not vanished, for still many of the isles are bristling with firs and pines; others like open like a level field awaiting the husbandman's care. Some are but arid rock, white among which the river slowly glides, embracing with equal fondness the great and small, now receding afar and now retracing its course, like the good Patriarch visiting his domains, or like the god Proteus counting his snowy rocks.

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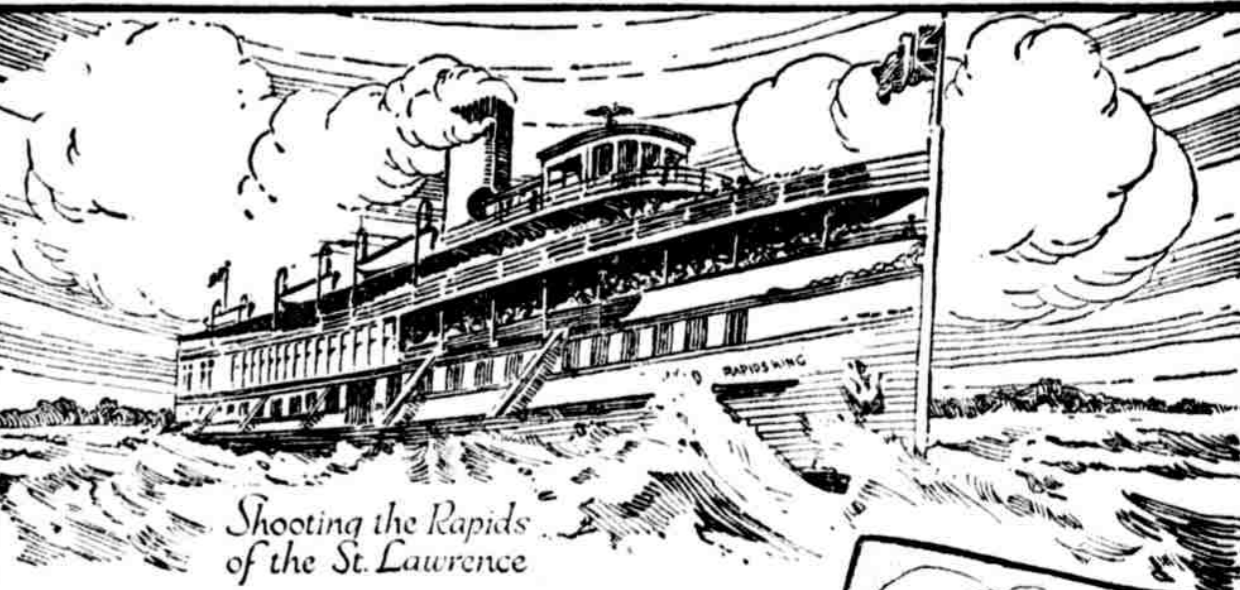
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