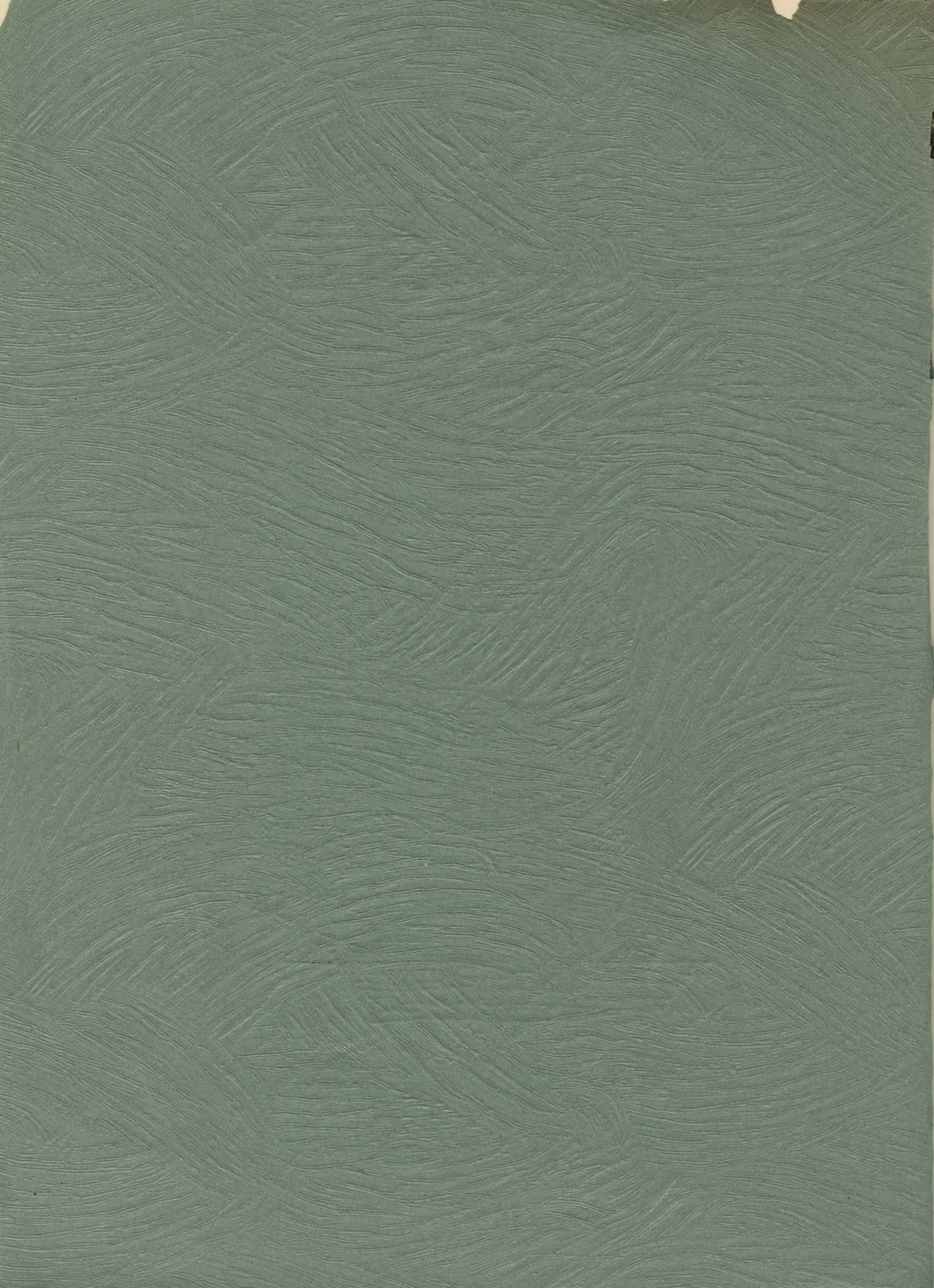


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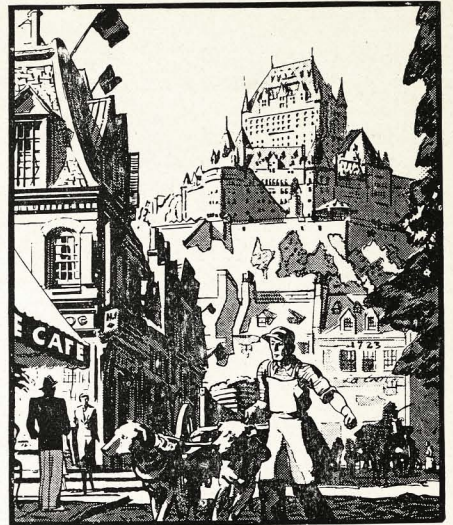
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FOREWORD

THE ISLAND OF ANTICOSTI, which is the property of Consolidated Paper Corporation Limited, lies in the western portion of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where it narrows down to one of the finest inland waterways in the world—the River St. Lawrence. It is situated about 360 miles directly north-east from Quebec, lying in latitude 49° north and longitude 63° west. The closest points to the mainland are Mingan, about twenty-one miles distant, on the north shore of Quebec, and Fox River (Rivière aux Renards), which is about fifty-five miles distant, on the Gaspé Peninsula. It is this location in the centre of the great Gulf of St. Lawrence, with no interference of any kind offered to the salmon coming from the sea into the rivers, which makes Anticosti Island pre-eminent as a salmon fishing preserve.

Within the area of Anticosti Island, of about 3,100 square miles (one and one-half times as large as Prince Edward Island) it has been estimated that there are approximately 500,000,000 standing healthy trees, consisting of spruce, balsam and pine, with a smaller number of hardwood trees. There are several vast areas of this virgin forest on the island, which are truly inspiring, as seen from the sea, and from the river valleys.

In addition to this large pulpwood resource, there are over one hundred rivers and streams spread all through the Island emptying into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, ranging from the Jupiter River, reputed to be one of the best salmon rivers in the world, having a length of about forty-five miles, to the numerous smaller rivers and streams, varying in length from thirty miles to two and three miles.

In addition to the pulpwood and salmon streams, there are numerous animals roaming at large on this interesting Island. There are silver, cross and red foxes, bear, white-tailed deer, reindeer and moose. Trapping of the fur-bearing animals is carried out on a scientific scale, during a short season each year.

The beaver and otter are also found in the streams of the Island and a careful system of trapping each year contributes further to the resources of the Island, and at the same time, ensures that the natural growth and increase of all these resources will not be disturbed.

One of the items of great interest particularly noticeable to the visitor is the tremendous number of white-tailed deer, which can be seen wandering about, coming close to the different spots of habitation, all round the Island. Moose and elk have also been introduced on the Island, and are showing signs of becoming inured to the climate and conditions there.

An interesting experiment was carried out by the Dominion Government about ten years ago, in conjunction with Senator Gaston Menier, the previous owner of Anticosti Island, by placing about 100 head of reindeer at large. For some years, owing to various reasons, these animals did not thrive, but a recent survey showed this herd to be increasing.

The present owners, Consolidated Paper Corporation Limited, introduced muskrat on the Island about three years ago, and while it is early to state definitely that this animal will thrive there, from a recent inspection, it is apparent that in certain localities, where living and food conditions are favourable, they are taking a firm hold.

For those who are not familiar with the discovery and history of Anticosti, a few facts are given. It was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1534, and celebrates its 400th Anniversary this year. In 1680, it was ceded by the King of France to private ownership, and since then has passed through various hands, private and corporate, until 1926, when it was acquired by the Anticosti Corporation, which company has since been merged with Consolidated Paper Corporation Limited, the present owners.

The previous owner, from whom it was purchased by the Anticosti Corporation, was the well known chocolate manufacturer of Paris, France—Senator Gaston Menier—who purchased the Island with the sole purpose of promoting the fishing and hunting resources. Senator Menier delegated the administration of the Island to G. Martin-Zede, a traveller and sportsman of world-wide fame, and it was under his able jurisdiction that the natural resources of furs and fisheries were carefully and sanely developed. No extravagant catches of salmon or foxes were tolerated. From 1926 to the present time, Consolidated Paper Corporation Limited have carried on this tradition, and have carefully preserved all the fishing rights and conserved the wild life, with the result that at the present time, this Island undoubtedly constitutes one of the finest natural



The Falls on Vaureal River (170 Feet)

FOREWORD (*Continued*)

sporting preserves. In 1932 the Corporation decided to offer salmon fishing and hunting privileges to those who cared to take advantage of them.

The Island is a haven for shore birds of all kinds including wild geese, duck, plover, jack-snipe and numerous other species. Inland can be found partridge and other game birds. There is also excellent deep-sea fishing at all points round the Island.

The climate during the summer months is truly ideal for the main sport of salmon fishing; the temperature ranges from a minimum night temperature, in early June, of about 40° to a mid-day maximum of about 75° in August. There are, of course, exceptional years, when the temperature varies above this, but the average climatic condition is temperate, which ensures the visitor of excellent fishing and water temperature conditions, and cool nights for sleeping. This, combined with the tang of the sea, the almost total absence of flies and mosquitoes, and the unsurpassed tranquility and peacefulness of virgin forests—no dust, no hayfever, no automobiles nor railways—makes the Island of Anticosti the true ideal for a restful holiday, and gives the sportsman an opportunity to indulge his theories and practices to the full, without interference or disturbance from any outside influences.

The same foresight and care which help to conserve the fur-bearing animals on the Island have been applied to the Salmon in the rivers in Anticosti—no commercial fishing or poaching with nets has been tolerated and unethical means of fishing, or what is commonly known as “jigging”, are not permitted. Everything possible has been done to make the conditions ideal for the fly-fisherman.

The Salmon Streams of Anticosti

THERE are fifteen rivers on Anticosti Island, which are frequented by the salmon. Of these, Jupiter River is subject to a lease for a short part of each season, until 1936. Of the remaining fourteen, there are ten available with fishing pavilions complete in all details. The other four are available for those desiring a real "out-of-doors" holiday. Tents and camp equipment will be provided for these four rivers.

These rivers are briefly described in this book and will be found on the following pages:—

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The salmon fishing season on Anticosti Island usually commences about June 15th and finishes on August 31st. In the rivers on the north shore of the Island, excepting Salmon River, fishing usually commences about one week later, the season also being extended by a similar period. These north shore rivers are the Vaureal, McDonald and Potato Rivers.

In addition to the regular pavilion, which forms the headquarters of the visitor during his stay, and which is usually situated at the mouth of the river, there are lean-to camps at varying stages up certain of the larger rivers. These are as follows:—

Chaloupe River at four miles.	Potato River at four miles.
Jupiter River at six, twelve and thirty miles.	Salmon River at eleven miles.
La Loutre River at eight miles.	Ste. Marie River at five miles.
McDonald River at five miles.	Vaureal River at six miles.

These are permanent, double camps built on the lean-to plan, that is, one side for the visitors, the other side for the guides. All the sites for these camps have been carefully chosen, and they will enable the sportsman to take full advantage of fishing the upper pools of these rivers.

At all rivers where there are pavilions, there are also snowhouses available for storing the take of fish, until such time as it is to be shipped out fresh, or arrangements are made for canning (see separate paragraph).

On all Anticosti Rivers, the fishing is done from the shore or from a beach. On some of the rivers, fishing can be done from a canoe or a boat, but the majority of sportsmen prefer to fish from the shore. At practically every pool on the Island, there will be found a fine lime tone pebble beach, which facilitates casting and the playing and landing of the salmon.

On the majority of the rivers on Anticosti, progress upstream is made by way of a flat-bottomed boat, usually drawn by a horse. This relieves the sportsman of a lot of unnecessary wear and tear. On certain rivers, this means of transportation is not possible because of rapids or shallow water between pools. In such cases, there is a good portage and on a number of rivers, it is usual to walk upstream along the river bed.

Fly-Fishing for Salmon and Trout

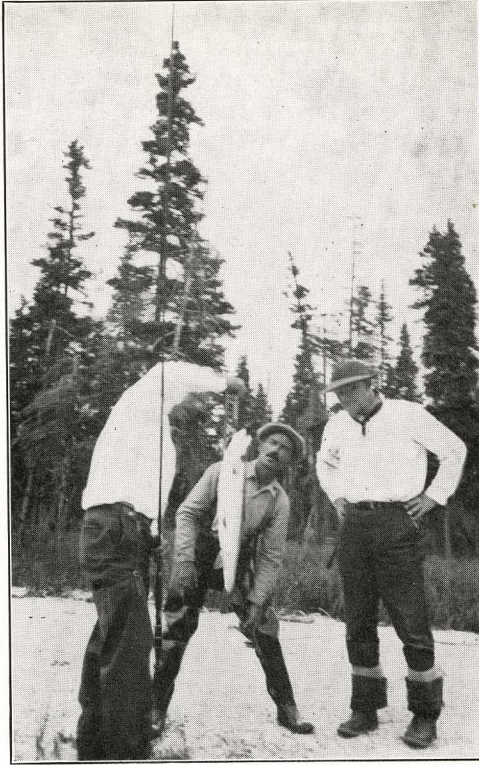
TRULY has this been described as the sport of kings, but with the release of the rights to fish the rivers on Anticosti Island, under the system inaugurated by Consolidated Paper Corporation Limited, which precludes the high expense of renting a stream for a term of years, with all its attendant bother of providing satisfactory guides, arranging for boats, horses, provisioning, camps, etc., this wonderful sport of fly-fishing for salmon comes within the means of all those who are interested. And for true sport, there is not a fish to compare with the lordly, fighting salmon. Ask anyone who has indulged in this sport—he will tell you very promptly and probably at some length, of the tremendous thrill one gets when, while casting over a pool, the salmon leaps at your fly, and when safely hooked, how he will rush up and down the stream, leap several feet out of the water, his beautiful, silvered body flashing brilliantly in the light, and of the tremendous battle which he will put up against your light rod and line, to free himself from this man-devised scheme to lure him from his haunts. Often does it take as long as forty-five minutes to subdue his fighting spirit, to such an extent that capable guides can either land him in a net or gaff him carefully, without injury to the delicate flesh.

The fighting qualities of Anticosti salmon are renowned, and tribute is continually paid on this score. The average weight of the salmon in the rivers varies slightly, depending upon the length of the rivers, size and depth of the pools, difficulties to be overcome by the salmon in ascending to the spawning grounds at the head waters of the rivers, and various other factors. In Anticosti rivers, they vary in weight from about six pounds to twenty-five pounds with occasionally even heavier ones. But, from the point of view of the true sportsman, the weight is not the main factor in the thrill of his sport and fun. *It is the fighting quality.* And in addition, no less an authority than Mr. Hewitt, author of the "Secrets of the Salmon", states that the charm of salmon fly-fishing lies in the fisherman knowing, and being master of, all the changing habits, moods and haunts of this King of Fish.

The trout fishing in these rivers is also worthy of consideration by the salmon fisherman. In practically all the salmon rivers, there is wonderful fishing for sea trout, and upstream the brook or brown trout (*sal. fontinalis*) is abundant, ranging up as high as two or three pounds. On some of the rivers, particularly at the headwaters, there are some very fine lakes which provide lake (grey) trout fishing, which, in the opinion of some of the visiting sportsmen who have tried their skill on these lakes, is difficult to surpass. As a relief from salmon fishing, or on a day when the conditions for salmon fishing are not just right, fly-fishing for trout will be found to be a very pleasant and entertaining diversion.



Jupiter River—Earl Grey Pool



A Guessing Competition

Salmon Rods and Flies

ON THE larger rivers, where the pools are wider and longer, the rod in general use is a twelve to fourteen foot, two-handed rod, weighing from twelve to fourteen ounces. On the smaller rivers, such equipment is not necessary, and an eight to ten ounce rod is quite satisfactory. The size and type of rod is peculiar to the individual sportsman—some have been known to obtain excellent results on as light as a six ounce rod, but this means harder work and more delicate and skilful handling. Generally speaking, a stout, well-balanced rod of ten to eleven ounces with quick recovery and good casting powers is eminently suited to the rivers on Anticosti.

Flies are naturally a matter of individual choice, depending on depth, colour and clearness of the water, atmosphere and other conditions. The following flies and sizes have proved most popular in the past, in order of their standing:—

Jock Scott	Blue Charm
Black Dose	Silver Grey
Dusty Miller	Durham Ranger
Silver Doctor	Black Fairy

The sizes most generally used are No. 4 (largest) down to No. 10 (smallest). Occasionally a large No. 2 fly is successfully used.

Dry flies are preferred by some sportsmen and excellent catches have resulted from their use. These are too numerous to list, but the following have been used successfully:—

Grey Dry Fly	Grey Mare	Grey Hackle
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Prawn fishing, a favourite method used in the Old Country for catching salmon, has not been used to any extent on Anticosti.

Most sportsmen prefer a single-hooked wet fly, but double-hooked flies are also used.

The Corporation provides landing nets and gaffs, and these are left at the rivers, in care of the resident game warden, who acts as chief guide.

Pavilions and Equipment

THE fishing pavilions which are situated at Becscie, Ste. Marie, La Loutre, Galiote, Chicotte, Chaloupe, Salmon, Potato, Vaureal and McDonald Rivers are located within a few yards of the beach, at the mouths of the rivers. Directly behind them are the houses of the resident game wardens, who live at the rivers all the year round with their families. These game wardens act as the chief guides for the salmon fishing parties, and are fully conversant with their rivers and surrounding territory, knowing the favorite haunts of the salmon. Their knowledge and aid to the visiting sportsmen are invaluable. The wife of the game warden usually acts as cook for the visiting parties, while they are staying at the pavilion. Careful instructions and recipes are given to the cook, with the best of food supplies, helped out by an occasional venison steak or stew.

Below will be found a plan of the pavilions at these ten rivers. In some, there is an open fireplace—in others, a stove.

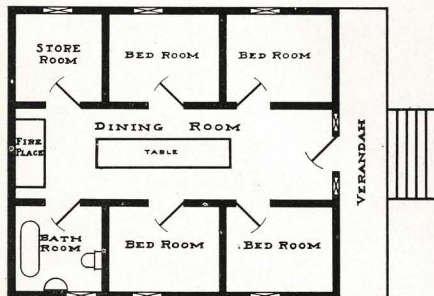
On Vaureal River, the plan of the camp is a little different, but with similar accommodation and location.

In all the pavilions mentioned above, there is a bathroom, complete with bath, wash basin and toilet, with running hot and cold water.

The equipment of the pavilion includes beds, complete with springs, mattresses, pillows, blankets and sheets. There is also a clothes dryer for damp socks, etc. and there are racks where the fishing rod and line can be placed, ready set up for the next day's fishing.

There are also camp chairs or rockers at the pavilions so that the tired sportsman can be assured of a peaceful evening's rest in camp, or on the verandah of the pavilion, with a view of the ocean and the river.

When the fisherman decides to go upstream and stay for a day or so, the game warden arranges for all necessary camp equipment, and takes care of the preparation of meals.



The Pavilion at Salmon River

Handling of Salmon

ON MOST salmon rivers, this matter has always presented considerable difficulty. Every care has been taken by the Corporation on Anticosti Island to make full provision for handling the salmon that are killed by the visitor. As the fish are caught, they are stored in the snow-house at the mouth of each of the rivers. There are two methods of disposing of these fish:—

(1) They can be packed in large wooden boxes, with snow and placed in the cold-storage room on the "S.S. *Fleurus*", especially provided for this purpose. The small charges made for the box and transportation are more than repaid by the wonderful condition of the fish on arrival at Quebec. At this point, the Purser of the "*Fleurus*" will arrange to consign the boxes to any point desired by the sportsman, and if necessary, have them re-iced at Quebec cold storage plant. This is usually unnecessary, and fish have been trans-shipped at Quebec to New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., arriving at their destination in fine condition.

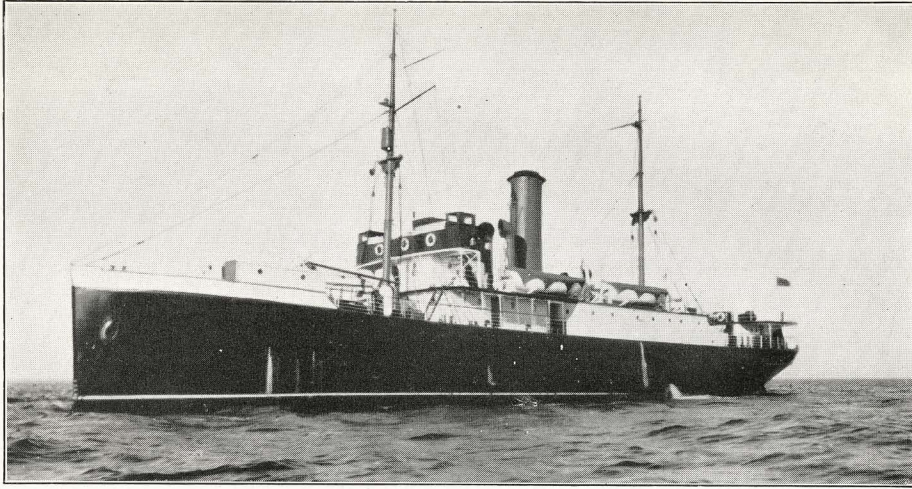
(2) On most of the rivers the game warden has been provided with a small canning outfit, and he also keeps a quantity of first class enamel-lined cans, which can be purchased by the sportsmen. The cooking and canning is done right at the Camp, under the direct supervision of the sportsman himself. This method has proved very attractive, but, of course, many people prefer the fresh fish.

Transportation to and around the Island

IT WAS very evident to the management that owing to the location of Anticosti Island, the item of paramount importance for the comfort and convenience of the visiting sportsmen was a direct means of comfortable transportation to the Island from the mainland. With this in mind, the services of the steamship "*Fleurus*", owned and operated by Anticosti Shipping Company, a subsidiary company of Consolidated Paper Corporation, have been delegated for this purpose.

This vessel is an oil-burner, built in 1926, and has a gross tonnage of 1122 tons. It has excellent accommodation for forty-one first-class passengers. This includes three single cabins and a suite, consisting of a single cabin, a second cabin for two, private bath and toilet, and a small dining saloon, which can be readily turned into a cabin for two extra passengers, if the party has need for the additional space. Careful attention is given to the preparation of the food, and a good selection of menus is provided.

The "S.S. *Fleurus*" makes her terminus at Quebec, during the fishing season, and usually departs from there in the mornings, going direct to Port Menier, headquarters on the Island, taking about thirty hours for the trip. After a short stay at Port Menier, the "*S.S. Fleurus*" proceeds around the Island, usually from south to north, disembarking the incoming visitors at each river, and taking on the outgoing sportsmen. A companion-ladder, at the side of the vessel, facilitates the disembarking into the small motor boat. This motor boat is in the hands of capable officers from the vessel, while in some cases the guardian at the river comes out to the steamer in his own motor-boat and helps with the passengers and baggage.



Steamship *Fleurus*

Transportation to and around the Island

(Continued)

This trip around the Island is really delightful, with refreshing and invigorating sea breezes and gives the visitor a wonderful opportunity of obtaining a comprehensive and interesting view of the different phases of the scenery around the Island. On the south coast, the general contour is a gently rolling country, well covered with timber, with bays and valleys indicating the outlets of the rivers, interspersed along the route. On the north coast, the topography is quite the opposite, and consists of a series of great capes, with the bays and mouths of the rivers intervening. These capes are formed of great, projecting, limestone cliffs, with the forests growing right to the edges of these sheer drops to the sea.

After stopping where necessary, the steamer proceeds back to Port Menier, and after a few hours here, giving the visitor an opportunity to see this unique Island village, the return direct to Quebec is made. The departure and arrivals of the vessel are timed as closely as possible to coincide with the schedules of the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National Railways, and the Canada Steamship Lines at Quebec.

The "S.S. *Fleurus*" makes one complete round trip each seven days, during the fishing season, the voyage from and return to Quebec, including the tour of the Island and about seven day's fishing, taking eleven and one-half days. This enables the visitor to arrange his fishing on a definite basis, for periods of about seven, fourteen, twenty-one days or longer. He can then know definitely before he starts, that his fishing trip will take about eleven, eighteen or twenty-five days from Quebec to Quebec. This unique combination of salmon fishing, complete transportation and service has been very greatly appreciated by all visitors. It will be seen from this arrangement that the location of the river has no bearing on the time available for fishing, as the steamer calls at each river at intervals of about one week, following the same route each time.

The complete schedule of sailing dates, fares and other information is available upon request.

Fishing Experiences - 1933

ALTHOUGH 1933 was a phenomenally hot and dry season, the diaries kept at each of the rivers are interesting, and bear tribute to the wonderful possibilities of Anticosti salmon rivers. On all the rivers fished last season, it is evident that salmon and trout are there in abundance.

The following extracts, from 1933 diaries, are given, only as an indication of the results obtained on various rivers last season:—

Four rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	77 Salmon
Three rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	58 Salmon
One rod, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	30 Salmon
Four rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	67 Salmon
Four rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	153 Salmon
Two rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	37 Salmon (One lady fishing)
Four rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	61 Salmon (Two ladies fishing)
Four rods, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	79 Salmon
One rod, fishing for seven days, killed	· · ·	24 Salmon

No "jigging" or other unethical method of fishing is permitted, as this undoubtedly upsets the other fish in the pool and is likely to spoil the fishing for the next party.

On the pages following will be found interesting pictures of the various rivers, showing certain pools, typical views of rivers looking upstream and downstream, and a brief description of each river. Such a description cannot pretend to do justice to the river, with its fine fishing conditions, scenic grandeur and wild life, and the way to judge that Anticosti Island is a paradise for the lover of fly-fishing is to spend a holiday there. Several of our clients have adopted the very interesting system of taking a different river each year, and we can say in all sincerity, that they are coming back regularly, usually for a longer period each season. We believe that this is the best commendation that can be given.

INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM 1933 DIARIES

"Have seen extraordinary number of par and fry, which promises well for next couple of seasons."

"Very fine action—never had a bigger thrill and harder work. What a day!"

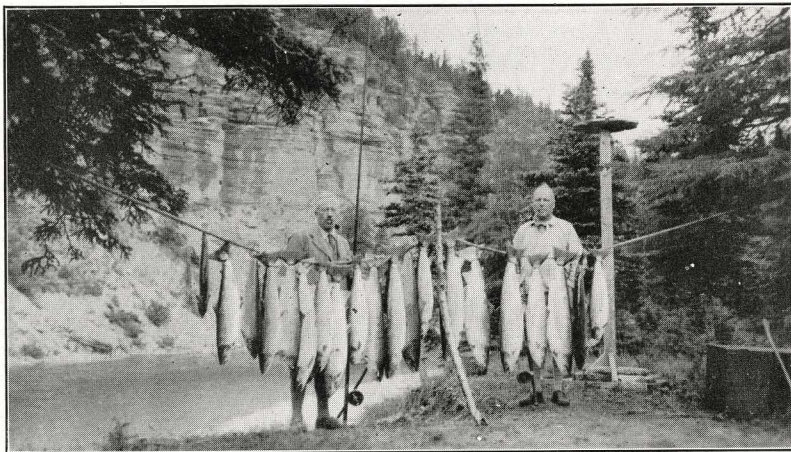
"A perfect week of excellent sport and happiness."

". . . I record this day's fishing as the finest I have ever had on any stream."

"Leaving today after a most enjoyable week of good fishing and a most pleasant vacation."

"Enjoyable visit—much interest and excellent meals and attention."

"No trouble from flies at any time."



A Morning's Catch for Two Rods



Willingdon Pool

Jupiter River

SITUATED about forty-three miles from Port Menier on the southern shore of Anticosti, Jupiter River is numbered among the finest salmon fishing rivers on the continent. It is about forty-five miles long, and there are numerous pools all the way up the river. Two of the outstanding pools are the "Willingdon" and

the "Earl Grey", appropriately named after two distinguished and enthusiastic visitors to Anticosti in the past.

As previously remarked, this river is under lease for part of each salmon-fishing season, until 1936. Sometimes, arrangements can be made, during the balance of the season, for a few sportsmen to fish this river.

Starting with the approaching season of 1934, this river when available, will be divided, so that two separate parties can fish at the same time. This division will not spoil the sport and neither party will have contact with the other, except on the way up or down stream. Each party will have a fine stretch of water—the lower part extending from the mouth to twenty miles, and the upper part from twenty miles to the headwaters at about forty-five miles. There are camps and snowhouses at six miles, twelve miles and thirty miles. This includes a new camp built in 1933 at six miles, located on a low cliff on the west branch of the river, commanding a very fine view of six mile pool and the lower river.

The party leasing the upper half will be taken up, on arrival, to twelve mile camp, staying there for the night. They will then proceed to thirty miles, where they will make their headquarters. Arrangements can be made for tents higher up stream, so that the headwaters can be fished comfortably.

The party leasing the lower half will be taken up, on arrival, to six mile camp, staying there for the first night, or longer, if desired, and then proceed up to twelve mile camp, where they will make their headquarters.

At the end of the fishing period, this routine will be reversed, the day before the "Fleurus" is expected at the mouth, so that both parties can make their way downstream to the mouth comfortably, in time to embark for the homeward journey.

If the whole stretch of the river is required for the exclusive use of one party, arrangements for this can sometimes be made.

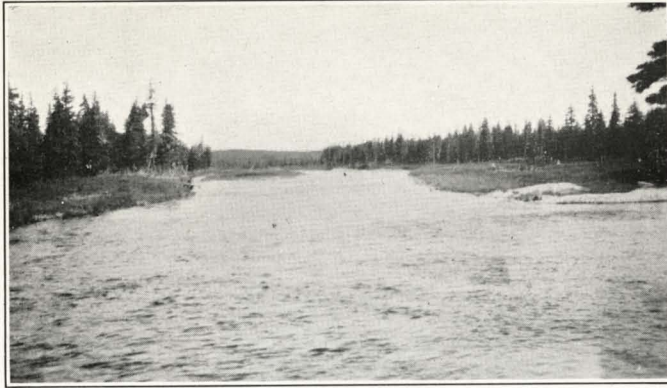
This river has always produced very fine fishing, right through the season to the end of August. One extract from a 1933 diary is outstanding: "Twenty-four salmon for one rod in one day's fishing, all carefully disengaged from the hook and returned unharmed to the river."

* Transportation upstream is made by way of large, flat-bottomed boats, or barges, drawn by horses, and there is a minimum of effort required on the part of the fisherman, while staying at this river.

There are snow-houses at the mouth, six miles, twelve miles and thirty miles on Jupiter River. This will ensure that the catch of salmon and trout will be well taken care of. There is also the equipment necessary for canning.



Willingdon Pool and Camp



Chaloupe River

Chaloupe River

THIS river empties into the the Gulf of St. Lawrence about ninety-five miles east from Port Menier, on the south shore of Anticosti Island. Just before entering the gulf, the river widens out into a fair-sized lake, and on the shore, overlooking this expanse of water on one side and the seashore on the other, is the usual comfortable pavilion.

This has proved to be a very interesting and popular river, always productive of good sport. A minimum of three rods has been allotted to this stream, and combined with the right to fish

Dauphiné River, five miles east from Chaloupe, a party of four rods can look forward to good fishing.

In addition to the pavilion at the mouth, a lean-to camp has been erected about four miles from the mouth. This camp is nicely situated and in full view is the best pool on the river, exceptionally large, deep and hollowed out from solid limestone. There are five well defined pools from the mouth to this camp, and five more excellent pools within three miles immediately above. From pools No. 2 to No. 4, during high water in the early part of the season, this part of the river forms one long, continuous pool,—salmon have been taken along this whole stretch of water.

Bird and wild life are plentiful in this area, particularly on the lake at the mouth, which is a feeding ground for migratory birds. Those interested in shooting with a camera will find plenty to interest them.

Dauphiné River

AS STATED above, this river is included with Chaloupe, for a party of four or five rods.

As the river lies only five miles east from Chaloupe, it is not usually necessary to remain there overnight, but should the sportsman desire to do so, tents and bedding will be supplied.

This river flows through a wide valley—at the mouth will be found a lake about half a mile long. This is a feeding ground for birds of all kinds and in the early fall excellent shooting is obtainable here. The upper part

of the river gradually widens out through higher country, covered with stands of virgin timber. There are five clear, large pools in the first three miles, with splendid fishing conditions. This is a two rod river.



Dauphiné River

McKane River

THIS is an ideal river on which to spend an out-of-doors, sporting holiday. There are several fine sites on which to pitch tents and, with the services of a capable guide-cook, a very enjoyable time is assured.

The river runs in a remarkably true, straight course, with a bed of clean limestone gravel. Walking upstream is comfortable, and one will encounter wild and bird life in abundance. Only the first two and one half miles have been surveyed, and eight pools were found in this stretch. It is



McKane River

likely that the upper reaches will well reward further exploration. A minimum of two rods can find good sport here.

Becscie River



An Eighteen Pounder

THIS river has become firmly established as one productive of good sport. Every party visiting this stream during the past three seasons has had excellent fishing. That it is likely to remain so seems certain, judging from the reports of the large number of par and fry observed here recently.

The river lies only eighteen miles from Port Menier, on the south shore. It is wide and of good depth. About six miles from the sea there is a dam, and while no fishing has been done above this spot, it is probable that there are some excellent pools only awaiting exploration. Between the mouth and the dam there are ten well-defined pools, all of good size, which will provide excellent sport. There is a particularly fine pool at the mouth, which has always given splendid results and sea trout can be taken in abundance here.

There is the regular comfortable pavilion, consisting of four bedrooms, dining room and bath and toilet, with running hot and cold water, situated in a very pleasant location at the mouth.

Reference to the diaries of 1932 and 1933 shows that Becscie yields its fair catch each season. For example: two rods fishing for six days took eighty-one salmon; four rods in seven days took seventy-seven fish. A visit to this stream will ensure that the holiday will be well and pleasantly spent.

A party of at least three rods will find excellent fishing on this river and on many occasions there has been ample sport to satisfy four and even five rods.



Galiote River, Fishing Camp on Seashore



Chaloupe River, Typical View

Salmon River



A Typical View on Salmon River

THIS river has been very appropriately named, and has deservedly earned the reputation of being one of the most popular on Anticosti Island not alone for its length and size, but for its individual charm, both from a sporting and scenic point of view.

It is surpassed in size only by Jupiter, is located on the north shore of the Island and contains num-

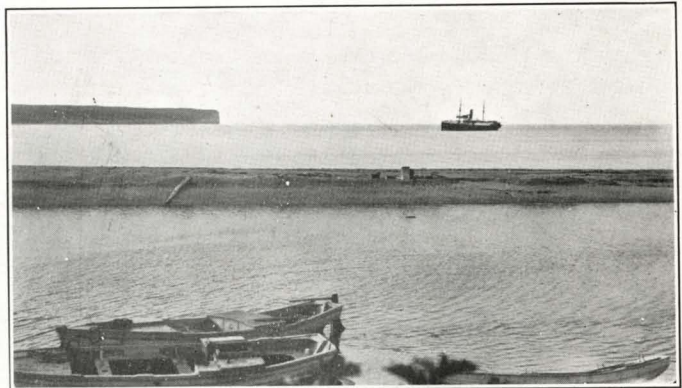
erous pools, commencing right at the mouth with a very fine sea-pool, in which there is usually an abundance of sea trout.

The approach to this river from the gulf, into a beautiful, well-protected bay, immediately gives an impression of restfulness. At the mouth it runs parallel with the sea, a long wide sand-bar of good proportion forming an excellent harbour for the small river-boats. The pavilion is situated on a raised bluff, and one gets a wonderful view of the bay and gulf from this position.

In addition to this regular pavilion, there is a lean-to camp about eleven miles upstream, or about one mile below the falls. It is definitely known that salmon go above these falls, and with this lean-to camp as headquarters for a day or two, the visiting sportsman can enjoy to the full the fishing and scenery up to the headwaters of the river. Few people have explored this river to its source, and those who decide to do so will be well rewarded.

As a general rule, there is a fine pebble beach handy at each pool, and this certainly facilitates casting, and the playing and landing of the salmon. It has been estimated that there are over thirty pools frequented by the salmon.

It is an established fact that the salmon enter this river literally in thousands, and given normal water and weather, a party of at least four rods is assured of excellent sport under exceedingly pleasant conditions. The visitor spending a holiday here will recall its restfulness for many a long day after returning to the more arduous and exacting life of the city.

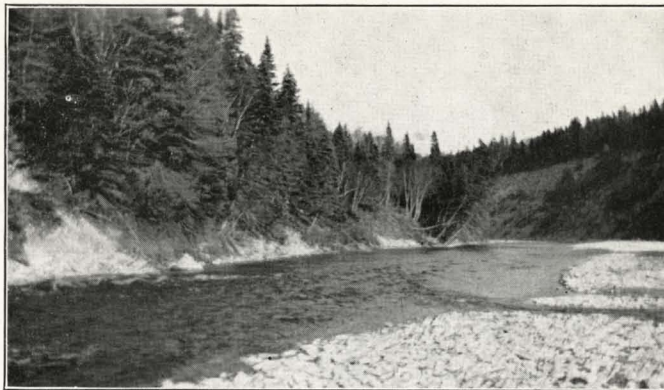


Salmon River, Gravel Bar Separating it from the Sea, S.S. Fleurus in Bay

Potato River

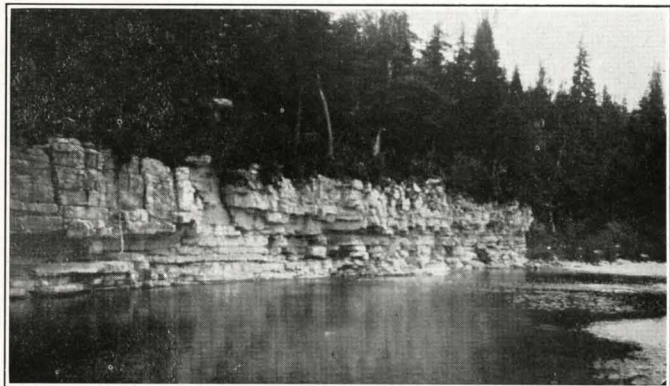
A MILE or so east of Carleton Point Lighthouse, Potato River empties into a very pleasant bay, on the north shore of Anticosti. The pavilion lies at the foot of a wooded slope, and the contrast of the clean, white beach with the green forest is very pleasing on a bright day.

About three miles from the mouth, the river branches into an east and a west fork. There are eight fine, clean pools in this three miles. About six miles from the mouth, where the portage strikes the west branch of the river, a double lean-to camp has been erected, and there is a fine pool direct in front of the camp. There are six other pools on this west branch, with easy access from the lean-to camp, and there are also some nice pools on the eastern fork of the river. Three fishermen will find excellent sport on this very interesting river.



An Interesting Pool on Potato River

Galiote River



Galiote River, Pool No. 1

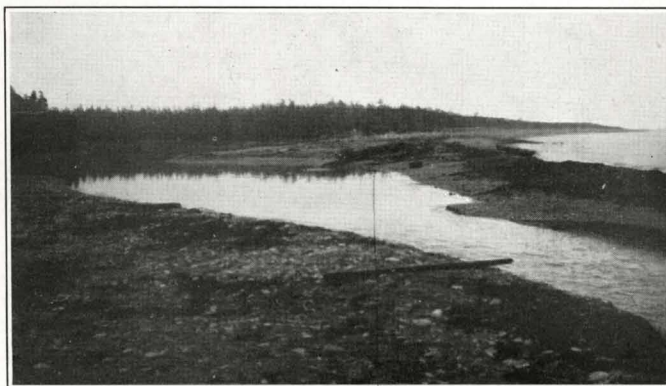
and the wild animal life will provide the visitors with many an interesting moment, and memories which will last long into the winter months.

GALIOTE RIVER enters the sea from the south shore of the Island, about sixty-five miles from Port Menier. The pavilion is in a very pleasant situation, giving an attractive view of the river and the sea.

As will be seen from the picture reproduced on the left, Pool No. 1, which lies less than a quarter of a mile from the mouth is very beautiful, and has excellent fishing conditions, with a fine, gravel beach bordering the pool. This pool is always productive of excellent sport. Above this, there are other fine clean pools, with good fishing conditions. Two rods will find good sport on this river,

Chicotte River

CHICOTTE River is located about ten miles east of Galiote River, on the south coast of Anticosti. Right at the mouth lies one of the regular fishing pavilions, with four bedrooms, dining-room with fireplace and bathroom, complete with hot and cold running water. The first pool is located right in front of the pavilion. This is a fine large, deep pool with fishing conditions excellent, and salmon plentiful. About half a mile from the mouth, the river enters a narrow gorge, about a quarter of a mile long, turning the waters into a tortuous rapid. A second pool is located here, and is of particular beauty, being hollowed out of solid limestone, long and deep. There are three other pools located within easy distance, and the walking in the valley of this river is excellent. Two rods can find enjoyable fishing on this river.



Chicotte River, Pool No. 1 at Outlet



McDonald River, Pool No. 1

McDonald River

ABOUT three miles west of Carleton Point Lighthouse on the north shore of the Island, McDonald River enters the sea. The regular pavilion, complete with bathroom and toilet, lies in a particularly pleasing position, and from the verandah one can enjoy a fine view of the sea and the river, skirted by well wooded hills.

The river winds itself in a series of short rapids and where these rapids gradually straighten out into deeper water, will be found pools. Up to a fork in the river, five miles from the mouth there are five interesting pools.

On a very pretty, low bluff, at these forks, will be found a comfortable, double lean-to camp and from this point, within one mile and a half, comfortable walking, there are four more fine pools, along the west branch of the river.

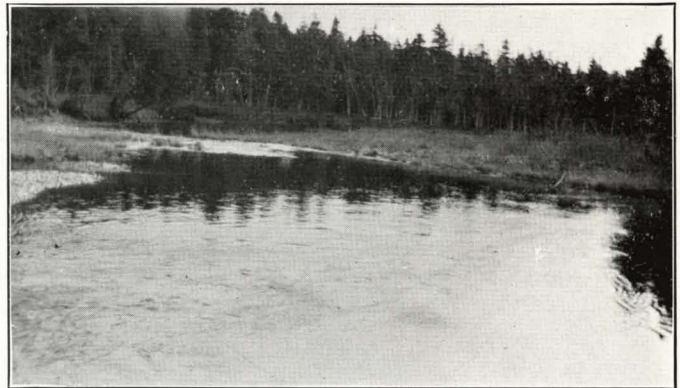
There is also a fine sea-pool, which will provide good fishing when the salmon are running. Two sportsmen will find excellent fishing on this river, and the animal life will also be found extremely interesting.

Bell River

ABOUT one hundred and fifteen miles east from Port Menier, along the south shore, will be found Bell River, a very interesting river, admirably situated with particular appeal to those who favour a good sporting holiday under canvas.

For the first quarter of a mile the river runs parallel with the sea, being separated therefrom only by a sandbank. This forms a fine natural harbour for a motorboat, at high tide.

The river spreads into numerous branches until, at about half a mile from the sea, these converge again into one channel. Within the next two miles will be found six excellent salmon pools, in addition to fine trout fishing. A very interesting and sporting holiday can be spent here. Tents, bedding and camp equipment will be provided, and under the supervision of a guide cook, one can commune with nature under fine conditions.



A Pool on Bell River

Otter River

JUST ten miles farther east from Bell River, will be found Otter River, on towards the eastern tip of the Island, but well protected by Goose Point, famous for its lobster fishing.

This is similar to Bell River, which is available to those desiring a true out-of-doors holiday under canvas, combined with good salmon and trout fishing. About two miles from the mouth, there is a fork in the river and up to this point there are three fine salmon pools.

The scenery is very interesting and several opportunities offer themselves to observe the wild life, which is abundant here. Walking up the river valley is good. Pools No. 2 and 3 provide very nice fishing conditions, and it is quite probable that above these pools will be found other interesting pools. This river remains practically unexplored, and the visitor will fully enjoy the return to nature.



Otter River, Pool No. 2

La Loutre River



An Up-River Pool on La Loutre

the end of the lagoon which is formed by the river at its mouth, as it enters the sea. This lodge is comfortably arranged with four bed-rooms, dining-room with fireplace, and bathroom, complete with hot and cold running water.

Within a stone's throw from the camp will be found the first pool, which is regularly productive of good fishing, both for salmon and sea trout, indicative of what one may expect from the numerous pools upstream. In the first five miles of this beautiful river there are twelve well-defined pools—in fact, this stretch of water is really a series of interesting pools. From this point, there is a stretch of about three miles which is not frequented by the salmon. They pass on up through this part of the river, until they reach a pool called the Wilson Pool, where there is a double lean-to camp, in perfect surroundings. From this camp, one can look down into this pool, as will be seen from the picture above, and see the silvered bodies, in column formation, like a company of soldiers, weaving, resting, before making a further dash upstream to the headwaters.

A comfortable and easy portage leads directly from this camp to the last pool, which is probably the largest, and certainly one of the finest, on the river. There are paths leading from this main portage to other pools, and within one hour's easy walking from the lean-to, there are seven beautiful, deep pools, all of good size. There is, of course, good trout fishing all the way upstream.

Numerous tributes have been paid to this river by visitors of past years, and many enthusiastic descriptions of this beautiful spot have been recorded. A sojourn of two or three weeks among such ideal surroundings, besides providing a true sporting and restful holiday, will leave one with some real, tangible memories for years to come.

Four people will find full occupation for their rods on this delightful river.



Transportation on La Loutre River

ABOUT twenty-eight miles from Port Menier on the south shore will be found La Loutre River; which has always provided good fishing.

This river has a charm all its own, and has never failed to produce its full quota of sport in all the seasons it has been fished. The fishing lodge is in a very charming situation at

Ste. Marie River



Ste. Marie Camp

FOR THE sportsman who likes to alternate salmon fishing with brook and lake trout fishing "de luxe", Ste. Marie will offer a most unusual opportunity. For not only are the salmon as abundant in this river as in the other rivers of Anticosti, but also speckled beauties up to two pounds will be found here, and in the lake at the headwaters of Ste. Marie River, one can ex-

perience fishing for lake trout up to three pounds, which is considered very good sport.

The usual comfortable fishing lodge is situated on the seashore in a fine bay—a photograph of this lodge is shown above. The first pool is right at the mouth of the river, just a short distance from the lodge, and from this point there is a portage of about one and a half miles before striking the river again.

From here, a boat will take the sportsman up to Lake Ste. Marie which is about eight miles from the mouth. Between the mouth and this lake there are at least fifteen salmon pools, which offer salmon fishing probably unsurpassed by any river of this size.

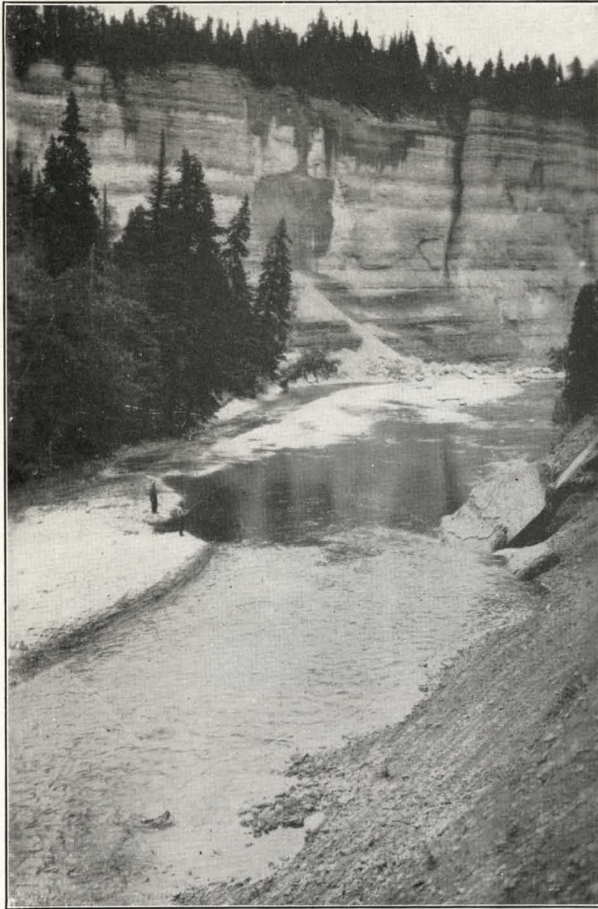
So that the visitor need not experience any difficulties in reaching the upper pools and the lake, should he desire to try his hand at fishing for lake trout, a double lean-to camp has been erected in a nice location on the east side of the river, about five miles from the mouth. With this beautiful spot as headquarters for a few days, full advantage can be taken of the never-ending interest to be found in the upper part of the river. This river is suitable for three or four rods.

Each year's diary of this river pays tribute to the wonderful fishing and splendid conditions, and the visitor really cannot help but retain the most pleasant recollections of a holiday spent here.



Ste. Marie River—A Typical Pool

Vaureal River



Vaureal River—Pool No. 10

VAUREAL RIVER, located on the north shore of Anticosti Island, differs in many respects from the other rivers on the Island. It is a comparatively short, but rapid stream, having its origin in some of the larger lakes situated near the "height of land".

About seven miles from the mouth, this river plunges abruptly over towering limestone cliffs nearly 200 feet high. An interesting picture of Vaureal Falls is shown on page nine of this booklet. Right below these falls, will be found a very fine, deep salmon pool, probably one of the best on this very interesting river. In these seven miles, from the mouth to the Falls, there are at least ten well-defined pools, most of which are hollowed out of the solid limestone rock, with good beaches to facilitate casting and playing the fish.

There is a comfortable log-lodge situated at the mouth, and various improvements have been carried out on this river during the fall of 1933, making access to

the upper reaches and falls easier and more comfortable. There is now a good portage commencing at the mouth, going right through to the falls, with short branches leading to the various pools, as one moves upstream. In addition, a comfortable double lean-to camp has been constructed about one mile below the falls, this giving the sportsman every opportunity to fish some of the finest and most interesting pools on this river. This camp is in a very fine location, on a plateau some fifty feet above the water, erected under a large pine tree.

The walk up the portage is through delightful scenery and gives one a slight idea of the beautiful scenic effect to be seen higher up, created by the series of high limestone cliffs forming the banks of the upper part of the stream, culminating in the really imposing spectacle of Vaureal Falls—certainly the finest scenery on the whole Island.

The improvements outlined above make this one of the most interesting rivers on the Island. Three fishermen will find excellent sport here and the lodge can accommodate four visitors comfortably.

Port Menier

THIS village, situated in Ellis Bay on the south-western corner of Anticosti, is Island Headquarters. Here the Corporation maintains a general store, which is replete with practically everything which the fisherman may conceivably require. This includes flies and leaders—always new stock—specially tied and made for us by one of the leading flymakers in Canada—also beers, wines and liquors of several leading brands. Soda waters and soft drinks are also available at regular prices at this store, and the visitor usually has an hour to spare at Port Menier before leaving for the river, when all such purchases can be made.



The Villa at Port Menier

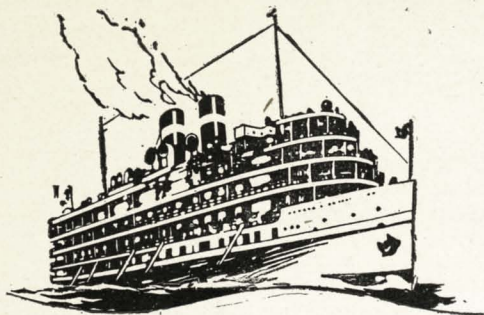
An item of importance to a number of visitors is the maintenance of a wireless station at Port Menier, by the Dominion Government in conjunction with the Marconi Company, which gives prompt communication between Port Menier and the mainland. To tie in with this, and to give some means of communication with the various rivers, the Corporation maintains a telephone system, having headquarters in Port Menier, and linking up the following rivers: Becscie, Ste. Marie, La Loutre, Jupiter, Galiote, Chicotte and Chaloupe. There is also a wireless telephone at Salmon River which gives daily contact with Port Menier, during the fishing season.

In Port Menier, the Corporation maintains a boarding-house where board and meals are available at reasonable charges.

There is excellent accommodation in the harbour at Ellis Bay for yachts up to an extreme draught of seventeen feet at low water, with lying berths at the inside wharf up to twenty feet. Fresh water can always be obtained for boats calling at Port Menier, and coal, fuel oil and gasoline can usually be purchased there.

Several visitors have used flying-boats as a means of transportation to and from the Island, and there is an excellent landing base at Lake Plantin, which is directly north of Port Menier, about six miles distant. Communication with Port Menier is made by means of an automobile road. The Corporation maintains a flying boat for protective uses only, but in cases of emergency, arrangements can sometimes be made for visitors to make use of this means of communication, at an equitable charge, at their own risk.

There is a doctor and first aid office available at Port Menier, should the necessity arise.



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Hunting

COMMENCING with September 1st, each year, the Corporation makes available some very fine hunting on Anticosti Island. Arrangements can be made to make one's headquarters at the Chalet in Port Menier, from where short journeys of four and five miles by road give access to two very good duck lakes. There is also some excellent goose hunting available near the cleared lands around Port Menier.

As alternatives to this, there is a fine duck lake about four miles east of La Loutre River, another about one and a half miles north from Ste. Marie River, still another about five miles north from Port Menier, along the railroad.

There is also some excellent shore-bird shooting, consisting of jack snipe, plover and numerous other species. And, of course, during the open season one can always arrange to go out and kill a deer, or shoot a seal.

The most accessible hunting available for the visitor is from Port Menier and, to conserve this for the sportsman, Ellis Bay is considered as a preserve, and none of the residents is allowed to hunt in this area.

Arrangements should be made well in advance, and prices, with full details of the transportation and accommodation, will be gladly furnished on receipt of inquiries from those interested. Only a limited number of hunting rights will be granted.

Licenses Required

THE LAWS of the Province of Quebec require that all fishermen who are not residents of the Province obtain a license for salmon fishing and hunting. The following are the open seasons for fish and game:—

Salmon Fly-fishing—May 1st to August 31st.

Speckled Trout (*sal. fontinalis*)—May 1st to September 30th. (Sale of trout forbidden.)

Lake Trout (Grey)—December 2nd to October 14th.

Deer—September 1st to November 30th.

Partridge, Goose, Wild Duck—September 1st to December 15th.

SALMON LICENSES

In 1933 the Government of the Province of Quebec generously granted a license, specially applicable to non-residents of the Province visiting Anticosti Island only. This fee was \$10.00 for each non-resident, and was good for 10 days salmon fishing, with a charge of \$1.00 for each additional day.

The rate for 1934 has not yet been promulgated.

This license for Salmon Fishing in other parts of the Province is \$25.00.

It is advisable to obtain these licenses from the Head Office of the Corporation before going to Anticosti. Full particulars as to these licenses and any other information about Anticosti will be gladly furnished. Address all inquiries to Box 2790.

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Clothing and Equipment Suggestions

VISITORS often ask for a list of clothing and equipment required, and we are glad to offer some suggestions:—

CLOTHING

Remember that it is always easier to travel with a minimum of baggage—this is particularly true of a fishing trip. All baggage should be carefully ticketed. We shall be glad to supply labels showing the river for which you are bound. This will preclude the possibility of your baggage not being put off when you disembark at the river.

Hip-length rubber boots are invariably used, as the majority of the fishing is done from shore and beach, involving, at times, walking in the stream up to the knees. A very comfortable boot is one that fits over the ordinary walking or hunting boot. This ensures comfortable walking.

Felt insoles for rubber boots are useful and, of course, plenty of good thick, sturdy socks.

Medium and light weights in underclothing are usually considered necessary—the former will be useful for early morning fishing and if the weather turns chilly. This can sometimes be overcome by taking two different weights in overshirts—a light and a heavy, with a windproof hunter's jacket.

A slicker or rainproof is necessary—one of waist length is very handy and easy to carry.

A warm coat will be found useful for the boat trip, if one wishes to take advantage of the sea breezes.

Sleeping bags are not essential, as blankets, etc., are provided both at the pavilion and the lean-to camps. Of course, they will always be useful to those who intend to spend a night or two under canvas.

EQUIPMENT

Salmon Rods and Flies are dealt with on page 10. It is wise to bring a good trout rod along, so that one can take full advantage of the fine trout fishing found on most of the rivers. The Corporation supplies landing nets or gaffs at the rivers.

Leaders are a very important item—see that these are in good condition and not old and brittle. Many a fine battle is lost by the fisherman through the leader breaking at a crucial moment, besides leaving a hook firmly imbedded in the mouth of the fish. Finely-tapered leaders are generally only used with dry flies.

A flash-light and a large pocket or hunting knife, while not essential, will be found useful.

Flies and leaders are carried in stock at the Corporation Store at Port Menier and are available for purchase at reasonable prices.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE

We are frequently asked to recommend a treatise or compendium giving general information of value to the fly-fisherman. These, of course, are very numerous, but we are pleased to give below a list of books we have found of interest and value:—

“Salmon Fishing” by Eric Taverner—one of the “Lonsdale Library”, published by Seeley-Service & Co., of London, England.

“Secrets of the Salmon” by E. R. Hewitt—published by Scribner's of New York.

“Handbook of Flyfishing” by E. R. Hewitt—published by Markham's Press, New York.

“Art of Flyfishing” by Col. Keith Rollo—an English publication.

“Angling Theories and Methods” by “C. Trout” (Major R. A. Chrystal)—an English publication.

“Just Fishing” by Ray Bergman—published by Penn Publishing Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.

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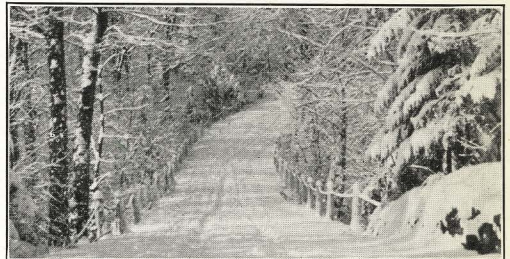
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