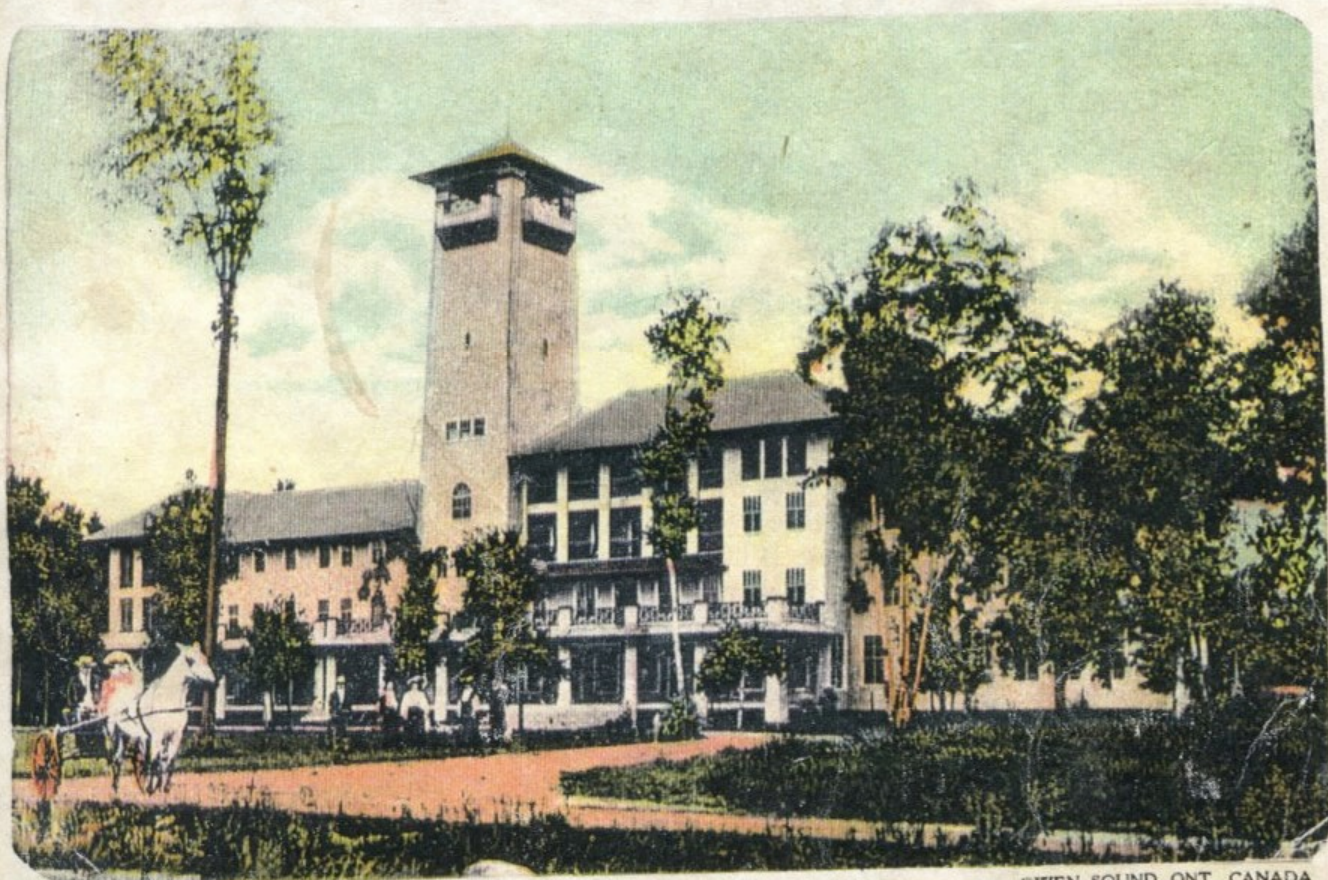


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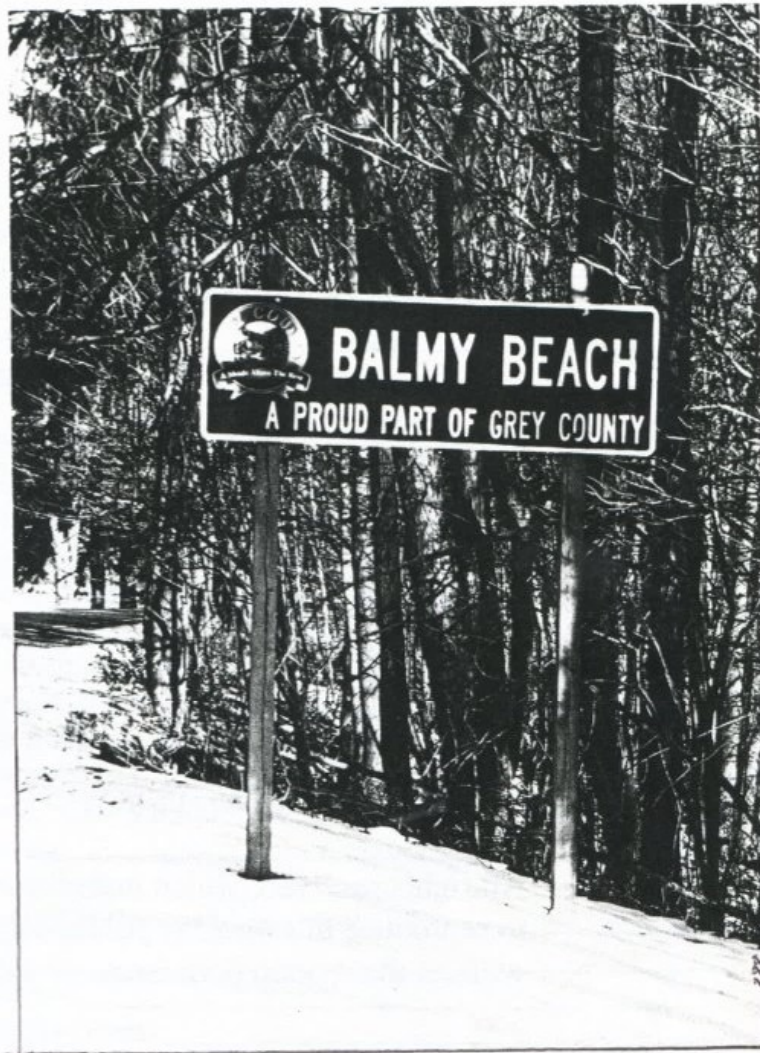


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foreword by: Andrew Armitage



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1898 - 1998

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FOREWORD

by: Andrew Armitage, Chief
Librarian of the Owen
Sound Public Library

In the spring of 1966, after experiencing my first Canadian winter, I drove north from Toronto looking for a hint of green. Quite my accident, northwest of Owen Sound, I turned right onto the Balmy Beach road. A month later I rented an old frame cottage that still stands next door to the McKay cottage.

Every weekend for the next four years I drove north to nirvana, reluctantly returning to Toronto each Monday. It didn't take long to discover friendly neighbours who told me tales of the King's Royal Hotel, the old dance pavilion, the "Indian Princess," and the King of Concrete.

I led city visitors up the trail to Indian Falls, climbed the old stone foundation of the dance hall, snorkled over the remains of the long dock at McLauchlan Park, and each evening, strolled down that welcoming lane to The Martins of Sarawak. And I learned to pronounce Balmy like the local that I wished to become.

Balmy Beach was my doorway to Owen Sound, Grey County and the Bruce Peninsula. In 1971 I stepped through it and became a permanent resident. Now, twenty-six years later Gayle McLauchlan has written a centennial history of the cottage community that grew up. I am delighted she did. You will be too.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My thanks to my McLauchlan family for adopting me into such an interesting family. Never once did I ever feel I did not totally belong. Thanks for preserving all the documents so carefully wrapped in brown paper so that I was able to do this book. My father, Scott, always said that "If you throw something out, that is always when you need it." But in later years, he added: "If you keep it all, you probably can't find it anyway."

Thanks to Andrew Armitage and the Public Library; the Museum and the Marine and Rail Museum; The Sun Times; Melba Croft and her books and R.M. McLeod (Sarawak Saga, 1973). Thanks to Mary Ann Hogbin of the Ginger Press Bookstore for her self-publishing course and to the other participants in the course who were most supportive and helpful.

Thanks to my cousin, Marg (Dunbar) Garvey for her help with typing, re-typing, changes etc., on her computer; thanks to Fay and Tony Martin for all their time and use of their photo copy machine. Thanks to Ruth Hawkins for supplying the picture on the cover. (I liked it with the white horse). Loads of thanks to all those who supplied photos, interviews and their time to talk to me.

Special thanks to those interested enough in the past history of Balmy Beach to purchase the book and keep the memories alive.

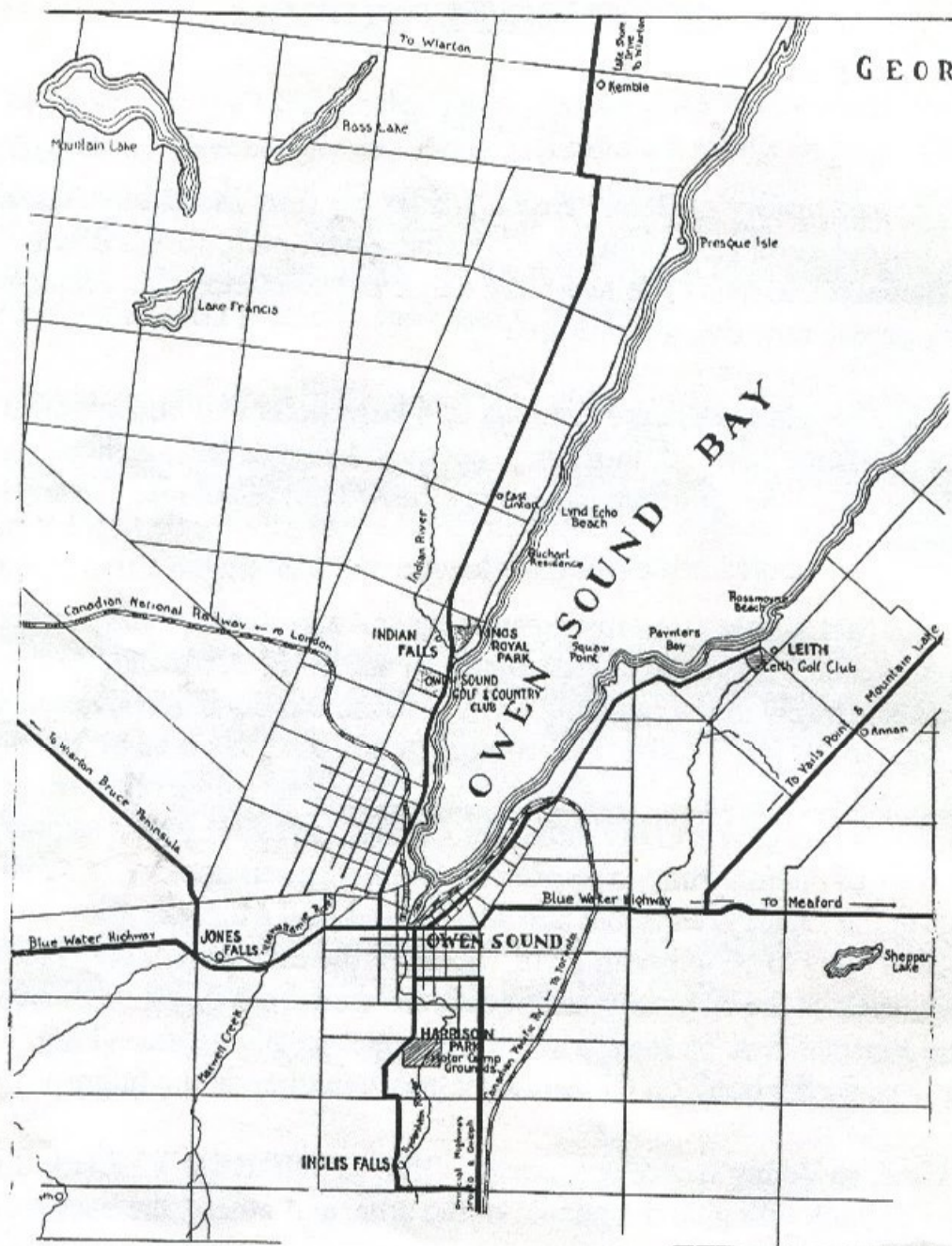
PREFACE

The past history of Balmy Beach is a far cry from the Balmy Beach of today. The colourful past, with the large amusement park, King's Royal Hotel, Butchart Gardens (The Martins), dance pavilion, etc., is not realized by many people now living in the area.

Some people have heard rumours of a large hotel that burned; most know of the dance pavilion; most have not even heard of McLauchlan Park. Many have asked me questions when they know I am related to "those McLauchlans".

John McLauchlan was my great-uncle and a brother of my grandfather, J.K. McLauchlan. John began McLauchlan Park in 1899. As the McLauchlans rarely threw anything away, I found old documents, deeds, etc. dating back to the late 1800's. Not wanting to keep all this around for another century and not wanting to just throw it out, I decided to do a book about the McLauchlans and give it to my father for Christmas (1991). Thus we would have a copy of the information to pass on to other generations. After doing research at the Library, Museum and Marine and Rail Museum, they requested a copy to be left with them. Some of the things were given to the Museum, such as the original guest book from the King's Royal. The Marine and Rail Museum has, on loan, a set of the engraved silverware. (I am hoping to re-do the book on the McLauchlans sometime in the future.)

Now, as Balmy Beach approaches **ONE HUNDRED YEARS**, I am hoping this book will give the people of the area, and others, the background of the "Beach".



This map of Owen Sound and vicinity gives a general idea of the location of points of interest in the immediate area. The attractions on the West Shore of the Bay include King's Royal Park, Indian Falls and the summer home of D.M. Butchart (the Martins). For several miles along this shore are dozens of fine summer homes.

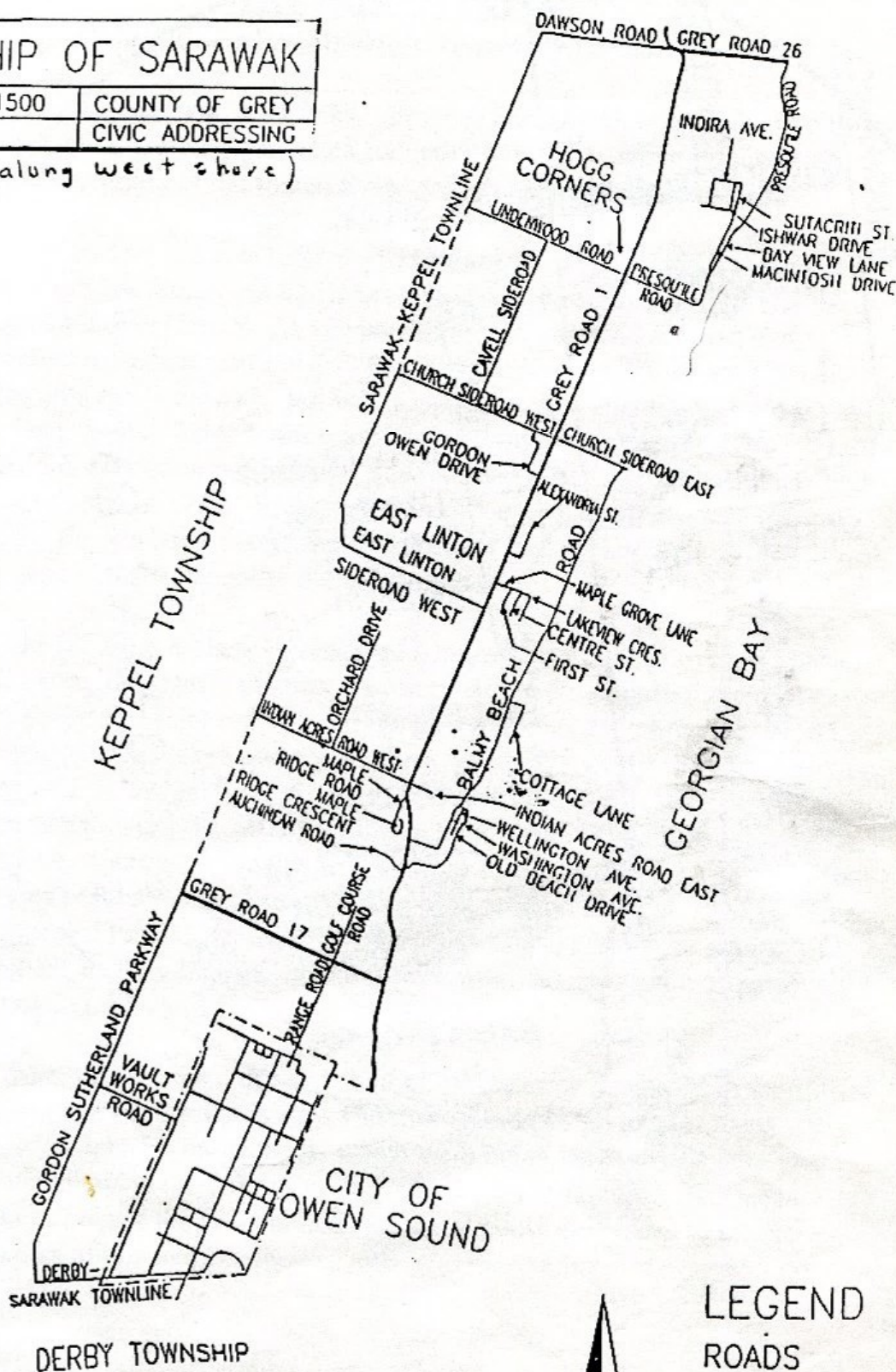
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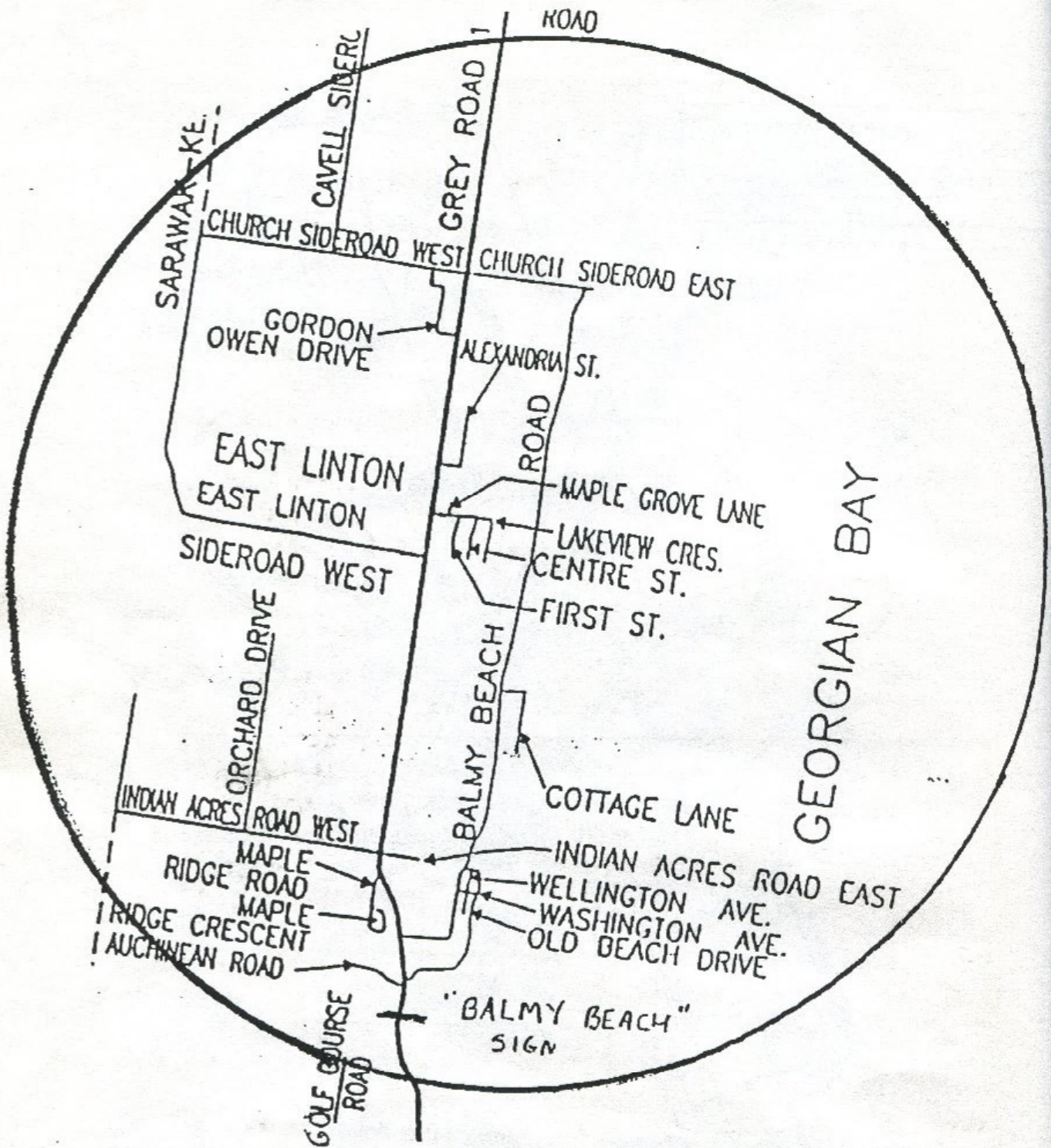
(Section along west shore)



LEGEND

ROADS

- SEASONAL (NO WINTER MAINTENANCE)
- TOWNSHIP/PRIVATE
- COUNTY
- PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS



THE INDIAN PRINCESS

(NAHNEEBAHWEEQUAY - meaning "upright woman")

In my talks with area folks, I met Ruth and Ed Hawkins who live by the bridge at Balmy Beach. Ruth reminded me of the Indian Princess who lived at the mouth of the Indian River and was buried near Presqu'ile.

Of course, she was referring to Catherine Sutton. Catherine was born in 1823 and her father was Chief Soneegoh of the Mississauga tribe of the Chippewa Indian Nation. At 12 years old she became a Christian and adopted to the white man's ways. Her English name was Catherine Senegal. At this time she lived with, and was adopted by, her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones. Peter Jones was the first native missionary and he paid for Catherine's education in England. She returned at the age of 15 and married William Sutton in 1839. William Sutton was a popular figure with the Indians. He preached first to the Credit River Indians and then to the Newash band where he also taught in the village school.

In 1827 the Indians surrendered a large tract of land, covering Huron, Perth, Bruce and Grey Counties. In return they were promised the entire Bruce Peninsula which was named the Indian Peninsula. However, in 1855 this peninsula was taken away from them by another treaty. The Indians were shoved onto an insignificant small reserve such as the Newash Reserve, now known as Sarawak. This too was surrendered to the Government in 1857 and was sold by auction. Then the Indians were forced to move to Cape Croker. They approached the Governor General who refused to speak to them. They then appealed to the Legislative Assembly of Canada and were told the instructions under which the Indian offices worked supposedly came directly from London, England.

Mrs. Sutton, speaking on behalf of the Indians, canvassed in the United States and Canada for funds for a trip to England (1858) to see Queen Victoria, to fight for Indian lands which were being taken over by the white man - not allowing the Indians to buy it back. Unfortunately, the Queen was not able to help as the government would not allow the Queen to interfere with Indian affairs in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton were to figure largely in the Indian movement. They made many trips to visit with Indian groups and Wesleyan ministers. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton had six children in all. (Alsop Albert Edward was born in England while Catherine was there to see the Queen - and named him after the Prince of Wales.)

Catherine Sutton was a fervent Christian and was described as "a woman of unusual integrity, who seem to possess an inner peace and pride."

Both Catherine and William Sutton are buried in the Sutton Cemetery at Presqu'ile.

THE INDIAN PRINCESS

NAH-NEE-BAH-WEE-QUAY



(from the Toronto Star - Aug. 27, 1997)

McLAUCHLAN PARK

July 1, 1899 McLauchlan Park at Balmy Beach was opened. Just north of the Indian Riven, in Sarawak Township, is Balmy Beach, on the west shore of the Owen Sound Bay (**NAH-SHO-TIG-WAYOG-WEEQUAID** - meaning "Bay of Two Rivers.") At first the beach was a Newash Indian Reserve, then part of the Arthur Robertson farm. Then came a thriving amusement park known as McLauchlan Park, followed by the King's Royal Hotel. (1901-1916)

In 1898 John H. (Jack) McLauchlan, 28 years old, purchased seventy acres of land at Balmy Beach and had it surveyed and laid out as a general park and an athletic park as well. The dream of the Park had been his father's, James McLauchlan. Then James left on his annual vacation, leaving John in charge. Before leaving James purchased Boyd's Wharf located in the 1800 block of 3rd Avenue East (between National Table Factory and McQuay Tannery) and chartered the "Lillie" so guests going to McLauchlan Park would have a comfortable excursion. John hired men and horses to build roads and level the ground, transforming what was a piece of rough scrub bush, with stones and swail, into an attractive space and summer colony. The land had been fully drained. John worked as hard as anyone else besides planning the whole thing out. The north part of the land was laid out as building lots. The Park had a large pavilion and bandstand. The Park was first lit by acetylene lights and had an eight foot board fence around the entire area. There was a grandstand that seated 750. McLauchlan Park was formally opened on July 1, 1899 by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Also included in the Park were sporting fields, three fish ponds: one for bass, one for speckled trout and one for live alligators, a merry-go-round, croquet, fishing, swimming, park benches and refreshments. There were also bears in a large cage. Dr. Lang donated young deer and a moose; others gave elk, caribou and live seals. (Dr. Lang was a medical doctor who lived on a farm north of Bothwell's Corners. He had graduated from both London and Edinburgh Universities and spoke 7 languages.)

At least 10,000 came to the grand opening. They came by boat, row-boat, bicycle, horse, coach and even on foot. The Grand Trunk Railway brought 1,200 from Palmerston, Stratford and Woodstock. The "Majestic"

MONSTER DEMONSTRATION OWEN SOUND SATURDAY, JULY 1ST, 1899

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MCLAUCHLAN PARK AND BALMY BEACH SUMMER RESORT

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PREMIER OF CANADA

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J. P. WHITNEY, M.P.P.

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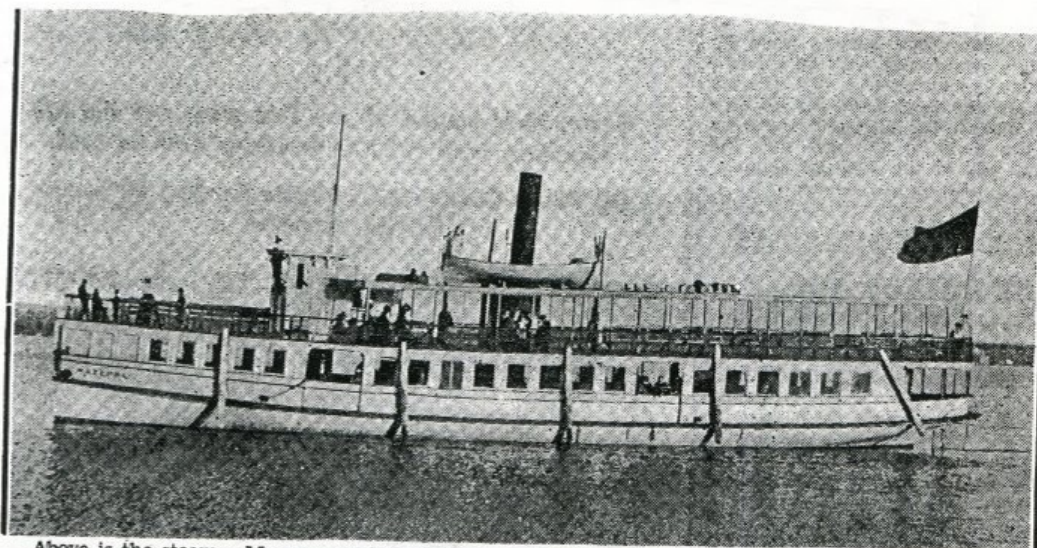
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CHAIRMAN REG. 1707

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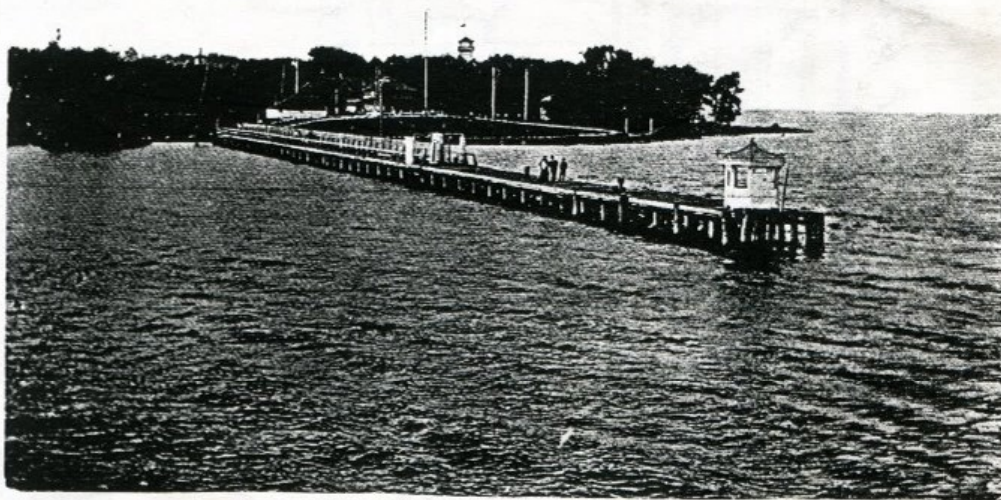
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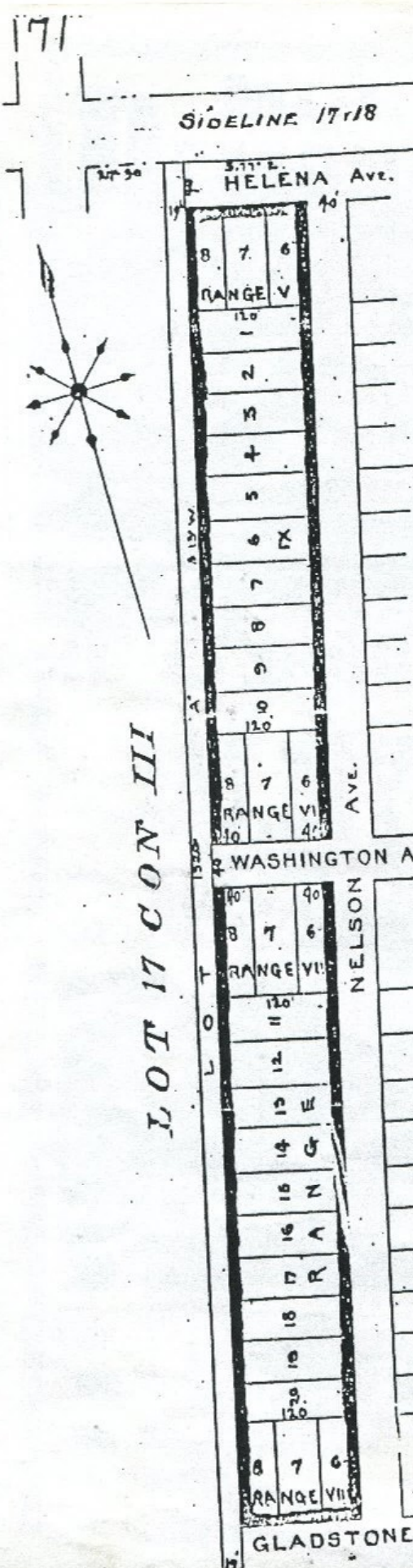
Above is the steamer Mazeppa which provided a ferry service between Owen Sound and Balmy

Beach in 1900-01. The vessel was very popular at the time when the park was at its height.

Balmy Beach, Owen Sound, Ont.



400' dock at the King's Royal
(extending to about 18' in depth)



See By Law registered as No. 5467
for Sarawak
at. Reg.

PLAN
OF A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF
LOT 17 CON. III
TOWNSHIP OF SARAWAK

SCALE - 100 FT. IN

See County Judges Order being
Registry N° 2550 for Sarawak
for alterations made in this plan.

I hereby certify that this Plan accurately shows the manner
in which the land included therein has been surveyed
and subdivided by me; and that the said Plan is prepared
in accordance with the provisions of the Registry
Act.

Owen Sound Nov. 30th 1911

R. McEwail.
Ont. Land Surveyor

I hereby certify that this plan accurately shows the
manner in which I have caused part of Lot 17
Concession III in the Township of Sarawak to be
subdivided.

Witness

Jennie S. Hannah

John H. McLauchlan

County of Grey } I Jennie Shaw Hannah
to Wit } of the Town of Owen Sound in the
County of Grey. Make oath and say.
1st That I was personally present and did see this Plan
duly signed and executed by John H. McLauchlan
2nd That I know the said party.
3rd That I am a subscribing witness to this Plan.
Sworn before me at the Town of
Owen Sound this 29th day
of November A.D. 1900. Jennie S. Hannah

[Signature]
Notary Public
Ont.

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Office for the North Riding of the County
of Grey this 28th day of February A.D.
1901. at 10 o'clock a.m. as N° 171 for plans

Samuel Gault
Dep. Reg.

See County Judges Order altering this
plan being registered instrument
N° 2550 for Sarawak N° 28th May 1911

Owen Sound Oct 24th 1892.

Whereby certify that this plan accurately shows the manner in which I have caused part of Lot 17 in the Third concession of the Township of Sarawak to be subdivided.

Witness - John N. McLaughlin

County of Grey } I Robert Edmund Sampson
to wit } Barren Glen
of the Town of Queen Sound in the
County of Grey make oath and say:
1st That I was personally present
and did see this plan duly signed
and executed by John H. McLauchlan
of the Town of Queen Sound.
2nd That I know the said party.
3rd That I am a subscribing witness
to this plan.

Sworn before me at the Town of Owen
sound this 31st day of October
A.D. 1898.

Wp Galford
Commissioner of



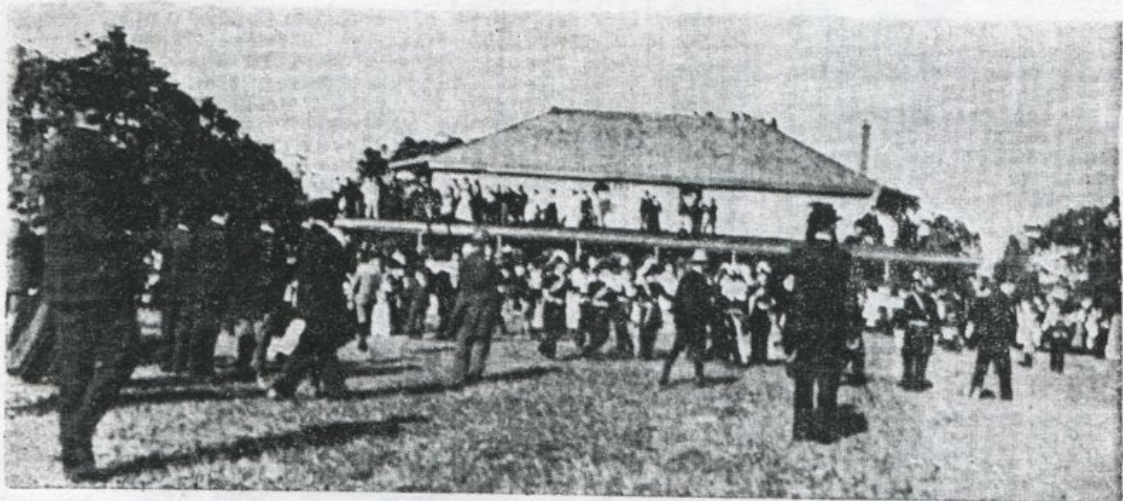
See by Hans Reid.
no. 5667 for Sarawak
at. Skye.

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No. 163
 Entered and Registered in the
 Registry Office for the North
 Riding of the County of York
 this 2nd day of November A.D.
 1891 as No. 163.

Same Guellett
and Rye





Crowds around Balmy Beach pavillion at the opening of the Park on July 1st, 1899. In the

photo appears the Governor-General's Body-guard Band which was here for the occasion.



Above is seen the pavillion at Balmy Beach, built in 1899. The theatre can be seen in the background. The pavillion was moved and rebuilt in 1929 and is now Balmy Beach Lodge. The theatre was moved, rebuilt and enlarged and is now the dance pavillion.



made a couple of extra trips from Owen Sound to the Park. The "City of Windsor" ran all day and the small steamer "Lillie" ran a ferry service. A C.P.R. special brought more, and American tourists here to buy waterfront land joined in the celebrations.

The benches were painted a bright red, the refreshment booths were a bright blue and uniformed guards were on hand. For the opening there was the 28th Battalion Band of Stratford, the 32nd Battalion Band, The Citizen's Band, the Collegiate Institute cadets, the Bugle Band of the Boy's Brigade, as well as the Governor-General's Body Guard. The Master of Ceremonies was Mayor Middlebro'. The special party included Archbishop Mulholland, the first Rector of St. George's church and Captain W.S. Parkerson of New Orleans, a noted "silver-tongued orator". There was quite a bit of ceremony with the parties making the rounds and formally naming the different streets. (There was Gladstone Avenue, Wellington Avenue, Nelson Avenue, Washington Avenue, Helena Avenue - named after Mrs. William Evans - the first lady purchaser of a cottage lot - and Lincoln Avenue. "Rule Britannia", "God Save the Queen", "Yankee Doodle", "Dixie", and "The Maple Leaf Forever" were songs the band played while they went along naming the streets. A Rev. Dr. Somerville spoke at great lengths on the achievements of Wellington and of McLaughlan. At Nelson Avenue, a speech was given by ex-Mayor John Rutherford. Jim Grant, "Prince of the High-Wire" was one of the big features of the day.

In the afternoon speeches were delivered from the balcony of the pavilion by the Mayor, Rev. Ardill, the U.S. Consul at Collingwood and the ever present Mr. Parkerson. Lacrosse, baseball, football, cricket and field hockey were witnessed by large numbers of people. Down at the beach, hundreds braved the freezing waters of Georgian Bay, carefully guarded by expert swimmers who sat on high-backed look-out chairs. The lifeguards all sported handlebar moustaches and wore red and white striped bathing suits. The children were kept busy with acres of park swings, teeter-totters and Mr. A.E. Currie's brightly coloured merry-go-round. In the evening the Miller Brothers Orchestra played for dancing.

The only note of discord was in the evening when there were too many passengers for the ferry. The "Majestic" had to take her load of excursionists back to Meaford and Collingwood - and at that, a good many could not get away from the Park in time to catch her, so had to stay overnight in Owen

Sound - so she was not available to help out. The "Windsor" had to go out on her regular trip to the Sault so she couldn't help much, but did make a couple of runs in the evening. The poor little "Lillie" had to handle the whole thing but wasn't big enough. However, Mayor Middlebro' and the official party made their way to the dock and started another round of speeches. The day was saved and the ferry worked into the night until the park was empty - the day had been a smashing success! One redeeming feature was that it didn't rain and it didn't turn cold. There were no ill effects, except for a lot of tired feet and crop of blisters. If it hadn't been so good, people might have been willing to go home instead of waiting until "the last dog was hung."

Harry Lindley and Company was the first Company to play in the Theatre. One old play was "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." The Machan's Stock Company offered special plays at McLauchlan Park. This increased boat trips to Balmy Beach, especially during summer evenings. McLauchlan Park was booming and it was written up by Toronto Saturday Night.

John ran the pleasure grounds for three years and played host to crowds of people. Church groups and organizations planned their summer outings for McLauchlan Park and reservations for choice picnic spots were hard to come by. There were 44 excursions to McLauchlan Park and the ferries had carried 52,000 people in 1900. There was a long dock (400') at the entrance to the Park and 400' of water frontage and a depth of 600'. Visitors arrived by the steamer "Lillie" which proved to be too small. The most popular steamer was the "Mazeppa" which arrived June 14, 1900 and made the first trip on June 19 for a moonlight excursion. The "Mazeppa" was licensed to carry 300 passengers and during the summer was on a schedule of seven round trips per day. It was later replaced by the "Canada" (1902-1908). John ran the boats himself sometimes. The only element missing from the Park was accommodation for staying longer than an afternoon. Obviously a Hotel was needed!



Picnic on the ground at
McLauchlan Park



1st Anniversary
of Opening of .

Balmy Beach

On Monday, July 2nd
1900

God Save the Queen.



Dated

August 1900

John H. McLauchlan

— To —

Joseph H. McLauchlan

Deed of Land

SITUATE

Balmy Beach

Newsome & Co., Law Stationers, Toronto, Ont.

R. D. Creaser,

Barrister,

Queen Sound, Ont.

Dated July 29th 1899

Robertson

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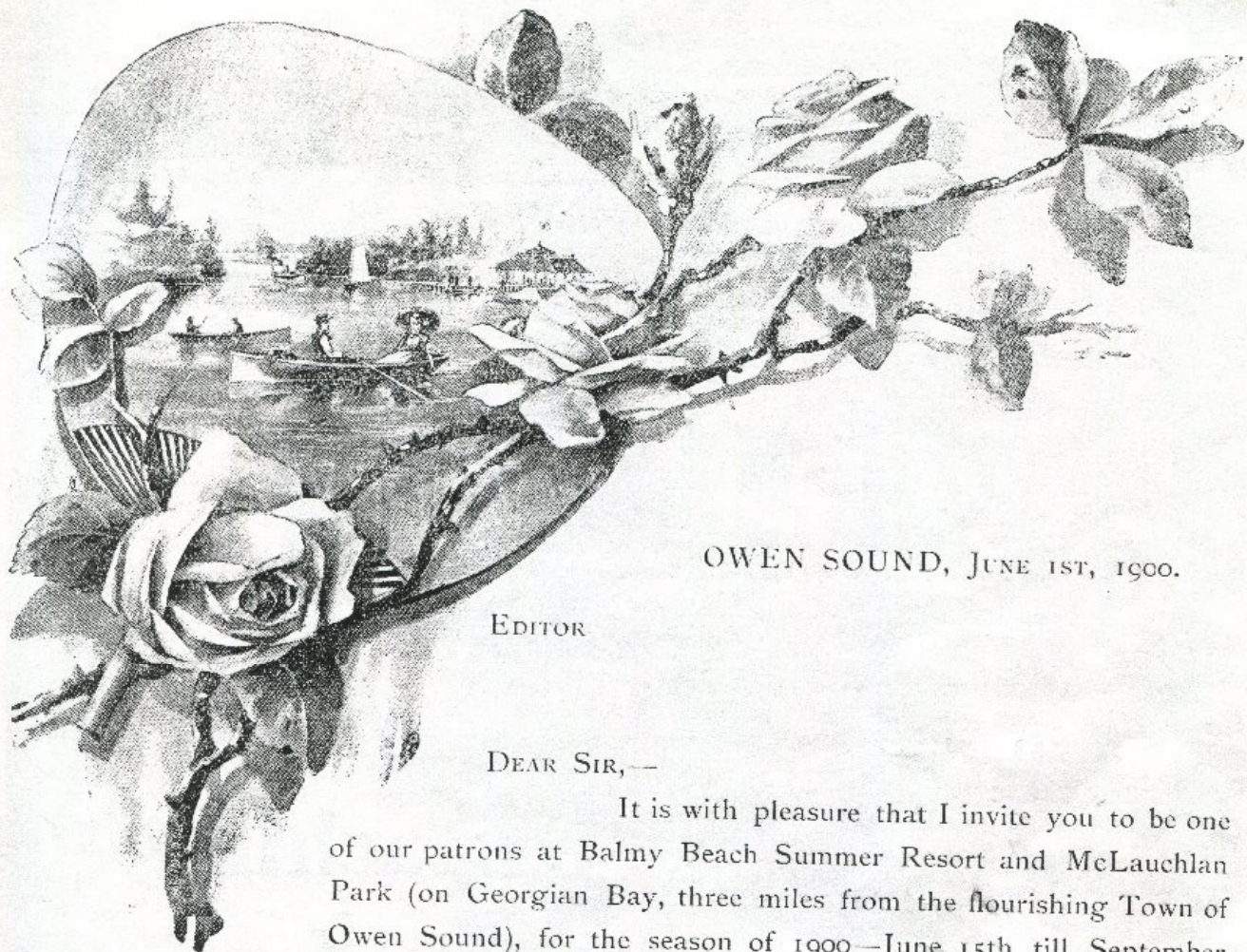
Deed of Land

SITUATE

Township of Sarawak
Co. Grey

Will. H. Newsome, Toronto

A. J. MacKay



OWEN SOUND, JUNE 1ST, 1900.

EDITOR

DEAR SIR,—

It is with pleasure that I invite you to be one of our patrons at Balmy Beach Summer Resort and McLauchlan Park (on Georgian Bay, three miles from the flourishing Town of Owen Sound), for the season of 1900—June 15th till September 15th. I herewith enclose a complimentary season ticket for yourself for the new electric-lighted ferry steamer "Mazeppa," plying hourly between the town and Beach, and I trust that you will use same at every opportunity during the summer months. I shall be pleased to see you or your representatives at any time, and will make you very welcome.

The Grand Anniversary of the opening of this famous Resort and Park will take place on Monday, July 2nd, 1900, when a Monster Celebration will be held, including three distinct programmes—morning, afternoon and evening. I would like very much if you would be present on this occasion. The Resort and Park are only in their infancy, being opened July 1st, 1899, and have met with phenomenal success. The beautiful site and natural advantages of this sea-shore summering place are sufficient guarantee of the prosperity and great future of this delightful spot.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. McLAUCHLAN.

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DANCING



**McLauchlin
Park**

Balmy Beach

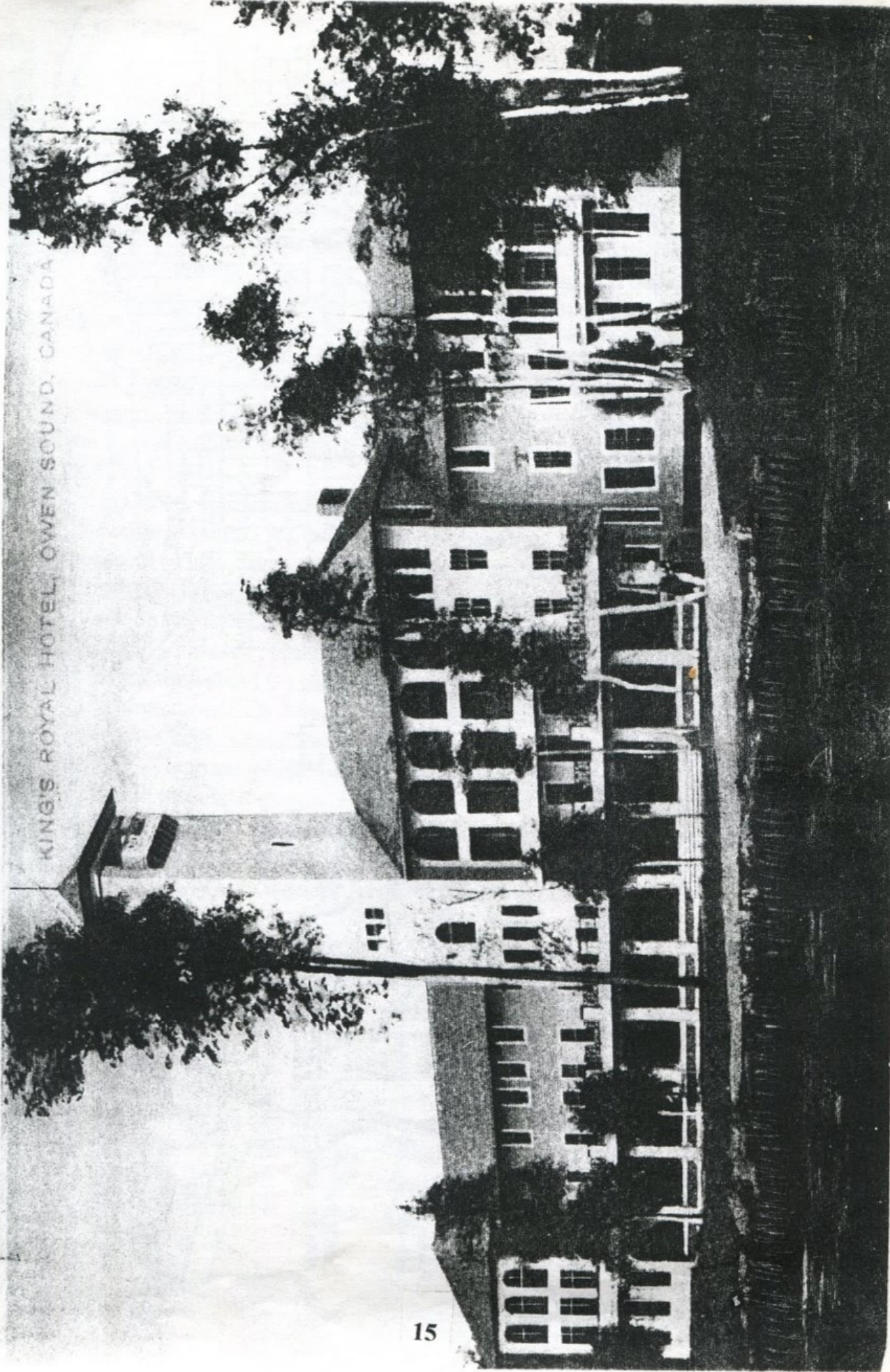
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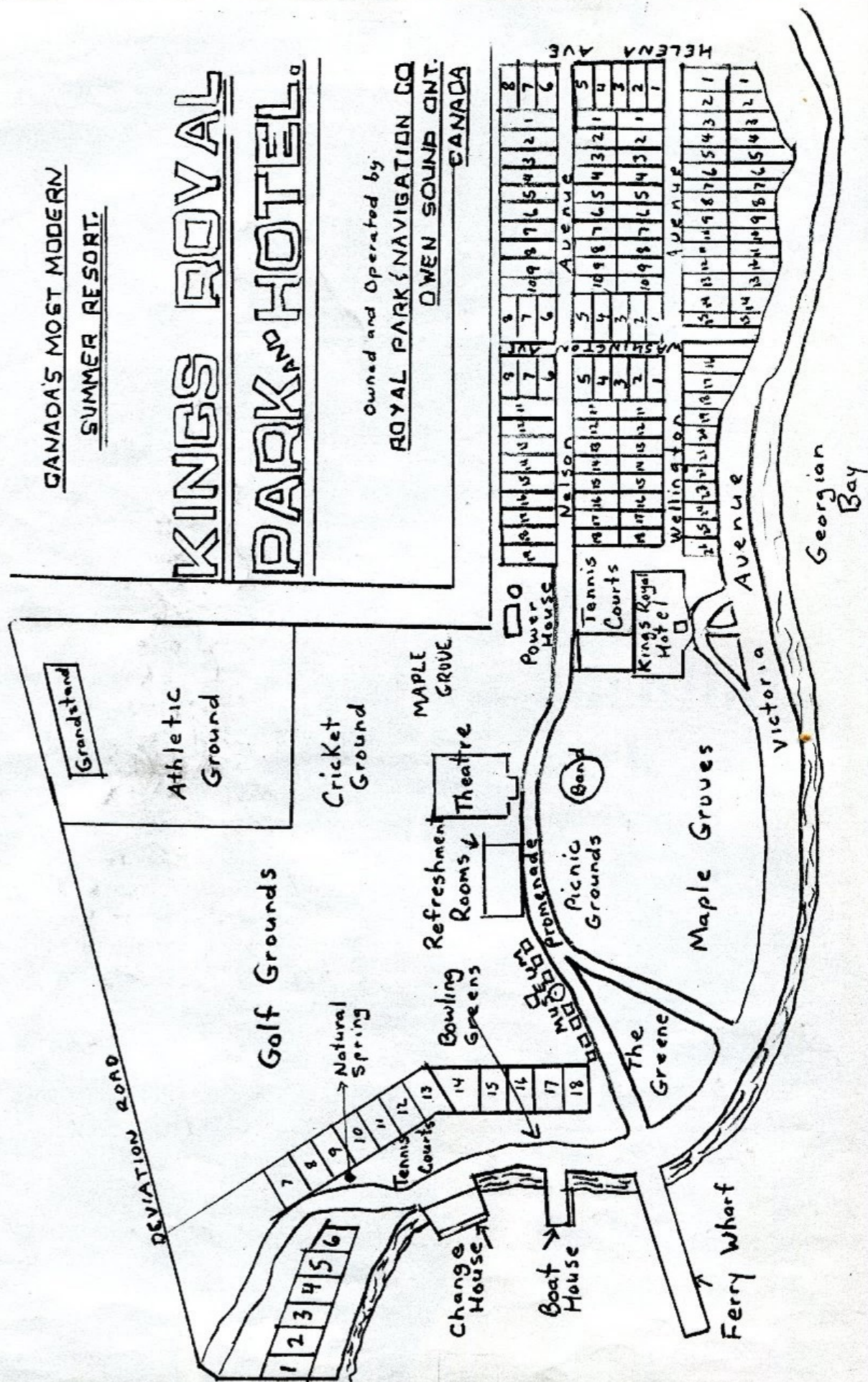
KING'S ROYAL HOTEL, OWEN SOUND, CANADA

THE KING'S ROYAL HOTEL (1902 - 1916)

CANADA'S MOST MODERN
SUMMER RESORT.

KINGS ROYAL PARK HOTEL

Owned and Operated by
ROYAL PARK NAVIGATION CO.
OWEN SOUND ONT.
CANADA



THE KING'S ROYAL HOTEL

YES, there really was a grand hotel at Balmy Beach. By 1901 the Georgian Bay Summer Park and Resort Company had been formed and shares to the new hotel were being sold at one hundred dollars a share. Many prominent Owen Sounders were involved: McLauchlan from McLauchlan biscuits; Chris. Eaton (Eaton Breweries); D.M. Butchart (Cement King); R.W. Harrison (Lumber Mills); William Taylor (Taylor and Pringle Pickles); A.D. Creasor; John Hay; Lincoln Smith; and A.H. Notman of Toronto. The Directors had dreams in advance of their times. A magnificent hotel would be built at McLauchlan Park that would rival any other resort in all Canada. And it would be ready to open in a year. A leading Owen Sound contractor, Alex Green, was to erect the building. Arthur Gonder was awarded the decorating contract for the theatre and restaurant. J.C. Forester was the architect. Flags were ordered from the Tent Company of Owen Sound. Construction began early in the spring and since there were no roads from Owen Sound to McLauchlan Park, all construction supplies had to be freighted by water. There was to be a grand opening for the King's Royal - reserved for a small (?) party of politicians, business men, Clergy, press and other dignitaries. On July 1, 1902 the formal opening of the King's Royal Hotel was held. Chris. Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Trade, presided and A.J. Creighton sang "The Maple Leaf". Toasts were made at a special dinner served in the spacious dining room. Charles Miller led the Regimental Band in concert. Music throughout the hotel was provided by Professor Davis' orchestra. Sports events took place on the front lawn during the afternoon. It was midnight by the time the ferries left for town. Twenty-eight hundred boat tickets had been sold and others had made their own way there. Mr. Walsh had been hired as Manager. He had experience as a Manager of hotels in Traverse City, Michigan; Penetanguishene, Muskoka and in Parry Sound. He was accompanied by his trained staff of 112 - all costumed in white uniforms.

The King's Royal was indeed magnificent! For years it was the outstanding building on the Owen Sound Bay. It was designed in the Spanish style, painted sparkling white with a red tiled roof and ornate iron works on the balconies. The building had more than 110 rooms. The main section of the hotel was 300' long and 50' deep, four storeys high with three storey wings at the side and at the rear. In the center of the hotel was a 108' tower

with an observation deck, capped with a domed roof. The view of the bay was unequalled anywhere in the Georgian Bay area. At night, the tower was lit by 150 electric lights and could be seen from as far away as Griffith Island. (It was said that the King's Royal was the first building so lighted in the area.)

The first floor had a magnificent 50 foot square rotunda, offices, dining rooms and culinary equipment, high ceilings, plenty of light and broad piazzas. The main dining room, 70 feet by 50 feet, also served as a ballroom. The second floor had parlours and corridors that were richly carpeted and interior furnishings of oak. The fireplace was constructed of boulders set in cement. The dining room was located next to the wooded area, at the south end of the hotel. It had French windows, attractive furniture and silverware stamped "King's Royal". There were other features such as private baths, lounging, smoking and billiard rooms; private dining rooms, maid's and childrens' dining room, writing rooms for the ladies, private sitting rooms, long distance telephone and news and telegraph stand. There was a barber shop, cafe, ping-pong, bathing houses for the guests and an electric bell service connected to every room.

The King's Royal Hotel could accommodate 250 guests. Behind the hotel was a power house and generating station that supplied the resort with electricity and water. There was a 50' tower with windpower for running water 400' up from the shore. The spa even had its own self-contained fire prevention system. Mr. Alex McKenzie looked after the lights and grounds. There was an automobile garage that was free to guests.

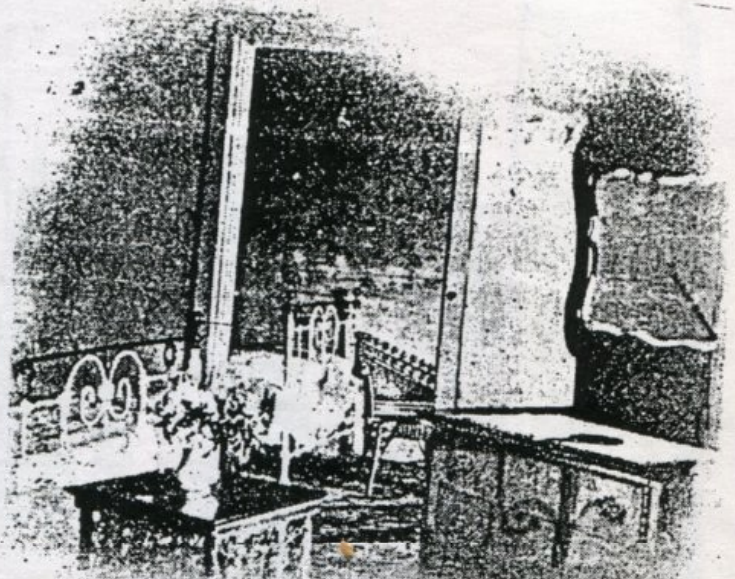
The landscape and water scenery was a veritable paradise to photographers and a free-to-guests darkroom was provided.

The cost of all this? A mere \$100,000. The King's Royal had everything: the first 9 hole golf course in the area was built on the grounds. There was a bowling green; bowling alleys, croquet, lawn and tennis courts. Special features were fresh vegetables by special arrangements with the local farmers, the choicest poultry and dairy products. The drinking water was pure and perfectly filtered. An orchestra was in attendance during meal hours and evenings. Saturday evenings the hotel had hops. (dances)

A one and half mile circular drive led through the tall birches from the dock to the hotel and back. The bay was admirably adapted to boating and



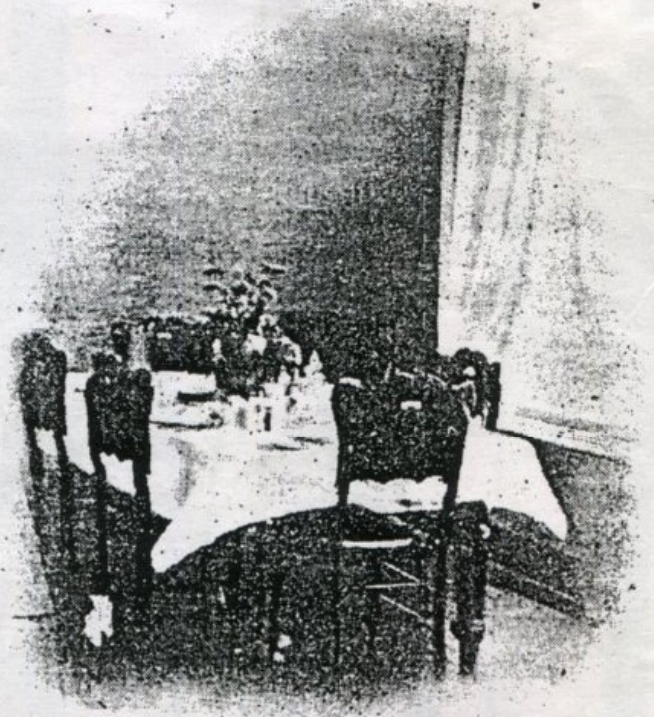
PUBLIC BALCONY



A VIEW OF SUITE OF ROOMS



VIEW OF MAIN VERANDAH

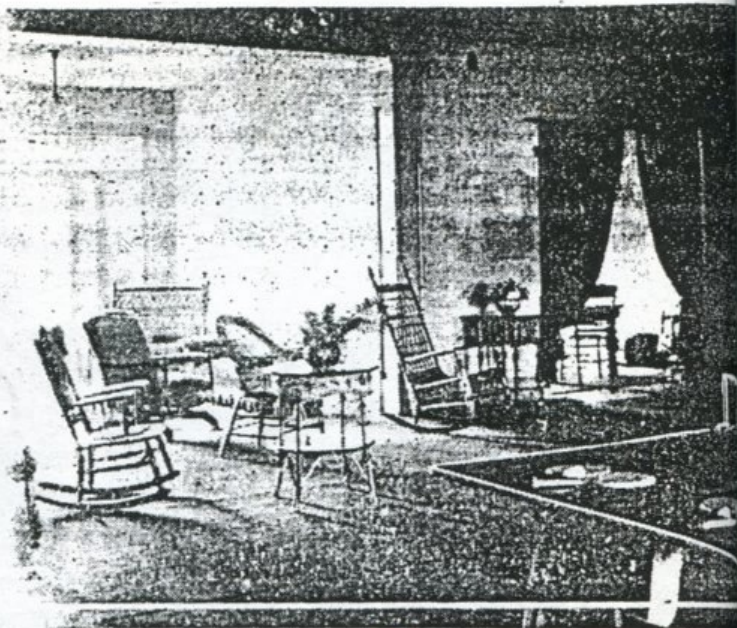


ONE OF THE PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

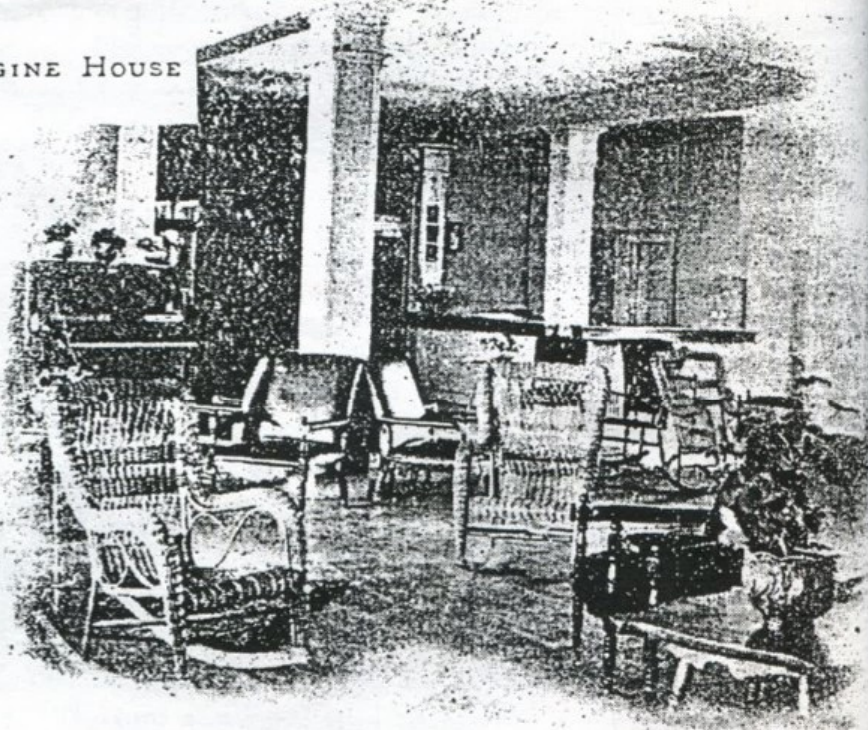
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WATER TOWER AND ENGINE HOUSE

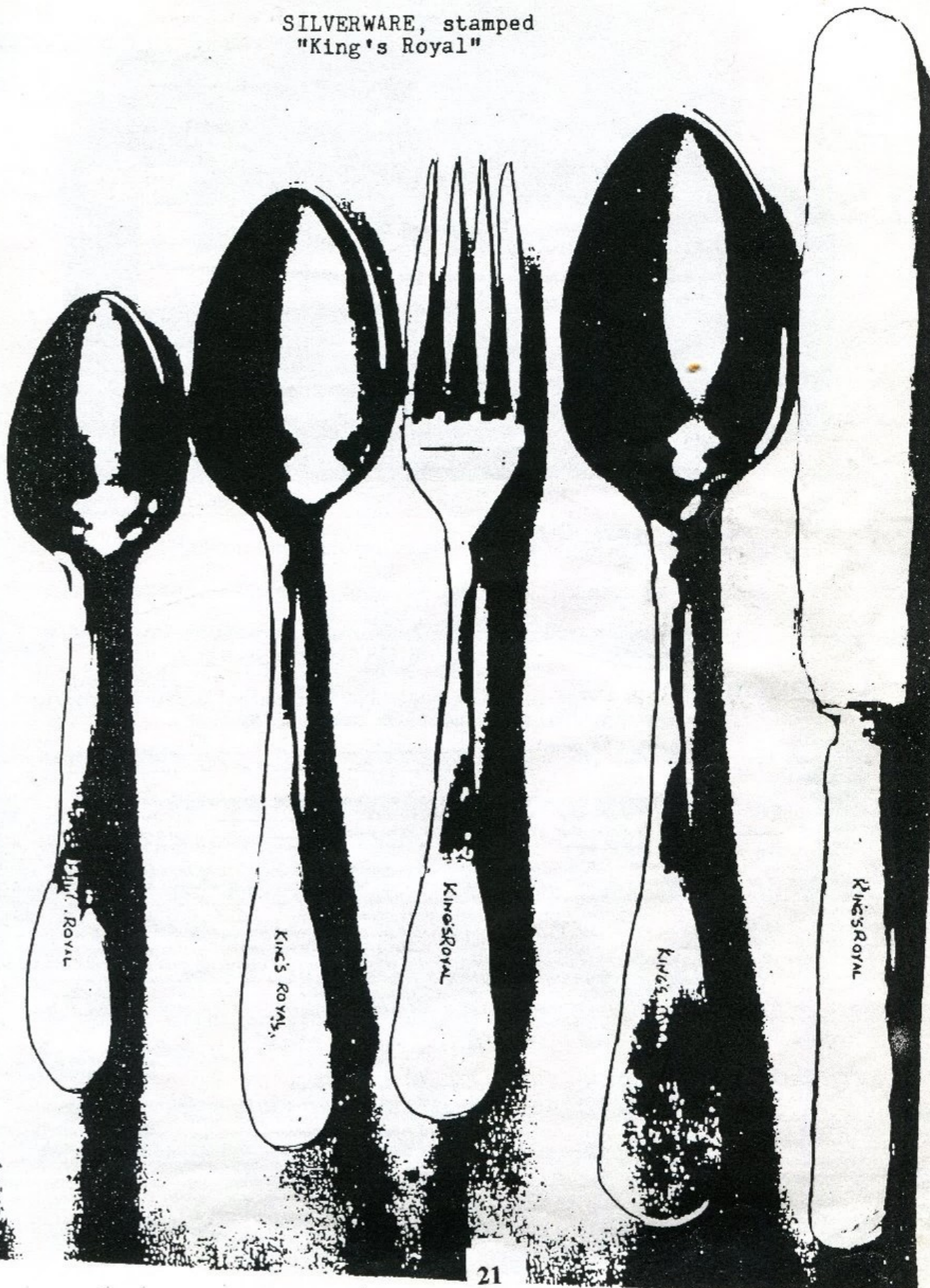


VIEW OF LADIES' LOUNGING ROOM AND PARLOR



VIEW OF ROTUNDA

SILVERWARE, stamped
"King's Royal"





"THE CANADA"

ORIGINAL

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES



DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

FOI

CERTIFICATE of the Inspector of Hulls & Equipment for a Steamboat to carry Passengers or for a Freightboat of or over 100 tons gross.

Having examined the hull and equipment of the steamboat Canada of Toronto when of Toronto Hamilton Co of Toronto owner on this 27th day of June 1901

The particulars of her gross and register tonnage as shown on her certificate of registry being as follows:
 Tonnage under tonnage deck 190.01 Tons Houses on deck 121.79
 Total gross tonnage 311.80 Deduct for engine room 103.25
 Register tonnage 208.55

1. William Evans Inspector of hulls and equipment do hereby certify that her hull is in all staunch, seaworthy and in good condition for navigation; that the equipment of the vessel throughout is in conformity with requirements of the "Steamboat Inspection Act, 1894" the said steamboat having on board properly placed and in good immediate service - 1 boats, having together a carrying capacity for 63 persons; 2 life buoys, having a carrying capacity for 367 persons; 136 life preservers; 25 fire buckets; 6 axes; 7 lanterns; 2 life buoy, having a proper heaving line attached and she has the fire pump, hose and other appliances for extinguishing fire required by the said Act and placed as the law and in every way efficient and complying to the requirements of the said Act; and I further certify that the said steamboat is fit to run on the waters between Toronto and Hamilton from this 27th day of June to the 27th day of June 1901 and that she is adapted and fit to carry 632 passengers and no more.

Dated at Toronto this 4th day of July 1901 William Evans Inspector of Hulls and Equipment

CERTIFICATE of the Inspector of Boilers and Machinery for the same boat

And I: John Dadds Inspector of boilers and machinery do hereby certify that the engine, boiler and machinery of the steamboat Canada are sufficient and suitable to authorize her being lawfully employed as a freight boat carrying passengers from this 27th day of June to the 27th day of June 1901 and that the engine of the said steamboat is of 49.33 nominal horsepower and that it can carry with safety 100 pounds of steam pressure per square inch, and no more.

Dated at Toronto this 19th day of July 1901

John Dadds

Owen Sound
Park Co. Limited

King's Royal Park
King's Royal Hotel



President
James McLauchlan

Secretary
H. E. Sampson

Gen. Manager
J. K. McLauchlan

Owen Sound, 190

PARTICULARS OF THE OWEN SOUND PARK COMPANY'S PROPERTIES

King's Royal Hotel

Modern and first class shape with all up-to-date conveniences. Three storeys high with 110 rooms en suite single and double with accomodation for 250 guests.

Filliard Room

Two first class billiard tables and one Pool table.

Silverware, glass ware, handsome chairs, settees, full kitchen and dining room equipment, everything new and first class. Hotel about 300 foot front commanding position overlooking Georgian Pay.

Hotel fully lighted by electricity supplied by own power plant in close proximity to Hotel.

Theatre

Splendidly equipped first class theatre with seating capacity for 500. Scenery &c. on hand.

King's Royal Hotel

*On Georgian Bay
New and Up-to-date*



King's Royal Park^{and} Resort

*A perfect place to
spend your holidays*

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Pavilion

Large two storey pavilion fitted with counters, glass cases &c. for light refreshments. Size about 40 x 60.

Power Plant

First class up-to-date electric power plant, capable of supplying all electric light necessary for hotel and all the Park and providing water supply for Hotel and Park.

Athletic Grounds

Large athletic grounds with Grand Stand, enclosed at which gate may be taken, in first-class shape. Suitable for Lacrosse, Football, Baseball and other games.

Bathing House

Bathing house situate at a convenient point in beach with good accomodation for bathers.

Boat House

Boat house for accomodation of small boats.

Dock

First-class dock about 400 feet long extending to about 18 feet in depth of water and in sheltered position.

King's Royal Hotel

*On Georgian Bay
New and Up-to-date*



King's Royal Park and Resort

*A perfect place to
spend your holidays*

OWEN SOUND, Can., 190

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Pand Stand

Roomy and comfortable, well located.

Animal House and other out-buildings.

Park Grounds and Park premises with drives, in all about 50 acres. Location about three and one half miles from Town of Owen Sound on the West side of the Owen Sound harbor.

Connection

To Owen Sound by C.P.R. Railway, Grand Trunk Railway, C.P.R. Boats, Northern Navigation Boats, Dominion Fish Co. Boats, and independent steamers.

DEAR SIR.—The directors of the Owen Sound & Georgian Bay Park & Summer Resort Co., Limited, find it necessary to complete the stock list at once, as summer will soon again be upon us, by which time the Company are in hopes of having the big summer hotel completed and ready for the GREAT TOURIST TRAFFIC. But in order to complete the scheme with the greatest success, we ask the business men and other enterprising citizens of the town, to consider this all important matter, which is of such great importance to the town, and a GENERAL BENEFIT TO EVERY CLASS OF TRADE, to assist in carrying it out in the most successful and permanent manner.

The Directors are pleased to be able to state that they will only require about \$40,000 to make their properties nearly perfect, as the definite estimates of the cost of the proposed big summer hotel is placed at \$20,000 and its furnishings \$8,000, making a total of \$28,000, and \$12,000 will about make all other necessary improvements to Park for the present, including the purchase of a new boat, building a dock at town, and general improvements to grounds.

It was at first estimated that the hotel would cost about from \$70,000 to \$80,000, but upon more expert and careful investigation, we are pleased to say we can receive the required accommodation for the former figures.

We therefore wish to dispose of the necessary amount of stock, namely, \$40,000, right away, in 400 shares of \$100 each, 150 SHARES OF WHICH WE WISH TO DISPOSE OF IN OUR OWN TOWN, and we will have little difficulty in placing the balance, 250 shares, outside the town.

In order to avoid any unnecessary expense by way of appointing canvassing agents or commissioners, we include a prospectus and application form to the leading citizens of the town, so that they may have an opportunity of investing IN A SHARE OR MORE.

We trust you will find it convenient to take ONE SHARE, at least, and more if you wish, and return application form with such number recorded as you desire, either by mail or in person, to the Sec.-Treas.

Every citizen must be familiar with the unusual financial results of our Resort ever since its opening, fully recognizing that any investment, whether small or large, will receive good substantial returns.

The terms of the Company are, 10% at time of application for stock, and not more than 25% shall be called at any one time, and not less than one month between calls.

A shareholder immediately becomes a part owner of the whole concern and receives his proportion of profits according to his or her investment.

You will greatly facilitate matters and oblige us very much by replying early, as we would like very much to have the returns all in by end of week, so that we may have the plans prepared and contract let at once and completed before end of June. "Let the returns be spontaneous."

I have the honor, sir, to be

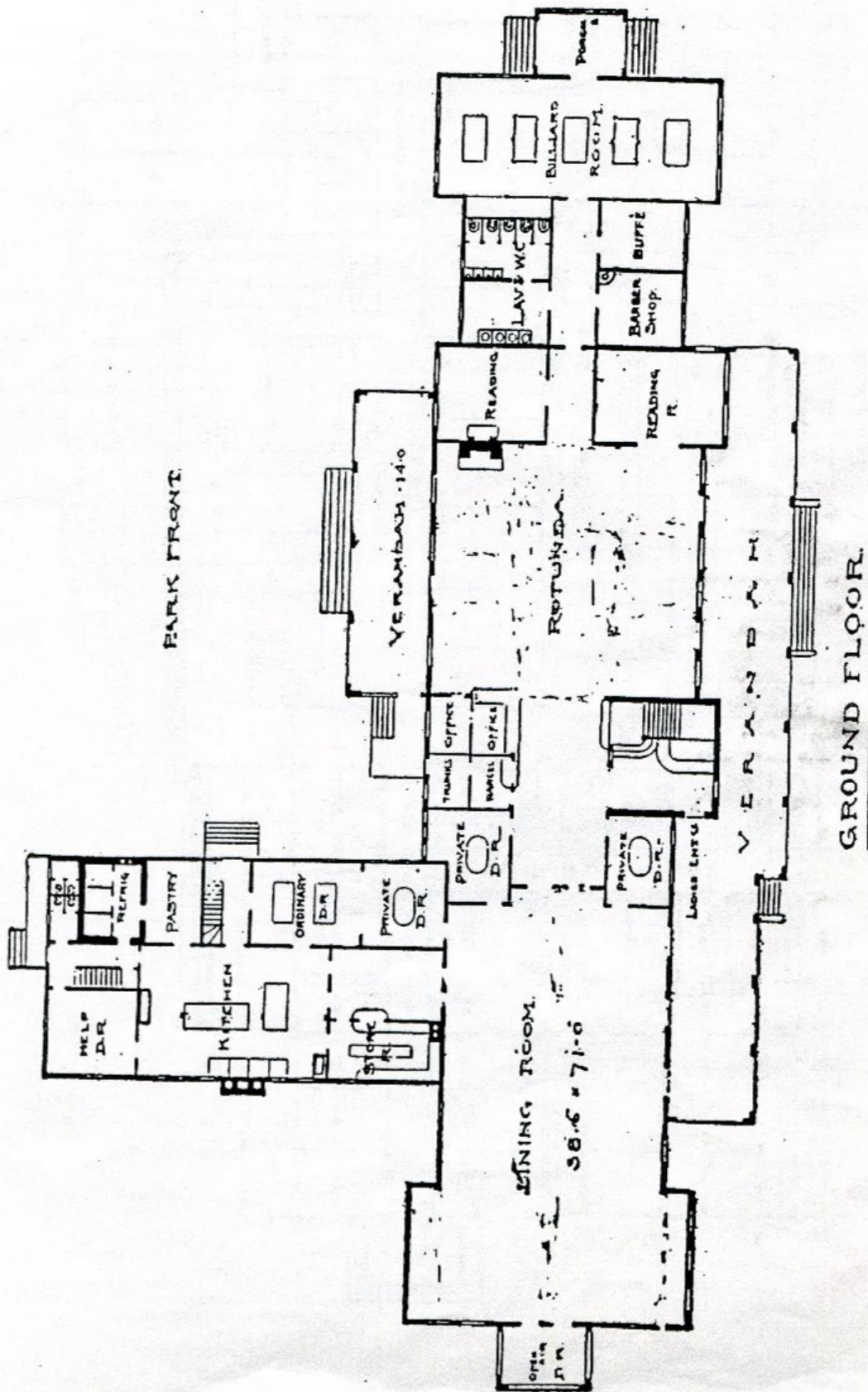
Your Obedient Servant,

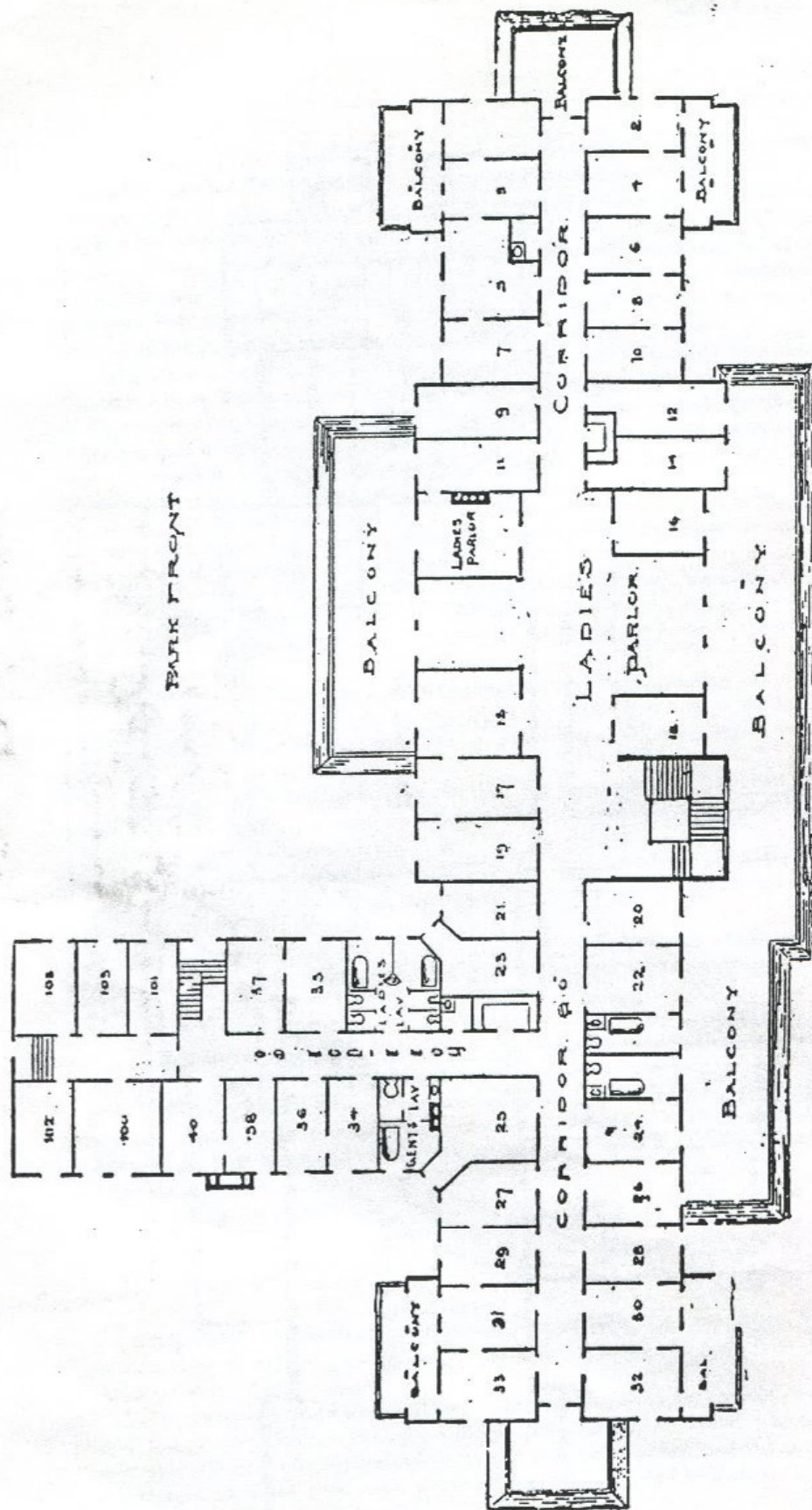
A. D. CREASOR,
Sec.-Treas.

N.B.—Only a limited number of these forms are being sent out; if you know of anyone omitted, who wishes shares, kindly refer them to the Sec.-Treas. or any Director of the Park Company.

The establishment of this hotel means the introduction to our town of American and Canadian capitalists (who generally compose the tourist classes), who on their stay here will be familiarized with the town's various shipping and manufacturing advantages, therefore, may be the means of securing many new industries.

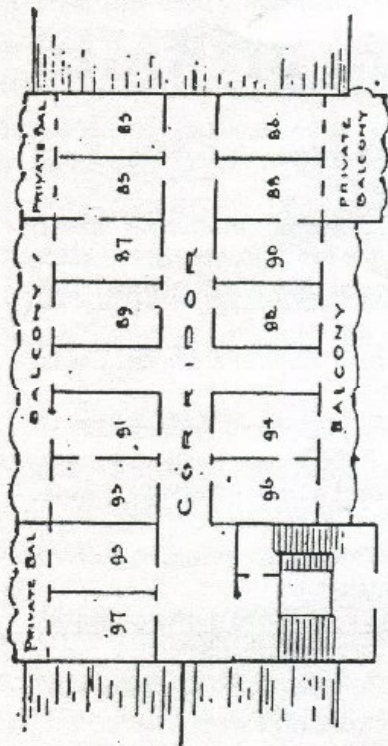
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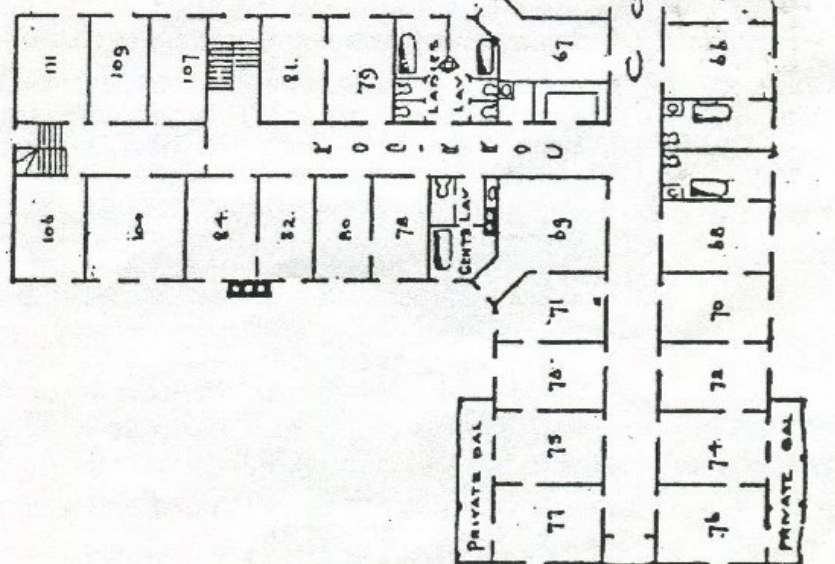


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FIRST STORY FACING LANE.



PLAN OF THIRD STORY.



PLAN OF SECOND STORY.

"The Lake Trip Without An Equal"

GREGORY TOURS---2200 MILES BY WATER

Tour No. 1 \$40.00—Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals.

Tour No. 2 \$56.00—Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals. Room and meals seven days at King's Royal Hotel, Owen Sound, Ont.

Tour No. 3 \$56.00—Round trip transportation and sleeper from St. Louis. Transfers at Chicago. Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals.

Tour No. 4 \$72.00—Round trip transportation and sleeper from St. Louis. Transfers at Chicago. Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals. Room and meals seven days at King's Royal Hotel, Owen Sound.

Tour A \$69.00—Round trip transportation and sleeper from St. Louis. Transfer and meals in Chicago on going trip. Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals. Transfer at Chicago on return trip. Meals and room with private bath at Grand Pacific Hotel. Sight-seeing Automobile trip. Dinner and entertainment at State Restaurant.

Tour B \$85.00—Round trip transportation and sleeper from St. Louis. Transfer and meals in Chicago on going trip. Boat seven days from Chicago, including berth (outside stateroom) and meals. Room and meals seven days at King's Royal Hotel, Owen Sound. Transfer at Chicago on return trip. Meals and room with private bath at Grand Pacific Hotel. Sight-seeing Automobile trip. Dinner and entertainment at State Restaurant.

Parties leave St. Louis every Friday night, at 11:30 p. m. and boat leaves Chicago every Saturday at 1 p. m.

For reservations apply

THE GREGORY TOURS

TRAVEL SERVICE BUREAU

PHONES: OLIVE OR CENTRAL 618

922-28 CENTRAL NAT. BANK BLDG.

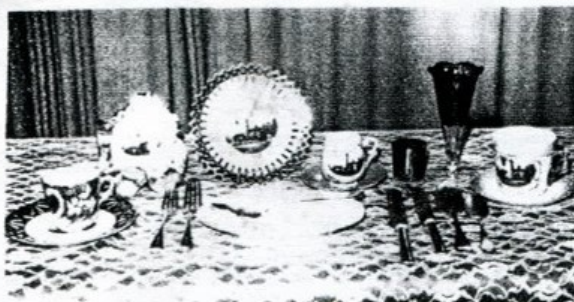
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sailing and boats were available. There was a theatre behind the hotel, offering the best in dramatic entertainment. The 500 seat theatre was very successful and filled to capacity almost every night. The Harold Nelson Shaw Stock Company had been engaged and plays ranged from "The Merchant of Venice" to a "Fool's Revenge." Other plays included "Hamlet", "Romeo and Juliet", "Richeleau", "Prince Otto", "David Garrick", "Francosa", and "Paul Keiver". Harold Nelson was one of the most talented actors and stage directors to make his home in Canada. He usually stayed at the King's Royal for three or four weeks before heading West by boat and playing all the way to the West Coast. The hotel closed on September 6th for the season.

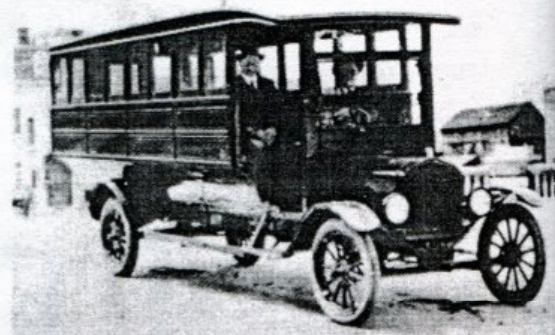
Boat tours included the King's Royal on their tours. The steamer "North America" had been built expressly to bring tourists to Georgian Bay. With the coming of the automobile, roads were opened to the Hotel and clubs from Motor Leagues across Canada and the United States found their way to Balmy Beach. For a short while Balmy Beach was the epitome of summer society. The cost of all these pleasures was \$2.50 per night or \$14.00 per week. The cost of the theatre was 25 cents and the ferry to town and back was 10 cents. Incidentally, the last week in July, Rev. James Lediard (on behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance) laid a grievance against the Captain of the "Canada" for running the boat from town to Balmy Beach on a Sunday. The incident caused a furor in the area. The Captain was fined \$40.00 and court costs of \$11.95 but it was rumoured that the "Canada" would keep its Sunday schedule as it was needed for business. On September 1st, there was an auction of the lavish hotel and the steamer "Canada" held at the Seldon Hotel. (C.C. Pearce was the auctioneer) There were 30 offers, but A.F. Armstrong, on behalf of Messrs. D.M. Butchart, A.B. Hay, H.S. Smith and R.J. Doyle, purchased the hotel for \$16,200. James McLauchlan bought the steamer "Canada" for \$3,150. It was hoped the sale would pay off all preferred claims, but John McLauchlan (by now he was in Rochester, N.Y.) was the heaviest loser. The Georgian Bay Summer Park and Resort Company went into liquidation and then became the Owen Sound Park Company. The King's Royal was doomed from the beginning. It's initial cost had been too great, and operating costs were too high. The real reason was people wanted to be seen, and being seen meant Muskoka! J.K. McLauchlan acquired the Park and beach properties in 1907, after he returned from Toronto where he had set up a wholesale commission office for six years.



Part of the long circular drive



"China & Silverware from
Kings Royal"



**NEW MOTOR BUS FOR
• HOTEL TRAIN SERVICE**

**Will Supersede Old Horse Drawn
Vehicles**

In June 1909, the King's Royal property was offered to the town for \$15,000. A committee composed of Mayor Harrison, Board of Trade President Keenan, Messrs. J.H. McInnis (Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Board of Trade) and James H. Rutherford (Chairman of the Parks Committee of the Town Council) met with James McLauchlan, J.K. McLauchlan and H.E. Sampson, Solicitor for the Company. Obviously, it did not agree to take over the King's Royal Park.

The King's Royal closed in 1911 for two years. In 1913 it was re-opened and a Mr. William Gall was hired as Manager. On July 1st, 1913 the King's Royal officially re-opened. Highland dancing, sports events, food concessions and motor boat races made the day memorable. Steamers "Brockville" and "Manitou" offered return fare for 35 cents. The Opera was still well patronized. Charles Blum replaced William Gall as Manager. Still the complex was experiencing on-going difficulties. Stockholders lost their money. On July 1st, 1914 the hotel had another formal opening with almost two thousand attending. The staff was now all-American under Manager, Charles McLarty of Chicago. He purchased many labor-saving devices. Then came the war - staff went into uniforms and insurance wasn't available since there was too great a risk from enemy spies who might set resorts on fire. John McLauchlan himself knew that the end had come. The magnificent King's Royal Hotel was sold to a Toronto wrecking company in 1916 for \$5,200. It was torn down and the furniture and building materials sold. Almost every family in Sarawak had at least one piece of furniture which came from this hotel. Even McLauchlan family members had to pay for any china or table silverware they wished to purchase. After the Hotel had been torn down, the Mayor received a letter asking "for accommodation for 100 invalid soldiers at the King's Royal." There was more than a little annoyance felt since the town's earlier suggestion for such had been turned down.

On November 9, 1913 a severe storm hit the area and part of the great dock at the King's Royal Park, Balmy Beach was carried away. In 1914, Mr. McLarty had the long dock repaired and shortened. By March 1920 most of the remainder of the long dock had been washed away by severe ice conditions.



ONTARIO MOTOR LEAGUE GATHERING
AT KING'S ROYAL HOTEL, BALMY BEACH ON JULY 4th, 1914.

EY - LAWS
of
THE OWEN SOUND and GEORGIAN BAY PARK & SUMMER RESORT
COMPANY, LIMITED

Owen Sound

Ontario

WHEREAS, the Directors of the Owen Sound and Georgian Bay Park & Summer Resort Company, Limited, deem it expedient that certain By-Laws for regulating the affairs of the Company should be made.

NOW THEREFORE be it ENACTED, and it is hereby Enacted in the manner following, that is to say -

MEETINGS

1. That the annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held at the Office of the Company, on the last Friday in November, in each year, to receive the Report of the Directors of last year, to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and for all other general purposes relating to the Management of the Company's affairs.
2. That a General meeting of the Shareholders may be called at any time by the Directors, whenever they may deem the same necessary or advisable for any purpose not contrary to law, or the Letters Patent of the Company, or the Statute, and it is incumbent on the President to call a special meeting of the Shareholders of the Company for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition and notice calling the Meeting.
3. That notice of the time and place for holding the annual or general meeting of the Company must be given at least eight days previously thereto, by mailing the same as a registered letter, duly addressed, to each shareholder at least ten days previous to such meeting, or delivering the same eight days previously thereto.
4. That meetings of the Directors shall be held as often as the business of the Company may require, and shall be called by the President.
5. That at General Meetings of the Company every shareholder shall be entitled to One vote for every share of Stock (fully paid) he owns, and may vote by proxy.
6. That questions at meetings shall be decided by a majority in value of the shareholders present, either in person, or by proxy, and in case the number of votes is equal, the President or Chairman shall have a deciding vote.

DIRECTORS

7. That the affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of five Directors of whom three shall form a quorum.
8. That the President and Vice-President shall be chosen by the Directors from amongst themselves at their first Board meeting after the Annual Meeting, and such Officers shall be the Directors for the ensuing year.
9. That the President shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Company. He shall call meetings of the Board of Directors and Shareholders when necessary, and shall advise with and render such assistance to the Manager as may be in his power. In his absence the Vice-President shall have and exercise all the rights and powers of the President. A Director may at any time summon a meeting of the Directors by giving forty-eight hours written notice and specifying the object for which the meeting is called.
10. That questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman in addition to his original vote shall have a casting vote.
11. That the Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Board, and of all shareholders of the Company, and shall be the custodian of the Seal of the Company, and of all books, papers, records etc. belonging to the Company, and shall deliver the same, when authorized so to do by a resolution of the Board, to such person or persons as may be named in the resolution.
12. That any shareholder not in arrears for payment for calls upon his stock may be elected a Director.
13. That the Directors shall hold office for One year, and until their successors shall be elected.
14. That in the case of the death of a Director, or his being unable to act as such, or attend meetings, or his ceasing to be a shareholder, the vacancy thereby created may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board from among the qualified shareholders of the Company
15. That the Company shall have a corporate seal of such design as the Board may determine, which seal whenever used shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary.
16. That the Board shall from time to time, fix the salary or wages to be paid officers and employees of the Company.

STOCK

17. That the Stock of the Company shall consist of 200 shares of \$100 each par value ordinary stock, and 400 shares of \$100 each par value Preference Stock. That out of the profits of the Company after payment of all expenses, salaries and Directors fees, there shall be paid a Dividend of Seven per cent Preference Stock, before any dividend is paid on ordinary stock, if there are sufficient profits to pay such dividend, and such profits will be cumulative, but the largest dividend to be paid to Preference Stockholders in any year will be Seven per cent unless in the previous year there shall not be sufficient profits to pay such Dividend, when the deficiency shall be made up out of the profits of the following year, before any dividend is paid the Ordinary Stock. That in the event of insolvency, dissolution or winding up of the said Company, either voluntary or otherwise, the holders of the Preference Stock shall be entitled to be paid the par value of their stock in full, and out of the proceeds of the assets of said Company, before any distribution is made to the holders of Ordinary Stock.

18. That in the event of the Company's business producing profits sufficient to pay the interest of Seven per cent on Preference Stock, the Directors shall declare and pay such further dividend upon the paid up Ordinary Stock as such profits shall justify.

19. That calls upon subscribed stock shall be made from time to time as the Board may direct. Holders of Preference Stock shall pay fifty per cent thereof at the time of subscribing therefor, and thereafter no call shall exceed twenty-five per cent of the subscribed stock, either Preference or Ordinary, and there shall be an interval of at least thirty days between calls.

20. That receipts for payment of calls shall be issued from time to time as such payments are made, but Stock Certificates shall only be issued when shares are fully paid up, and both receipt and Certificate shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and Secretary, and sealed with the Company's seal.

21. That the Board shall have the power of summarily forfeiting shares, and the monay paid thereon, upon which any calls shall have remained unpaid for thirty days after it shall be due and payable, and such forfeited stock shall become the property of the Company. No stock certificate shall be issued for a fraction of a share.

22. The shareholders may with the consent of the Board, but not otherwise, transfer their shares, and such transfers shall

be recorded in a book provided for the purpose and signed by him and his transferee and duly witnessed, but no person shall be allowed to own or hold stock in the Company without the consent of the Board. Holders of Ordinary Stock shall give the Board notice of his intention to transfer their stock and the Directors may elect to purchase such stock at its value, as per last and next preceding report.

ACCOUNTS

23. That the Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept-
Of the stock in trade of the Company
Of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matter in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place, and of the credits and liabilities of the Company.

24. That Books of Accounts shall be kept at the Head Office of the Company, and shall be open to the inspection of the members during the hours of business.

25. That once at least in every year, the Directors shall lay before the Company, in general meeting a statement of the income and expenditure for the past year. A balance sheet shall be made out every year, or oftener if desirable, and laid before the Company in general meeting, and such balance sheet shall be made out every year, or oftener, if desirable, and laid before the Company in general meeting, and such balance sheet shall contain a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company arranged under the necessary headings.

BANK ACCOUNTS

26. That a Bank account shall be kept in the name of the Company at a Bank to be selected by the Board, and all cheques shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

SOLICITOR

27. That the Solicitor of the said Company shall be such person as shall be appointed by the Directors.

AUDITORS

28. That one or more auditors shall be appointed annually by the shareholders at the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to examine all the books, vouchers and accounts of the Company, and all documents having reference to the business thereof, and to prepare a balance sheet and abstract of the

affairs of the Company, and to submit the same to the Board as soon after the close of the financial year as possible, together with such suggestions or recommendations as they may think fit.

CHANGING BY-LAWS

29. That the Board may from time to time repeal, amend, and re-enact these By-Laws but such change unless in the meantime confirmed by a vote of two-thirds of value of electors present (in person or by proxy) at a general meeting duly called for the purpose shall only have force until the next general meeting of the Company, and if not confined thereat, shall from that time only cease to have force.

PASSED in General Meeting, this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one. (1901)

APPLICATION FOR STOCK

IN

THE OWEN SOUND & GEORGIAN BAY PARK & SUMMER RESORT CO., LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$150,000.

Divided into 300 Shares at \$100.00 each, par value 7% Cumulative Preference Stock, and 1200 Shares at \$100.00 par value Common Stock.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
OWEN SOUND & GEORGIAN BAY PARK & SUMMER RESORT CO., LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN:—I request you to allot me Eight Shares of \$100.00 each of 7% Cumulative Preference Stock, ~~and~~ Shares of \$100.00 each Common Stock, in The Owen Sound and Georgian Bay Park and Summer Resort Co., Limited, upon the terms of the Company's By-Laws, Rules and Regulations now and from time to time in force, and I hereby agree to accept the same or any smaller number that may be allotted to me and pay the sum of Ten Dollars per share on allotment, and the balance when and as called upon by the Directors of the said Company.

And I hereby constitute and appoint John Henry McLauchlan of Owen Sound my Attorney, authorizing him to sign the Stock Book of the said Company for me as holder of such shares as may be allotted to me.

As witness my hand and seal.

Dated at Owen Sound

this Fifteenth day of

April A. D. 190 3

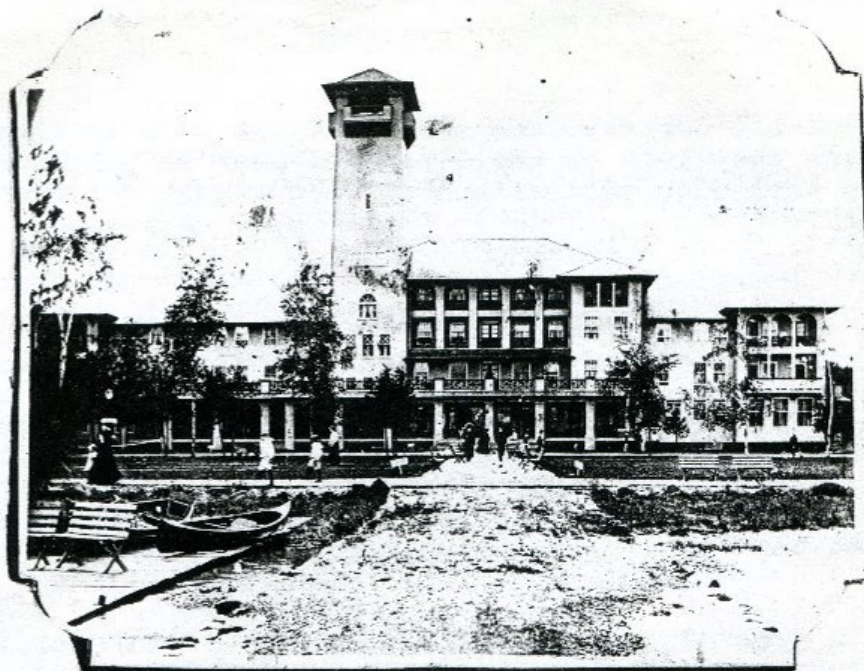
Witness

Signed John H. McLauchlan

Occupation

P. O. Address Owen Sound Ont.

N. B. All payments must be made payable direct to the company.



In June of 1909, the McLauchlan brothers offered the town part of the King's Royal Hotel property at Palmy Beach for a sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. The following account of this offer is quoted from the Owen Sound Sun of June 9th, 1909. This was supplied to me from Mr. Arthur Harrison.

"The Committee composed of Mayor Harrison and President Keenan of the Board of Trade, and Messers J.H. McInnis, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Board of Trade, and James H. Rutherford, Chairman of the Parks Committee of the Town Council, who were appointed at the last joint meeting to deal with the King's Royal situation, had a meeting on Monday afternoon with Messers. James McLauchlan, J.K. McLauchlan and H.E. Sampson, solicitor for the Company. The situation was thoroughly discussed from the monitory standpoint as a public utility or municipal asset. It was conceded that the closing of the Park would be a distinct loss to the people of Owen Sound; that it could be made a profitable proposition under municipal management and would depend upon the support given by the citizens, and that if a street railway was constructed it would be a most valuable acquisition in assisting to make the railway a financial success. The Company offered to sell the summer resort section, which includes the Grove, the water fronts, the athletic grounds, pavillion, auditorium, the grandstand, the dock and all the property not already disposed of a building lots, for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

The property offer does not include the Hotel or the ground it occupies, the disposition of which is still unsettled. It was pointed out that the returns from the steamboat traffic and the franchinse of selling refreshments, the theater privilege and the percentage of the receipts from athletic events would meet the principal and interest, as well as the upkeep of the property. The proposition will be submitted to the council and the Board of Trade for discussion."

PROSPECTUS

THE GEORGIAN BAY SUMMER RESORT COMPANY, LIMITED

Authorized Capital.....\$60,000.

Divided into

400 Shares of 7% cumulative Preferred Stock,
Par Value \$100.00 per share.

200 Shares of Common Stock
Par Value \$100.00 per share.

Head Office.....Owen Sound, Canada
King's Royal Hotel.....Sarawak Township on
Georgian Bay

OBJECTS

The Company is to be incorporated under the provisions of the "Ontario Companies Act" for the purpose of owning and operating the Hotel known as The King's Royal, situated in the Township of Sarawak, County of Grey, on the Georgian Bay, three and one half miles from Owen Sound, connected by ferry service and good highways, and having in connection therewith and Electric Light Plant, Water Works System, Bowling, Tennis and Golf Grounds, and to acquire Game and Fish Preserves.

HOTEL AND EQUIPMENT

The King's Royal Hotel is of modern design having first class accomodation for two hundred guests. It has magnificent piasas and private balconies, a spacious rotunda, large main dining room, private dining rooms, smoking, lounging and billiard rooms, also parlors and writing rooms exclusively for ladies, bedrooms large and airy, and may be engaged either singly or en suite with or without private baths or private balconies, a large airy kitchen, fully equipped with good refrigeratory system. The building is beautifully lighted by electricity and fitted throughout with modern fire appliances supplied by the Company's own water system.

PROSPECTS

The necessity for Summer Hotels and health Resorts is becoming more and more evident each year, and the American tourist traffic to Ontario and more especially to Georgian Bay is increasing enormously; it naturally follows that the best and most accessable points will have the largest patronage. With this Resort working in connection with the Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay Transit Companies Steamers, the Hotel will be filled to capacity as the average rate of \$18.00 per week American Plan appears to be very popular.

The Hotel and property has been purchased at a very low price being only one half of the present estimated cost as given by Mr. Alexander Green, the original contractor and at the above capitalization there should be no difficulty in paying a substantial dividend on the Common Stock.

STOCK

To purchase the property and to supply running capital, the Company will issue and have for disposal four hundred shares of preferred stock of par value of \$100.00 per share. With every two shares of preferred stock subscribed and paid for, there will be given a bonus of 50% of Common Stock. The Preferred Shares shall be entitled to cumulative dividends at a rate of 7% of the net profit per annum and no more.

The Preferred Stock is payable 25% on subscription, 25% on the First day of February, 1914, 25% on the First day of March, 1914 and 25% on the First day of April, 1914.

All cheques and drafts are required to be made payable to the order of the company.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

1. By an Agreement dated January 5th, 1914, the proposed Company agrees to purchase from Mr. Joseph K. McLauchlan of Owen Sound, The King's Royal Hotel and contents, electric light plant, water works system and grounds, having a frontage of about 400 feet by a depth of about 600 feet, for Thirty Five Thousand Dollars. Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars of which is to be paid in cash, and the balance of Twenty four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars by two hundred and forty four fully paid up shares of Preferred Stock, with which there is to be given a bonus of 50% of Common Stock.

The said Contract is now on file at the Head Office of this Company, 1099 First Avenue West, Owen Sound, Ontario.

2. The incorporators and the proposed directors of the proposed Company are Joseph Kent McLauchlan, Merchant, Owen Sound, 100 Preferred Shares, James M. McLauchlan, Manufacturer, Owen Sound, Two Preferred Shares, William Reginald Chester, Merchant, Owen Sound, Two Preferred Shares, M.L. McLauchlan, Married Woman, Owen Sound, Two Preferred Shares, Robert C. Davis, Steamboat Manager and President, 109 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, Ten Preferred Shares

3. The necessary qualifications of the Directors is Two Preferred Shares and not in arrear in respect of any payment

4. The Directors may fix their remuneration subject to confirmation at a General Meeting of the Shareholders.
5. The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is fifty shares of Preferred Stock, and with each two shares of Preferred Stock allotted there will be given a bonus of one share of Common Stock.
6. A fee of not exceeding 10% will be allowed for brokerage, which is to include organization and preliminary expenses of the Company estimated at One Thousand Dollars.
7. The Company proposes electing the Board of Directors from its Shareholders at a General Meeting of the Shareholders, notice of which shall be duly given to all the Shareholders.

Any further information required will be cheerfully given by the Secretary, W.R. Chester, 1099 First Avenue West, Owen Sound, Canada.

DATED this 5th day of January 1914.

Filed in the Office of the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Ontario this fifteenth day of January, 1914.

J.K. McLauchlan

Jas. M. McLauchlan

W.R. Chester

M.L. McLauchlan

R.D. Davis

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made in duplicate this day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and two.

BETWEEN

THE OWEN SOUND and GEORGIAN BAY PARK and
SUMMER RESORT COMPANY, LIMITED

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

ALEXANDER GREEN of the Town of Owen Sound in the
County of Grey, Contractor,

OF THE SECOND PART

FIRST,- The said party of the Second Part doth hereby for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the First Part their successors and assigns that he the said party of the Second Part, his heirs, executors or administrators shall and will for the consideration hereinafter mentioned on or before the fifteenth day of July A.D. 1902, well and sufficiently erect and finish the Summer Hotel on the property of the parties of the First Part at Balmy Beach Summer Resort in the Township of Sarawak, agreeably to the drawings and specifications made by J.C. Forster, Architect, and signed by the said parties, hereunto annexed within the time aforesaid in a good, workmanlike and substantial manner to the satisfaction and under the direction of the said J.C. Forster to be testified by writing or Certificate under the hand of the said J.C. Forster, and also shall and will find and provide such good, proper and sufficient materials of all kinds whatsoever as shall be proper and sufficient for the completing and finishing all the excavating, stone, brick work and plastering and other Works of the said Building mentioned in the said specifications for the sum of Sixteen Thousand and Seventy-two Dollars (\$16,072.00)

The said party of the Second Part doth further covenant and agree, (1) That he will finish each wing in succession of the said Building complete ready for lathing and plastering before starting another. (2) That one-third of the building is to be ready for lathing and plastering by the Fifteenth day of April A.D., 1902, one-third to be ready by the fifth day of May A.D., 1902 and one-third to be ready by the twenty-fifth day A.D., 1902. (3) The Carpentry and plastering of the whole of said building to be completed by the Fifteenth day of June A.D., 1902.

It is further Agreed by the party of the Second Part that if in the descretion of the Architect he has not sufficient men on the building in which to complete same by the time

specified that upon being notified by the said Architect he shall put on extra men, and that after the Twelfth day of March A.D., 1902 the said party of the Second part shall employ twenty men at least on the said Building outside of the plastering.

It is further Agreed that no board lath shall be used in the building except such as may be specified by the Architect.

And the said parties of the First Part doth hereby for themselves, their successors and assigns, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said party of the Second Part his heirs, executors and administrators that they the said parties of the First Part their successors and assigns, shall and will in consideration of the covenants and agreements being strictly performed and kept by the said party of the Second Part, as specified, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said party of the Second Part his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of Sixteen thousand and Seventy-two Dollars (\$16,072.00) of lawful money of the Dominion of Canada, in the manner following,-

PROVIDED, that in each of the said cases, a Certificate shall be obtained and signed by the said J.C. Forster.

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE SAID PARTIES,-

First,- The Specifications and Drawings are intended to co-operate, so that any works exhibited in the Drawings, and not mentioned in the Specifications, or vice-versa, are to be executed the same as if they were mentioned in the Specifications and set forth in the Drawings and to the true meaning and intention of the said Drawings and Specifications, without any extra charge whatsoever.

Second,- The Contractor, at his own proper cost and charges, is to provide all manner of materials and labor, scaffolding, implements, moulds, models and cartage of every description, for the due performance of the several erections.

Third,- Should the Owner, at any time during the progress of the said Building, request any alteration, deviation, additions or omissions from the said contract, they shall be at liberty to do so, and the same shall in no way effect or make void the contract but will be added to or deducted from the amount of the contract as the case may be, by a fair and reasonable valuation.

Fourth,- Should the Contractor, at any time during the progress of the said work, refuse or neglect to supply a sufficiency of materials and workmen, the Owners shall have the power to provide

materials and workmen, after three days notice in writing being given, to finish the said work, and the expenses shall be deducted from the amount of the Contract.

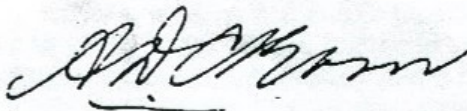
Fifth,- Should any dispute arise respecting the true construction of meaning of the Drawings or Specifications, the same shall be decided by J.C. Forster and his decision shall be final and conclusive; but should any dispute arise respecting the true value of the extra work, or of the works omitted, the same shall be valued by two competent persons - one employed by the Owners, and the other by the Contractor - and those two shall have power to name an umpire, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

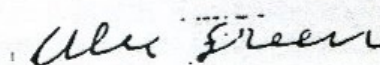
Sixth,- The owners shall not in any matter, be answerable or accountable for any loss or damage that shall or may happen to the said works, or any part or parts thereof respectively, or for any of the materials or other things used and employed in finishing and completing the same.

Seventh,- The said party of the Second Part hereby covenants as aforesaid, that he will pay to the said parties of the First Part their successors or assigns, the sum of _____ Dollars as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty for each and every day that the work shall remain unfinished owing to his neglect or actions, provided that he is not delayed by other trades, said sum to be deducted from the final payment before mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and executed
In the presence of







The United Electric Co., Limited.
Manufacturers and Contracting Engineers.
Power transmission and lighting plants.

134 King St. W.

Toronto, Canada. March 25th, 1902

R.F. Butchard & Pro.
Owen Sound, Ontario

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with your plan we are pleased to tender as follows for the electric wiring of your new hotel at Balmy Beach, near Owen Sound, namely to wire said building for 550 lamps, on the supposition that in the hotel and on the verandahs, approximately 400 lamps, and on the outside on tower 150 lamps.

The following list shows approximately the number of lamps, outlets, clusters and switches, and drop cord lamps where we propose to place them. We will use for concealed work, rubber covered wire and for all open work Weatherproof wire, also the furnish necessary flexible cord, lamps, main and branch line cut-outs, insulators, cleats, insulating tubes and all labor and material to the wiring. We will furnish for the clusters suitable reflecting shades. We figure that about 300 lamps will be on drop cords, that is those in bedrooms, hall, pantry, kitchen and other small rooms.

We will do the wiring strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Canadian Fire Underwriters Association. Price to be \$948.85. You to furnish free board for men while doing this work.

Yours very truly,

Proposed System for Wiring

BALMY BEACH HOTEL

Nr. Owen Sound

FIRST FLOOR.

	<u>Lights</u>	<u>Outlets</u>	<u>Clusters</u>	<u>Switches</u>
Main Dining Room	60	10	5	6
Rotunda	40	10	3	3
Private dining				
Room No. 1	3	1	3	1
No. 2	4	2	2	1
No. 3	3	1	3	1
Smoking Room	6	2	3	1
Reading Room	6	2	3	1
Barber Shop	3	1	3	1
Lavoratory	5	1	3	1
Billiards	27	8	3	3
Porch Off B/Room	2	2	1	it drops
Verandah	10	5	2	Cluster 1
Office	2	2	1	1t drop
OFFICE, Private	2	2	1	"
Parcel Room	1	1	1	"
Baggage Room	1	1	1	"
Nurses dining room	4	2	2	Cluster 1
Rear Hall	1	1	1	1t drop
Pantry	1	1	1	"
Cool Room	1	1	1	"
Rear passage	1	1	1	"
Help's Dining Room	2	2	1	"
Kitchen	6	6	1	"
Serving Room	4	4	1	"
Stair Hall	3	3		Cluster 1
Verandah	29	10	2	"

SECOND FLOOR.

	70	70	70	1tdrops	1 swit
Third	70	70	70	"	1 "
Fourth	18	18	18	"	1 "
Odd	25	25	25	"	1 "
On Tower	150				
Odd	9				

550 Lamps to be wired for

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134 King St. W.

Toronto, Canada. March 25th, 1902.

R.B. Butchart, & Bro.,
Owen Sound, Ontario

Dear Sirs-

"TENDER FOR BOILER"

We can supply you with One Robb-Armstrong, horizontal, tubular boiler, guaranteed working pressure of 125 pounds. Size of boiler 54" diameter, 14 feet long, 64-3inch tubes, 3/8" steel shell, nominal rating 60 horse-power, price delivered on cars at Owen Sound, \$725.00

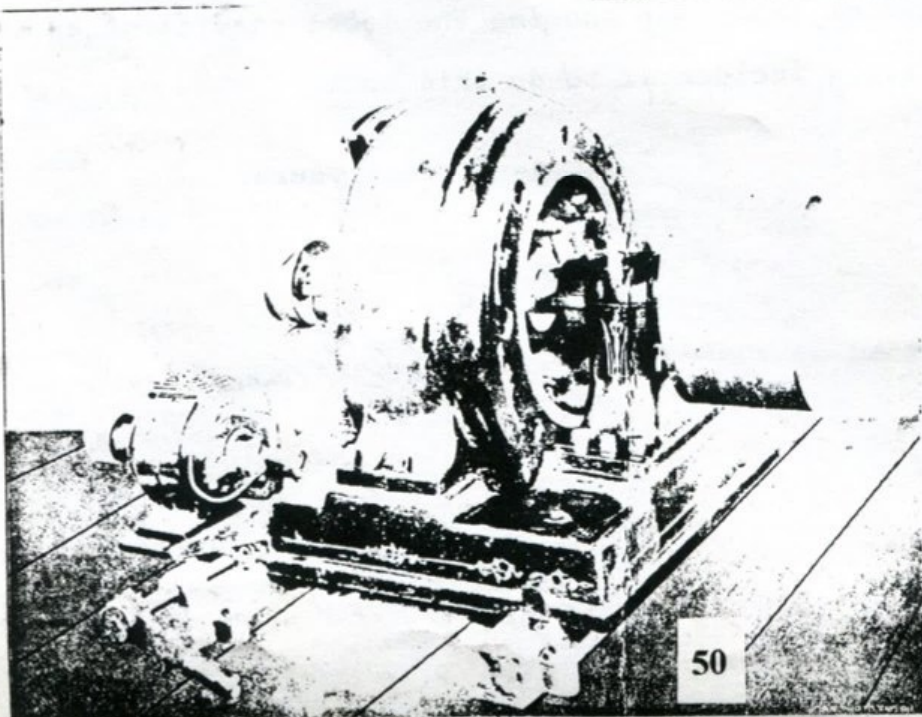
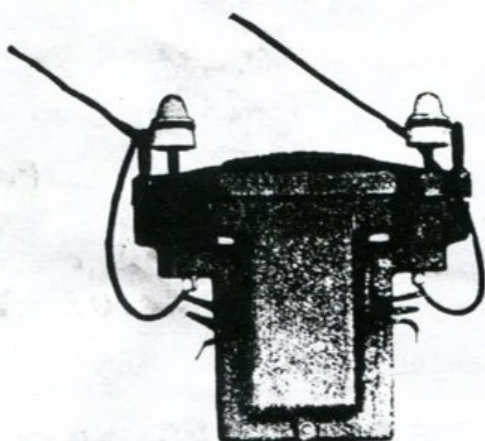
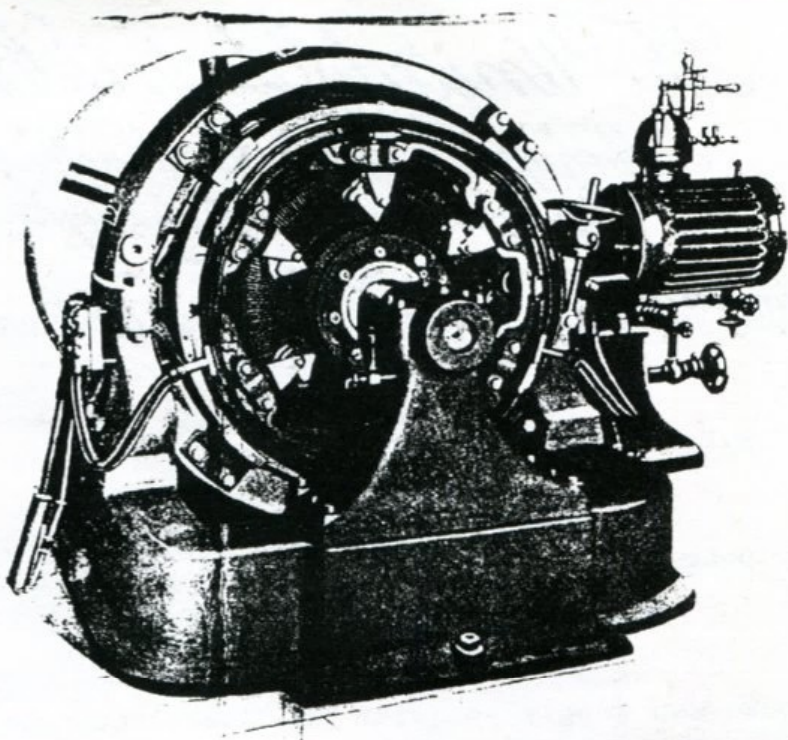
For a boiler 60 inches diameter, 14 feet long, 80-3" tubes, steel shell 7/16", nominal horse-power rating 70 H.P. delivered on cars at Owen Sound \$860.00.

You do the trucking and set and brick the boiler, as we cannot figure on this, not knowing the local conditions as to trucking, or delays incidental to do this work.

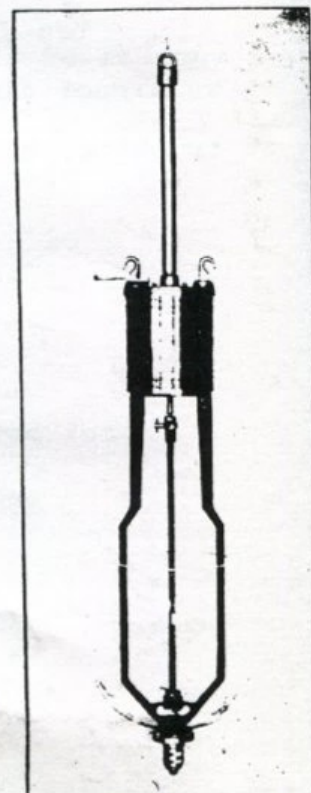
Very truly yours.

Tk:
U

H. L. Johnson



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TIME	Room.	Room.	NAME	RESIDENCE.
S	1	25	Chas. C Knight	Sherbrooke Que
S		25	J H Keller	" "
S		68	J Lannan wife & child	Attand.
S		70	R N Bernier	"
S		51	H. Blakely	Montreal
S		86	H. J. Warner	Toronto
S		16	Emanuel	Montreal
S		71	J. D. Owen	Quebec
S	4	85	O C Paulin & wife	Detroit
S		83	Gleaze	Montreal
S		23	Inadatory	Detroit
S		23	Jc Tony	Montreal -
S		19	Arthur Wood	do
S		57	W W Hignett & family	Philadelphia
S		57	H B Hignett & family	" "
S		87	D. H. Rogers & wife	Panama - Ant
S		8	J. E. Brown	Ottawa Ont
S		8	H. F. Ingersall	Ottawa
S		59	L Ball	Barre
25	#	89	Jno W Gordon	Amherst
S	SS		W W McIntyre	Toronto
S		69	Robt. K. Jones	Quebec
S		69	M. Duron	Grandmire
S		69	P. Kilian	S. Boniface
S		71	Cd. P. M. Leary	Claremont
S		6	Alvin Lecavalier	Montreal

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KING'S ROYAL HOTEL

OWEN SOUND, CANADA

GEORGIAN BAY SUMMER RESORT CO., LIMITED

Rate, \$2.50 per day up.

ARRIVAL	ROOM	CALL	Friday July 17 th Continued	
✓ D			Mrs W.P. Malone	Owen Sound
✓			W.A. Bishop	Owen Sound
✓			Mrs. M. G. H.	"
Saturday July 18 th 1914				
✓ D			Mrs. Ketter	
✓ D			Mrs. Robinson	
✓ D			Miss Ketter	
✓ D			Miss Gordon	
✓ D			W. K. Robinson	
Sunday July 19 th 1914				
✓ D			Mr. H. C. Cunningham	P. T. Egan.
✓ D			Mr. H. C. Cunningham	
✓ D			W. J. Clarke	Owen Sound
✓ D			J. McCarty	Do
✓ D			C. W. Barwick	Vancouver
✓ D			W. A. Bishop	Owen Sound
✓ D			H. G. Cunningham	P. T. Egan.
✓ D			J. A. Cunningham	"
✓ D			Keen Lady	
✓ D			Pauline	
✓ D			McCormick	Chicago
✓ D			Mrs. Lesser	Chicago
✓ D			Ms. E. Hall	

GUEST BOOK — This page from the register at the King's Royal Hotel contains the signatures of guests who stayed at the hotel on July 17, 18 and 19, 1914. Among the guests was Victoria Cross winner W. A. Bishop.

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this ledger, the second name under July 17 and the sixth under July 19. The guest register and the two postcards reproduced on this page are courtesy of Grey-Owen Sound museum.

April A.D. 1901

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN

JOHN H. McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Merchant

OF THE FIRST PART

And

THE OWEN SOUND GEORGIAN BAY PARK & SUMMER RESORT COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the parties of the Second Part have become incorporated as a Company for the purpose of acquiring and running Summer Resorts, and Summer Hotels and running Steamboat and other boats in connection with the same.

AND WHEREAS such Company was formed previously with the object of acquiring and running as a Summer Resort what is known as McLauchlan Park and Balmy Beach, with the understanding with the said party of the First Part to sell to the said parties of the Second Part such McLauchlan Park and Balmy Beach with the exceptions of those portions thereof hereinafter mentioned for a consideration to be agreed upon.

AND WHEREAS the party of the First Part has agreed to accept therefor Fifty Thousand Dollars in fully paid up stock in such Company, either preferred or common, as he may decide, which the Directors of said Company have agreed to, provided that \$20,000 of stock is subscribed and placed on the books.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed as follows;-

1. The said party of the First Part shall sell and the said company shall purchase, provided that \$20,000 of stock is subscribed to be assessed. (1) That part of Lot Number Sixteen in the Third Concession of the Township of Sarawak purchased from Margaret Woods and lying East of the travelled road and that part of Lot Number Seventeen in the said Third Concession of Sarawak bought from Arthur Robertson, except that portion of Lot Number Sixteen on which is situate the rough cast House formerly occupied by Margaret Woods, and about One Acre of land surrounding same, and all the Park lots heretofore sold off said Lots Sixteen and Seventeen known as Balmy Beach, and also assign to said parties of the Second Part his interest in the Water front of said lots, and Lease from the Town of Owen Sound, that portion of the River frontage lying North of the swing bridge in the Town of Owen Sound of which he has a Lease from the Town. (2) The Docks, Swings, Seats, all furnishings of the Restaurant and Auditorium, and all other Chattels and properties belonging to such property known as Balmy Beach and McLauchlan Park. (3) The Boat "Mazeppa" and furnishings.

2. The consideration for said sale shall be the issue to said party of the First Part, Five Hundred shares of One hundred dollars each of fully paid up stock either in preferred or common stock, or partly in preferred or partly Common of the Company.

3. It is further agreed that after the Company has sold sufficient stock to do all the necessary improvements and such that they require at present, if there is any sale for same, they shall dispose of what portion of the Stock of the party of the First Part as he may desire without costs to him, but not at less price than par.

4. The Conveyances are to be executed by the party of the First Part when such Stock of Five hundred shares has been issued to him, and 200 shares have been subscribed and placed on the books of the Company to be assessed.

AS WITNESS the hand of the party of the FIRST Part and the hand of the Vice President and Corporate seal of the Company.

C O N T R A C T - Harry Rich

This agreement, (dated May 28th, 1902) between J.M. Walsh, of the first part and Harry Rich of second part, wherein said J.M. Walsh agrees to engage said Harry Rich to manage and book Vaudville attractions for "King's Royal Theatre," Balmy Beach, Owen Sound, Ont., during summer season of 1902. Said season to consist of 7 weeks or longer commencing June 9th, 1902. Said Harry Rich to take part in performances (when necessary), have full charge of stage and performances and thereto appertaining, attend to all advertising matter re Theatre, engage all Artists to appear at said Theatre, subject to the approval of the said J.M. Walsh, and for such services, party of first part agrees to pay party of second part the sum of \$25.00 per week and board and lodging and R.R. fare to Owen Sound, salary to commence (for booking, Artists, corresponding and preparatory business,) one week prior to opening of said season.

It is further agreed that the combined salaries of Artists (including said Harry Rich) shall not exceed the sum of \$175.00 per week, and incidental expenses such as printing, postage, telegrams, phones, etc., be kept down to lowest notch, party of first part to defray and settle such salaries and expenses, a weekly statement of salaries and incidental expenses to be presented by said Harry Rich every Saturday, and all salaries to be paid Artists and Harry Rich during each Saturday evening performances.

It is also further agreed that, party of first part furnish, first class pianist or Orchestra, subject to approval of said Harry Rich, supply all printing, advertising, property Bay. etc.

Boat privileges to and from Beach to all Artists, and said Harry Rich, also hauling of Artist's baggage to and from Depot (FREE) to Theatre.

If at any time the foresaid Harry Rich shall not do duties it is agreed that this contract shall terminate.

(Signed)
Party of
first part

Party of 2nd part

Kings Royal Hotel to
J. M. Walsh

Harry Rich

THIS INDENTURE made in duplicate the twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two

BETWEEN

JOHN HENRY McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Merchant, (an unmarried man) and GEORGE DILLANE McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound, Merchant.

OF THE FIRST PART

AND THE OWEN SOUND AND GEORGIAN BAY PARK AND SUMMER RESORT COMPANY (LIMITED)

OF THE SECOND PART

WITNESSETH that in consideration of Sixty Thousand Dollars of lawful money of Canada now paid by the said parties of the Second Part to the said parties of the First Part (the receipt whereof is hereby by them acknowledged) they, the said parties of the First Part, doth grant unto the said parties of the Second Part in fee simple

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Sarawak in the County of Grey, being composed of -

FIRST.- Part of Lot Number Sixteen in the Third Concession of the Township of Sarawak, which may be described as follows, Commencing at the North East angle of said Lot, Thence Westerly along the Northern boundary of said Lot to the Easterly limit of the Public Road, now travelled, Thence Southerly along the Easterly boundary of said Road Thirteen chains Ninety-six links to a certain stake. Thence Easterly parallel to the Northerly boundary of said Lot to the Eastern boundary, Thence along the said Eastern boundary to the place of beginning, containing Sixteen acres be the same more or less, excepting a portion off the South Westerly corner of said Lot Conveyed now enclosed and occupied by the former Woods Residence containing about one acre of land and excepting that portion thereof divided into Lots but such exception not to include Lots hereinafter conveyed.

SECOND,- Being composed of part of Lot Number Seventeen in the Third Concession of said Township containing Eleven and nine-tenths acres be the same more or less and which may be more particularly described as follows, that is to say, Commencing at a point in the Northerly limit of said Lot distant South Seventy-seven degrees East from the North Westerly angle of said Lot Twenty-six chains Thirty links, Thence South Thirteen degrees West Twenty-one chains Twenty-one links, thence North seventy-seven degrees West Fifteen chains Sixty Three links more or less to the Easterly limit of a travelled Road, Thence South Two degrees Thirty minutes East along said

limit Six chains Thirty-five links Thence South Seventy-seven degrees, East Fifteen chains, Thence North Thirteen degrees East Twenty-seven chains Thence North Thirteen degrees East Twenty-seven chains Forty-one links to the Northerly limit of said lot, Thence North Seventy-seven degrees West along said limit One chain to the place of beginning; and those portions of said Lot Seventeen containing respectively Twenty-seven acres and Five and one-half acres being more particular described as follows, that is to say,-(1) Commencing at a point in the Southerly limit of said Lot distant South Seventy-seven degrees Twenty-seven chains Thirty links from the South Westerly angle of said Lot; Thence North Thirteen degrees East Thirty one chains Twenty one links more or less to the Northerly limit of said Lot Thence South-Seventy-seven degrees East along said Northerly limit Nine chains more or less to the line distant One chain from the high water line of Owen Sound Bay, Thence South along said Southerly limit of said lot, Thence North Seventy-seven degrees West along said Southerly limit, Eight chains more or less to the place of beginning. (2) Commencing at a point in the Southerly limit of said Lot distant South Seventy-seven degrees East Twenty-seven chains Thirty Links from the South West along said limit Four chains, Thence South Seventy-seven degrees East Fifteen chain, Thence South Thirteen degrees West Three chains Eighty links more or less to the place of beginning excepting that portion of said lot divided up into lots but such exception does not include the lots hereinafter conveyed, and excepting that portion of said Lot Number Seventeen conveyed by Deed of Bargain and Sale dated the Eighteenth day of July A.D. 1899 and registered the Tenth day of August A.D. 1899 made by John Henry McLauchlan to the Township of Sarawak as Number 2035.

THIRD- All and singular the Road allowance One chain in width along the Water front of said lot Number Seventeen the Westerly limit of which may be more particularly described as follows,- Commencing at the North Easterly angle of said lot Thence Southerly following the Easterly limit of said lot being a line One chain distant from high water line Thirty-one chains Twenty-one links to the South Easterly angle of said lot and the original Road allowance One chain in width along the water front of that part of Lot Sixteen in the Third Concession of the said Township owned by John J. McLauchlan the Westerly limit of which may be more particularly described as follows, that is to say,-Commencing at the North Easterly limit of said lot, Thence Southerly, Westerly and South Westerly Twenty-four chains more or less along the Easterly limit of said Lot being a line One chain distant from high water line to the Southerly limit of lands owned by the party of the First Part.

FOURTH.- Lots Numbers Northerly Thirty feet of Lot Number Five, Lots Numbers Nine, Twelve, Sixteen and Twenty-five on the West Side of Victoria Avenue and Lots Numbers Three, Four, Five, Seven, Nine, Twelve on the East Side of Wellington Avenue and

Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty on the West side of Wellington Avenue; Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty on the East side of Nelson Avenue, Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four, and Five on the South side of Helena Avenue - Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four and Five on the North side of Washington Avenue, Lots Numbers To, Three, Four and Five on the South side of Washington Avenue, Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four and Five on the North side of Gladstone Avenue, Subdivision of part of Lot Number Seventeen in the Third Concession of the Township of Sarawak according to a Plan thereof made by R. McDowall O.L.S. for John Henry McLauchlan, dated the Twenty-fourth day of October 1898 and registered on the Second day of November 1898 as Number 163.

FIFTH.- Lots Numbers One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty of the West side of Nelson Avenue, Lots Numbers Six, Seven and Eight on the South side of Helena Avenue, Lots Numbers Six, Seven and Eight on the North Side of Washington Avenue, Lots Numbers Six, Seven and Eight on the South side of Washington Avenue, Lots Numbers Six, Seven and Eight on the North side of Gladstone Avenue and Lot Letter "A" subdivisions of Lot Number Seventeen in the Third Concession in the Township of Sarawak according to a Plan thereof made by R. McDowall O.L.S. for John McLauchlan, registered the Twenty-eighth day of February 1901 as Number 171.

SIXTH.- Lots Numbers Two, Three, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen and Fifteen subdivisions of part of Lot Number Sixteen in the Third Concession of the Township of Sarawak according to a Plan thereof made by R. McDowall O.L.S. for John H. McLauchlan dated the Twentieth day of September 1899 and registered the Eleventh day of November 1899 as Number 167.

SEVENTH.- Lots Numbers Fourteen, Fifteen, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen and Nineten Subdivisions of part of Lot Number Sixteen in the Third Concession of the Township of Sarawak according to a Plan made by R. McDowall O.L.S. for John H. McLauchlan dated the Twenty-eighth day of November 1900 and registered the Twenty-ninth day of November 1900 as Number 170.

EIGHTH.- All the Water Lots adjoining said Lots Sixteen and Seventeen in the Third Concession of the said Township of Sarawak and wharves and docks on same.

NINTH.- All the buildings movable or immovable, plant, acetylene gas plant, furnishings of the pavilion, seats, swings, &c. of the Park, furnishings of the Theatre, Windmill, and all other material or properties belonging to what was known as McLauchlan Park and Balmy Beach Park, and also the Steamer "Mazeppa" and furnishings and fittings, &c.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said parties of the Second Part, their successors and assigns to and for their sole and only use forever Subject Nevertheless to the reservations, limitations, provisoes and conditions expressed in the original Grant thereof from the Crown.

The said parties of the first part covenant with the said parties of the second part that they have the right to convey the said lands to the said parties of the second part notwithstanding any act of the said parties of the First Part.

AND that the said parties of the Second Part shall have quiet possession of the said lands free from all incumbrances.

AND the said parties of the first part covenant with the said parties of the Second Part that they will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be requisite.

AND the said parties of the first part covenant with the said parties of the second part that they have done no act to encumber the said lands.

AND the said parties of the First Part Release to the said parties of the Second Part all their claims upon the said lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals.

Signed, sealed and Delivered
In the presence of



Province of Ontario

By the Honourable

William John Hanna

Provincial Secretary

To all to whom these Presents shall Come

Now Therefore Know Ye *that I*

Greeting

WILLIAM JOHN HANNA,

under the authority of the heretofore in part recited: let

Do by these Letters Patent hereby constitute
the Persons hereinafter named that into say

JOSEPH KENT McLAUCHLAN, JAMES MURRAY McLAUCHLAN and WILLIAM REGINALD CHESTER; Merchants; and MARIAN LOUISE McLAUCHLAN, Married Women, all of the Town of Owen Sound, in the County of Grey; and Province of Ontario; and ROBERT CHEVAULT DAVIS, of the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois, one of the United States of America, Steamboat Manager and President and any others who have become subscribers to the Memorandum of the Company, and persons who thereafter become shareholders in the Company, a Corporation for the following purposes and objects, that is to say:

(a) To acquire and own the summer hotel known as the King's Royal Hotel and contents thereof and property in connection therewith, in the Township of Sarawak, in the said County of Grey, and to operate the same as a hotel and to own and operate a billiard and pool room in connection therewith.

(b) To acquire, own and operate game and fish preserve in connection with the said hotel and to acquire, own and operate bowling, golf and tennis grounds in connection with the said hotel and,

(c) For the purpose of the said hotel to own and operate an electric light plant and water power plant and to sell and dispose of any surplus light, heat or power; provided, however, that nothing in these Letters Patent contained shall be deemed or construed to empower the Company to operate or control any public utility municipal franchise within the meaning of Part XII of the Ontario Companies Act, until authorized so do so by Supplementary Letters Patent;

The Corporate Name of the Company to be:

THE GEORGIAN BAY SUMMER RESORT COMPANY LIMITED

THE CAPITAL of the company to be Sixty Thousand Dollars, divided into Six Hundred Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, of which Four Hundred Shares shall be preferred shares;

THE HEAD OFFICE of the Company to be situated at the said town of Owen Sound, and

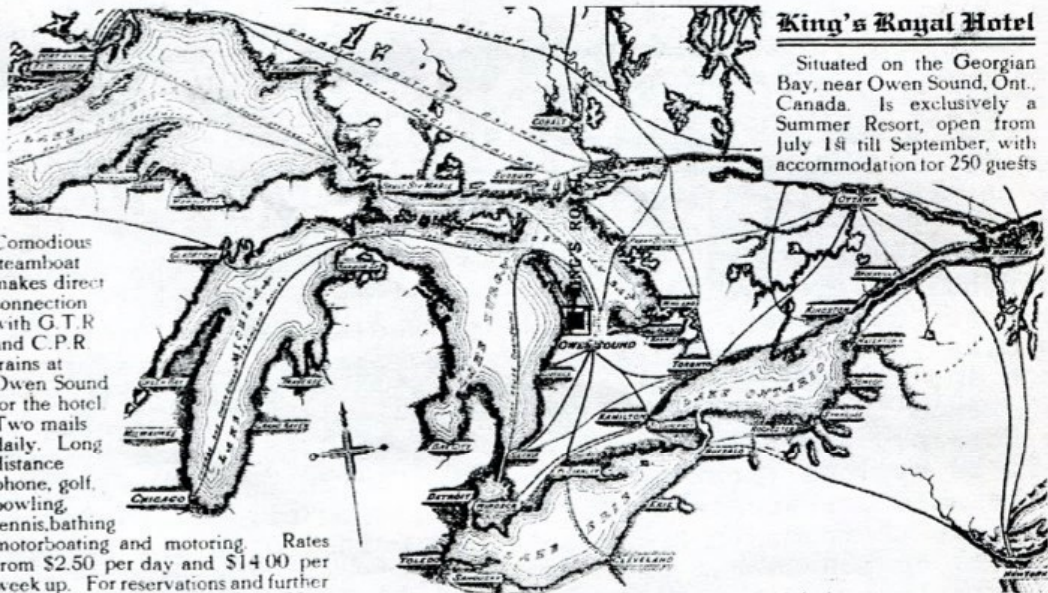
THE PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS of the Company to be Joseph Kent McLauchlan, James Murray McLauchlan, William Reginald Chester, Marian Louise McLauchlan and Robert Chevaul Davis, hereinbefore mentioned.

AND I HEREBY DECLARE that the said shares of preferred stock shall be entitled out of any and all surplus net profits of the Company, whenever ascertained, to cumulative dividends at the rate of seven per centum per annum, and no more, in each year, in preference and priority to any payment of any dividends on the common stock for each year. The dividend on the shares of preferred stock is to be payable on the fifteenth day of December in each year. The Common Stock shall be subject to the prior rights of the holders of such preference stock. If after providing for the payment of full dividends for any year on the preference stock, and for any balance of money remaining due on the cumulative dividends on such preference stock for preceding years, there shall remain any surplus net profits, any and all such surplus net profits, not in the opinion of the Board of Directors required to provide for the maintenance, improvement, enlargement and operation of the property and business of the Company, or for the payment of its liabilities, shall be applicable to the payment of dividends on the common stock of the Company, but no such dividend shall be declared or paid until the cumulative dividends shall have been paid in full, upon the preference stock for such year, and for all preceding years. In case of the dissolution or winding up of the Company, the preference stock and the holders thereof shall also be entitled to preference in the distribution of the assets and property of the Company, and the net proceeds of such assets and property shall be applied first to the payment in full of the principal of the said preference stock, at par, with all cumulative dividends thereon, in preference and priority to any payment upon the common stock, and any balance remaining shall be paid to the holders of the common stock.



Private Post Card

Situated on the Georgian
Bay, near
Owen Sound, Canada



King's Royal Hotel

Situated on the Georgian Bay, near Owen Sound, Ont., Canada. Is exclusively a Summer Resort, open from July 1st till September, with accommodation for 250 guests

Comodious steamboat makes direct connection with G.T.R. and C.P.R. trains at Owen Sound for the hotel. Two mails daily. Long distance phone, golf, bowling, tennis, bathing motorboating and motoring. Rates from \$2.50 per day and \$14.00 per week up. For reservations and further particulars apply to Wm. Gall, Mgr.

Front & back of a post card

DATED January 5th, 1914.

JOSEPH KENT McLAUCHLAN

AND

JAMES MURRAY McLAUCHLAN.

WILLIAM REGINALD CHESTER.

MARIAN LOUISE McLAUCHLAN,

and ROBERT C. DAVIS.

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OPTIONAL AGREEMENT

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C. S. Cameron,
Barrister & Co,
OWEN SOUND.

Ontario.
Department of the Secretary & Registrar,
Assistant Provincial Secretary's
Office.

EMW.

re THE GEORGIAN BAY CULMTER RESORT COMPANY LIMITED.

Toronto, November 29th, 1913.

Sir:-

I have the honour to refer to the matter of the application for the incorporation of the above named Company, and beg to advise that the Order of incorporation herein bears date as of the 29th inst. and such will be the date of the Letters Patent which will issue in due course.

It will be necessary for the writer to discuss the proposed powers with Mr. Hanna, before the Letters Patent are engrossed.

I have the honour to,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Sgd) F. V. Johns,

Acting Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Colin S. Cameron, Esq.

Barrister & Co,

OWEN SOUND. ONT. 64

COPY.

EMW.

Re THE GEORGIAN BAY SUMMER RESORT COMPANY LIMITED.

Toronto, December 8th, 1913.

Sir:-

I have the honour to refer to the application for the incorporation of the above named Company, and to the Department's letter to you of the 29th, ulto. and now beg to enclose a copy of the powers which will be inserted in the Letters Patent.

You do not appear to have forwarded the further affidavit of Henry C. Kline, referred to in your letter of the 21st, ulto.

Your letter of the 28th, ulto. refers to the name of the applicant Robert C. Davis, but I understand from your telephone conversation of the 29th, ulto. that "C" is merely an initial.

As already advised, the Order of incorporation herein bears date as of the 29th, ulto. and such will be the date of the Letters Patent which will be forwarded to you in due course upon receipt of further affidavit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Colin S. Cameron, Esq., Your obedient servant,
Barrister,
OWEN SOUND.
ONT.

(Sgd) F. J. Johns,

Acting Assistant Provincial Secretary.

(a) TO acquire and own the summer hotel known as the King's Royal Hotel, and contents thereof, and property in connection therewith, in the Township of Sarawak, in the said County of Grey, and to operate the same as a hotel ~~and also as a fish game, bowling and golf club~~ and to own and operate a billiard and pool room in connection therewith; (b) TO acquire, own and operate game and fish preserves in connection with the said hotel, ~~and club~~, ^{also Bowling Golf & Tennis} and (c) For the purposes of the said hotel ~~and club~~ to own and operate an electric light plant and water power plant and to sell and dispose of any surplus thereof; Provided, however, that nothing in these Patents Patent contained shall be deemed or construed to empower the Company to operate or control any public utility or municipal franchise within the meaning of Part XII of the Ontario Companies Act, until authorized so to do by Supplementary Letters Patent.

THIS AGREEMENT made in triplicate the Fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

BETWEEN:

JOSEPH KENT McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Merchant, hereinafter called the Vendor,

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

JAMES MURRAY McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Manufacturer, WILLIAM REGINALD CHESTER of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Merchant, MARIAN LOUISE McLAUCHLAN of the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, Married Woman, and ROBERT C. DAVIS of the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois, Steamboat Manager and President, the Trustees and four of the Provisional Directors on behalf of the proposed Incorporation known as The Georgian Bay Summer Resort Company, Limited, hereinafter called the Purchasers,

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS a Company is about to be incorporated under The Ontario Companies Act, under the name of The Georgian Bay Summer Resort Company, Limited, with a capital stock of Sixty Thousand Dollars, divided into four hundred preferred shares of One Hundred Dollars each and Two Hundred shares of Common Stock of One Hundred Dollars each.

AND WHEREAS it is understood that the said Vendor and the said Purchasers, are to be the Provisional Directors of the said Company.

WHEREAS in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS now paid by the Purchasers to the Vendor, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) the vendor hereby gives to the purchasers an exclusive option irrevocable within the time for acceptance hereinafter limited, to purchase, by good title free from encumbrances, all that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the King's Royal Park in the Township of Sarawak in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lots Number Sixteen and Seventeen in the Third Concession of the said Township of Sarawak, being more particularly described as follows, that is to say:- Commencing at the South Easterly corner of the Southerly boundary of the most Southern cottage lot heretofore sold, lying North of the King's Royal Hotel; Thence Southerly from the said point, along the Westerly boundary of Victoria Avenue four hundred feet more or less to a wire fence; Thence Westerly along the said wire fence six hundred feet more or less to a board fence running North and South; Thence Northerly four hundred feet more or less to a stake planted; Thence Easterly and parallel to the Southerly limit, six hundred feet more or less to the place of beginning, together with the King's Royal Hotel and all contents thereof, the Electric Light Plant, Water Works System, Water Tower, Laundry and Ice House and Garage Shed in connection therewith, for the price or sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars; Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars of which is to be paid in cash on or before the First day of April, 1914, and the balance of the purchase price of Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars is to be paid by the vendor accepting two hundred and forty four fully paid up shares of Preferred Stock in the said proposed Company, and with each two Preferred Shares, there is to be given as a bonus, one share of Common Stock in the said Company.

The purchasers are to have the right of way for foot passengers over Victoria Avenue lying immediately East of the said above described property, and the vendor reserves all rights of way now in use or in plans, over the said property.

The option hereby given shall be open for acceptance up to but not after the First day of April, 1914, and may be accepted by a letter delivered to the vendor or mailed, post prepaid and registered, addressed to the vendor at the Town of Owen Sound in the County of Grey.

It is understood and agreed that the purchasers shall have the privilege of paying to the vendor in cash any additional amount over and above the amount ~~xx~~ already above stated, in place and instead of the stock above stated; and if the purchasers are able to make the payments at any time prior to the above stated times, the vendor agrees to accept the same, and transfer to them the said property.

The vendor shall not be bound to furnish any abstract of title or any deeds, copies of deeds or any further evidence of title except such as are in his possession. The purchasers are to search the title at their own expense and shall have twenty days from the date of acceptance, to examine it, and shall have deemed to accept the title, except as to any written objection made within that time. If any objection be made within that time, the vendor shall have ten days from the date of receiving such objection, to remove it, but if he is unable or unwilling to do so, he may notwithstanding any intermediate correspondence, cancel the contract and return the deposit or any payments, and shall not be liable to the purchasers for any expenses incurred by them.

All adjustments shall be made to the date of the transfer of the property and the delivery of possession.

Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon also the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties hereto respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)

In the presence of

<u>Katit Burns</u>	<u>St. M. Lauchlan</u>
<u>Chas. Cunningham</u>	<u>Jas. M. Mc Lauchlan</u>
<u>Katit Burns</u>	<u>W. R. Chister</u>
<u>J. H. Espersen</u>	<u>M. L. Mc Lauchlan</u>
<u>W. H. Black</u>	<u>R. C. Dewis</u>

COLIN STEWART CAMERON,

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Union Bank, Warton.

Union Bank, Agnew.

Bank of Commerce, Warton.

Canada Bonded Attorney, Toronto.

Owen Sound, Canada.

Jan. 20th, 1914.

J. K. McLauchlan, Esq.

C/o Robert C. Davis, Esq.

109 West Adams Street,

CHICAGO. ILL.

Dear Mr. McLauchlan:-

Re. The Georgian Bay Summer Resort Co. Ltd.

The Patent for this Company just came to hand late last night and seems to be in order. It is dated the 14th day of January 1914.

I enclose herewith a copy thereof.

Yours truly,

1 encl.

CSC/IB.

C. Cameron

BALMY BEACH DANCE PAVILION



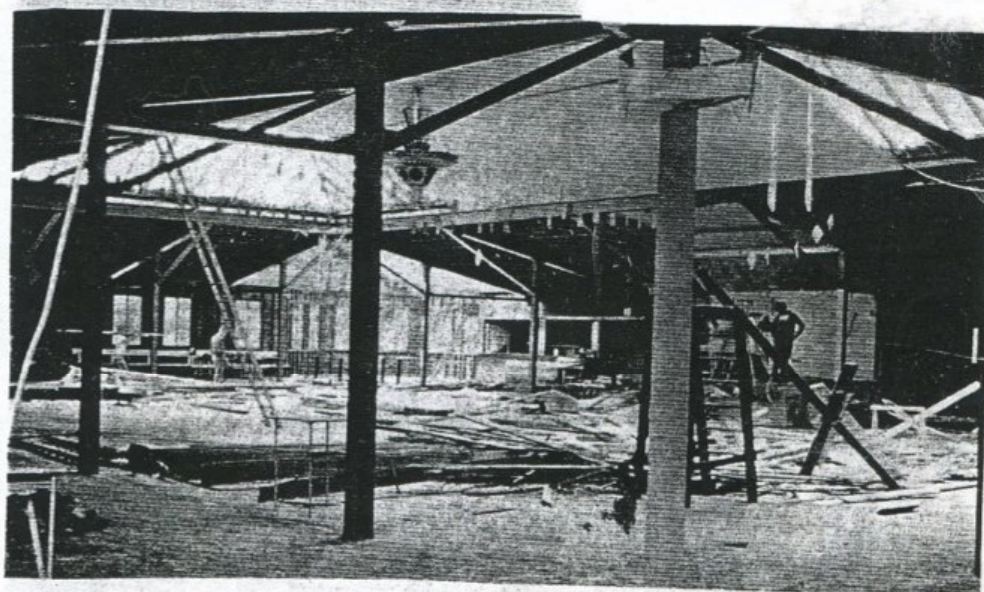
Many area folks still have fond memories of the Balmy Beach dance pavilion. When the King's Royal Hotel was torn down, the Auditorium (theatre) was moved to another location (about 1930), remodelled and became the Balmy Beach Dance Pavilion. It had a floor about 106' by 140' with a 15' promenade along each side and alcoves in addition. The floor area was close to 15,000 square feet. It was to boast one of the largest dance floors in Canada. Many well known orchestras played at the Pavilion.

The new lessees of the property, the Georgian Bay Amusement Company, awarded the contract for moving the buildings to their new positions to Mr. David White and the contract for enlarging and rebuilding both structures to Messrs. Brigham and Woolrich. Mr. W.G. Murray of London was the architect in charge.

In 1943 there were more renovations done to the pavilion and a grand re-opening was held. Roller skating was held occasionally, but only on the outer promenade. Mr. J.K. McLauchlan, a brother of John H., managed the dance pavilion until 1946 when his wife, Marion died. Then the pavilion and lodge were leased for a few years. Finally in the summer of 1962 the pavilion was demolished and the lumber sold at a general auction. (The end of the site's colourful past!)



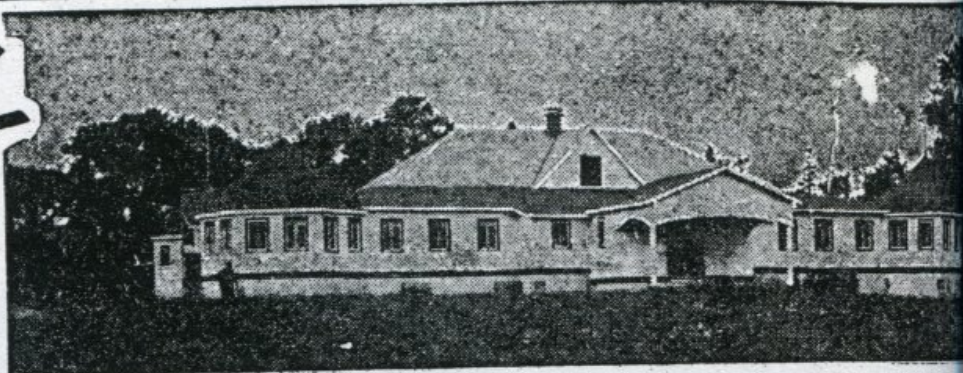
OWEN SOUND HERALD. JUNE 14, 1962



The Balmy Beach Pavilion dance floor, familiar to many Owen Sound and district persons for many years does not look nearly as romantic these days as workmen carry out the mammoth task of dismantling the huge building. The picture above shows only a portion of the Pavilion, which was one of the largest in Canada.

Announcing

The Grand



RE-OPENING of BALMY BEACH DANCE PAVILION

3½ Miles North of Owen Sound—on the Bay—on

MAY 24th (Wednesday)

and Every

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS

During the Summer Season to

LLOYD KIBBLER

and His Orchestra

Dancing from 9 to 1 — Admission 40c

Management of
ALF. SMITH and LLOYD KIBBLER

**Special Weekly
Thursday Night
DANCE**

Commencing Thursday, June 1st,
and Every Thursday Until Fur-
ther Notice. Come to Balmy
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**Bert Worth's
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Night
August 14/46

Lloyd
Kibbler
and His
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Orchestra

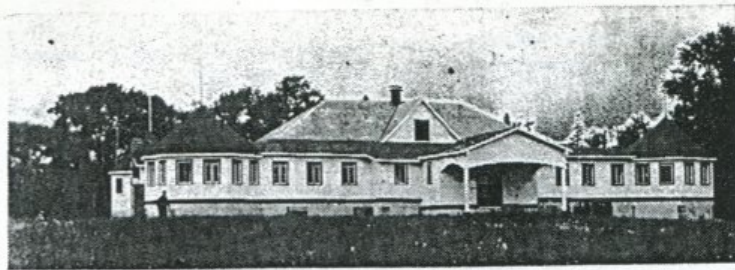


Pictures donated by Mrs.
Betty Huston. Her brother
Gordon Cruickshank (back
row, 2nd from left) was a
member of this local band
that played at the Pavilion.

Calmy Beach PAVILION

Admission 50¢

Coming!
Thurs. Aug. 22/46
Norman Harris
and His Orchestra



OPENING DANCE

BALMY BEACH PAVILION

FRIDAY, MAY 24th

Music By That Very Popular Musicial Organization

FRED ELLIOTT AND HIS ORCHESTRA

*who have played full seasons at the Brant Inn, Grand Bend
Casino, Burlington and Couchiching Beach.*

POPULAR PRICES

Admission 15c

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Dances 5c

DANCE

BALMY BEACH PAVILION

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

Billy Nelson's 10 Piece Orchestra

CFRB Radio Favorites From The Silver Slipper Toronto.

SPECIAL FLOOR SHOW

Directed By MR. WALDO HOLDEN

Featuring REX DOYLE Direct From The
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DOROTHY and HOWARD PARSONS

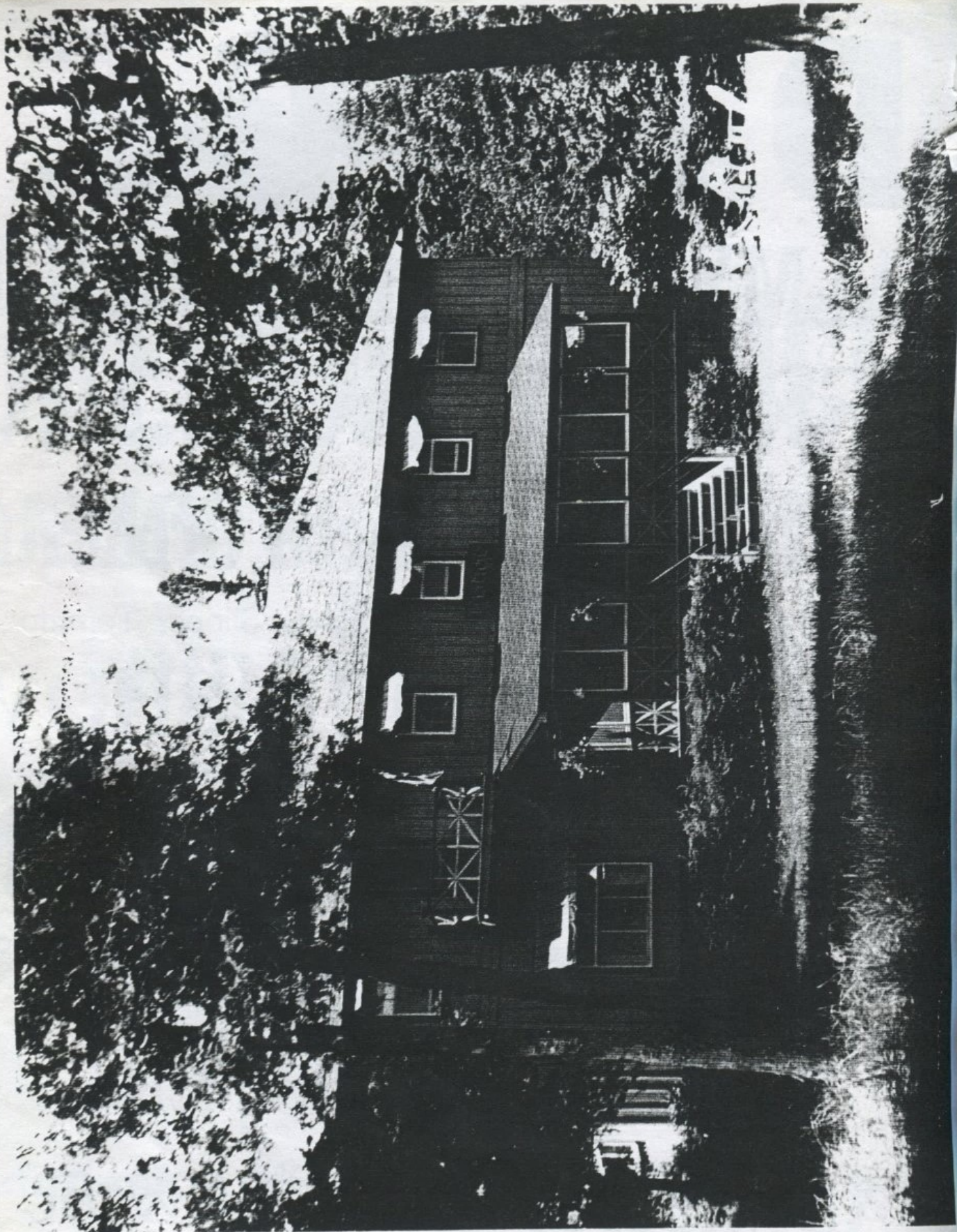
Clever Acrobatic Dancers

THE PASEN SISTERS

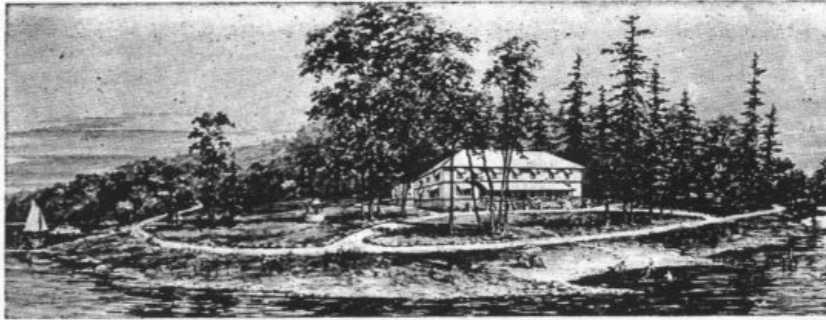
ADMISSION 45c, TAX 5c

DANCING FREE

BALMY BEACH LODGE



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Balmy Beach Lodge and CABINS

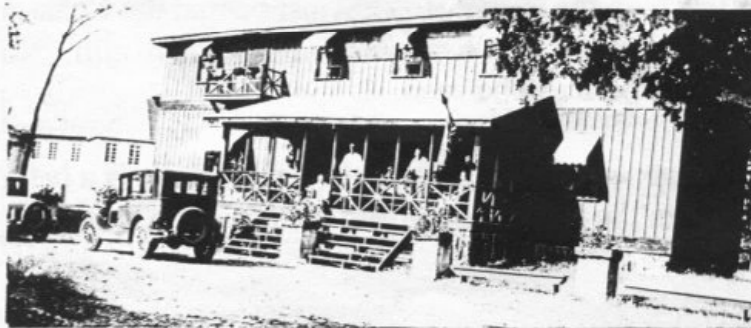
On the Georgian Bay—
First Class Accommodation
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J. K. McLauchlan
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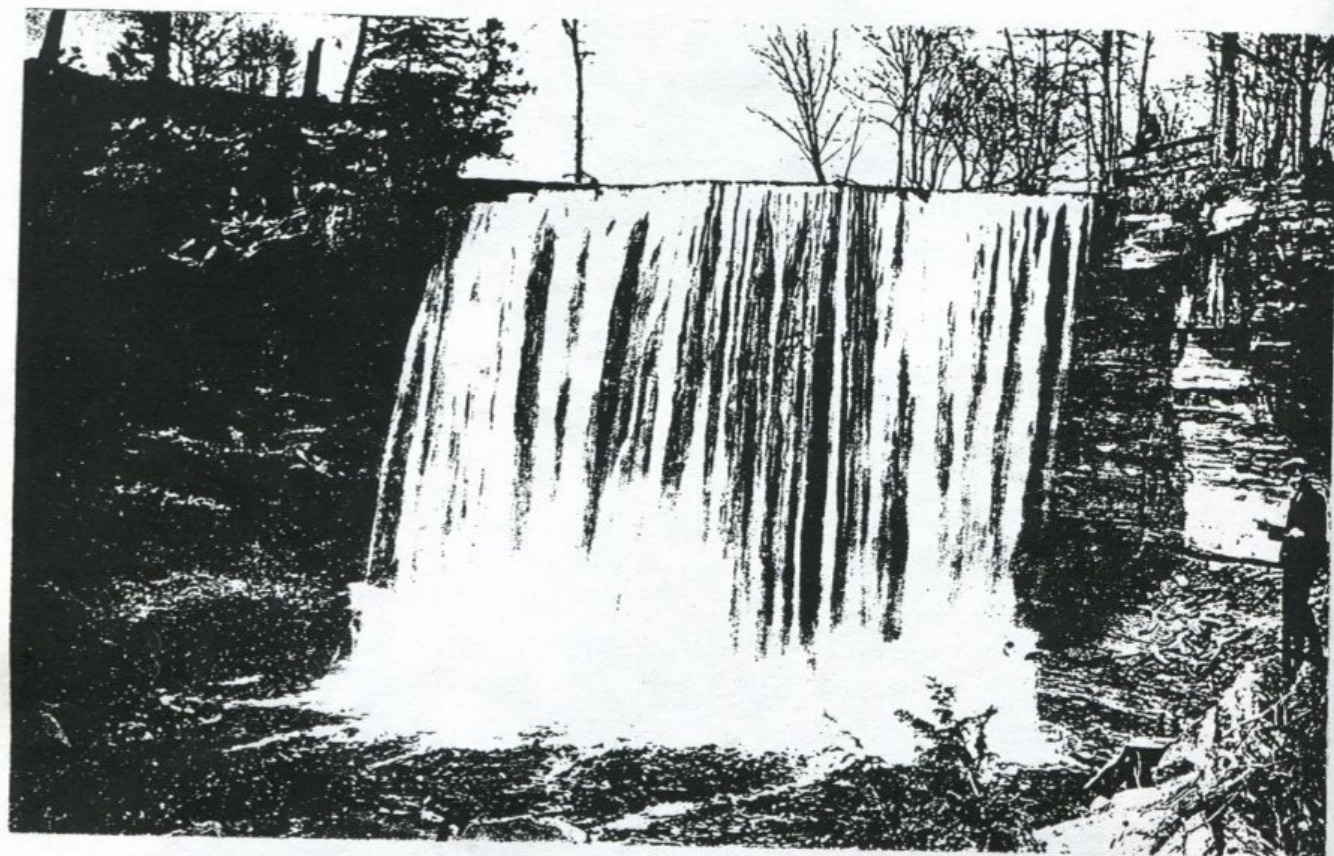
Sixty Acres
Wooded Groves
Rambling Walks
O. S. Golf
Bathing
Boating
Fishing
Dancing
O. S. Tennis
O. S. Bowling Greens
Croquette
Horse Shoes

The pavilion from the old King's Royal Hotel was moved and renovated to become the Balmy Beach Lodge. With the additional space "there will be 22 rooms on the second floor and each will be fitted up as a comfortable sleeping apartment. There will be running hot and cold water in each room. Shower baths will also be installed." There was accommodation for 25-30 guests.

Cabins were also available. The lodge advertised sixty acres of wooded groves, rambling walks, Owen Sound golf, fishing, dancing, Owen Sound bowling greens, croquet and horse shoes. It was also owned and managed by J.K. (Joe) McLauchlan and was torn down as well as the dance pavilion.



INDIAN FALLS



From "GEMS OF OWEN SOUND"

This pretty waterfall is situated a short distance north west of Owen Sound, at Balmy Beach on the Indian River. (just behind the Conservation area) The River plunges more than forty feet over the steep cliff. No trace of the Mill that once stood here can be seen.

Because of the generosity of interested citizens, there is a ball diamond near Indian Falls. From the ball diamond and tennis courts, there is a well-

worn path leading to Indian Falls. A visit to beautiful Indian Falls is a marked side-trip for hikers on the Bruce Trail.

In the days when the Newash Indian roamed this area, the Indian River and Indian Falls were their favourite camping areas. But the Indians called Indian River, Mudwayokowejiwong. Because of the noise made by the falling water, the Indian name for Indian Falls was Drum Falls.

As far as was known, there were only two other falls of similar character: Bridal Veil Falls, Kagawon, on Manitoulin Island and the Minnehaha Falls on the Mississippi River.



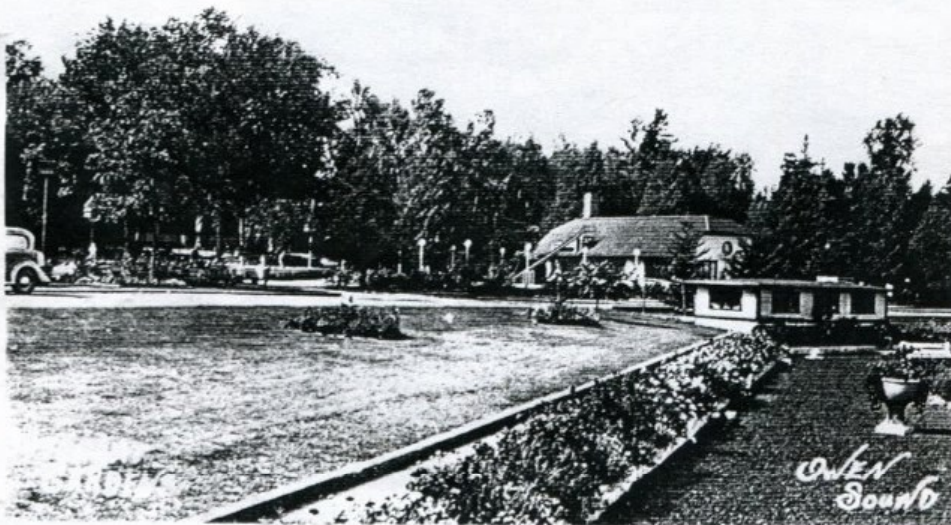
Picture of Plaque
at the Ball Diamond

THE MARTINS

Mr. D.M. Butchart created a beauty spot at Balmy Beach. On a shore covered with stones, he created lily ponds, tennis court, beautiful flower beds and a swimming pool. There were Cupid statues and children's playhouses.

This delightful spot was called the "Martins" because the Martins came there every year and occupied the bird houses provided for them.

Mr. Butchart was a relative of the Butchart's who made the world famous Butchart Gardens in Victoria, B.C. If a picture is worth a thousand words, need I say more?

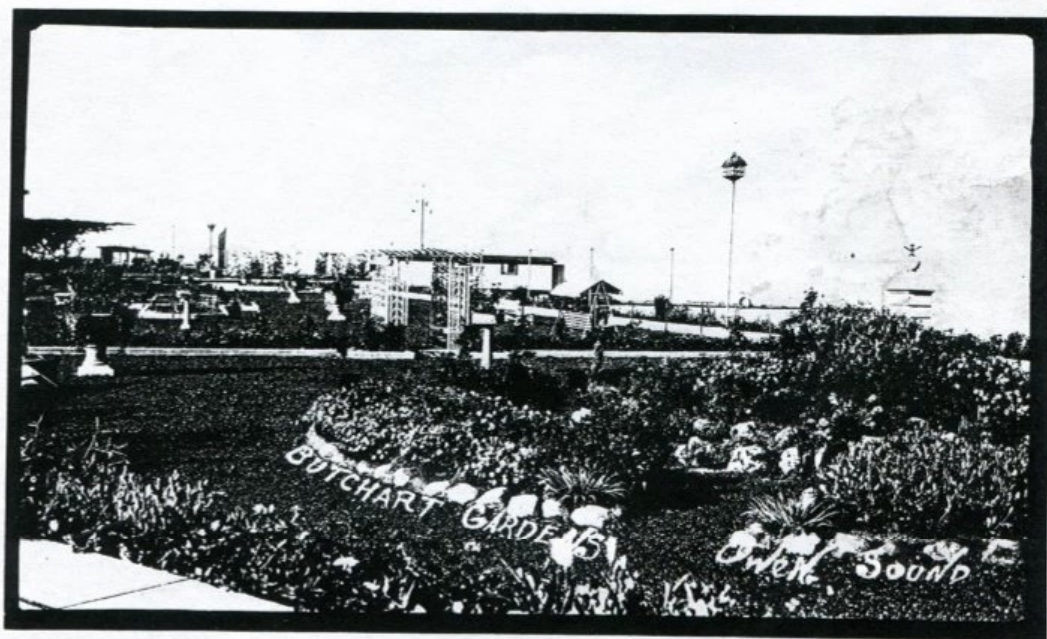


FROM
MR KIM LECHTE

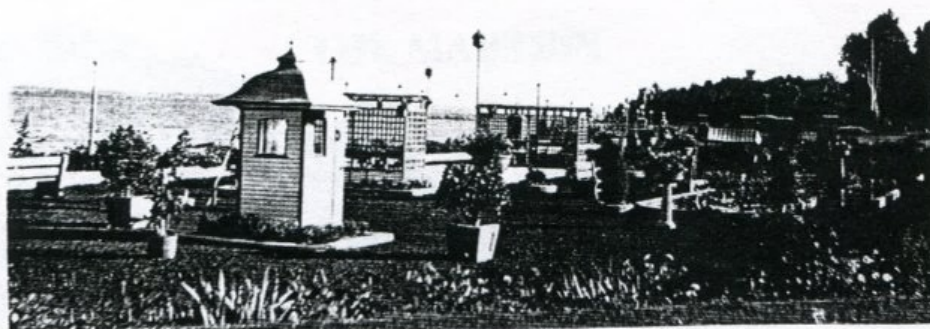
A mixed border in front of Winnifred's cottage, ca. 1940. This bed rimmed the entire length of the Cinder Garden ending at the boathouse in front of D.M.'s cottage. (Butchart Family Photographic Collection)



Lilly pool in the Cinder Garden, ca. 1940. Note the *caisses de versailles* planted with native cedars. (Butchart Family Photographic Collection)

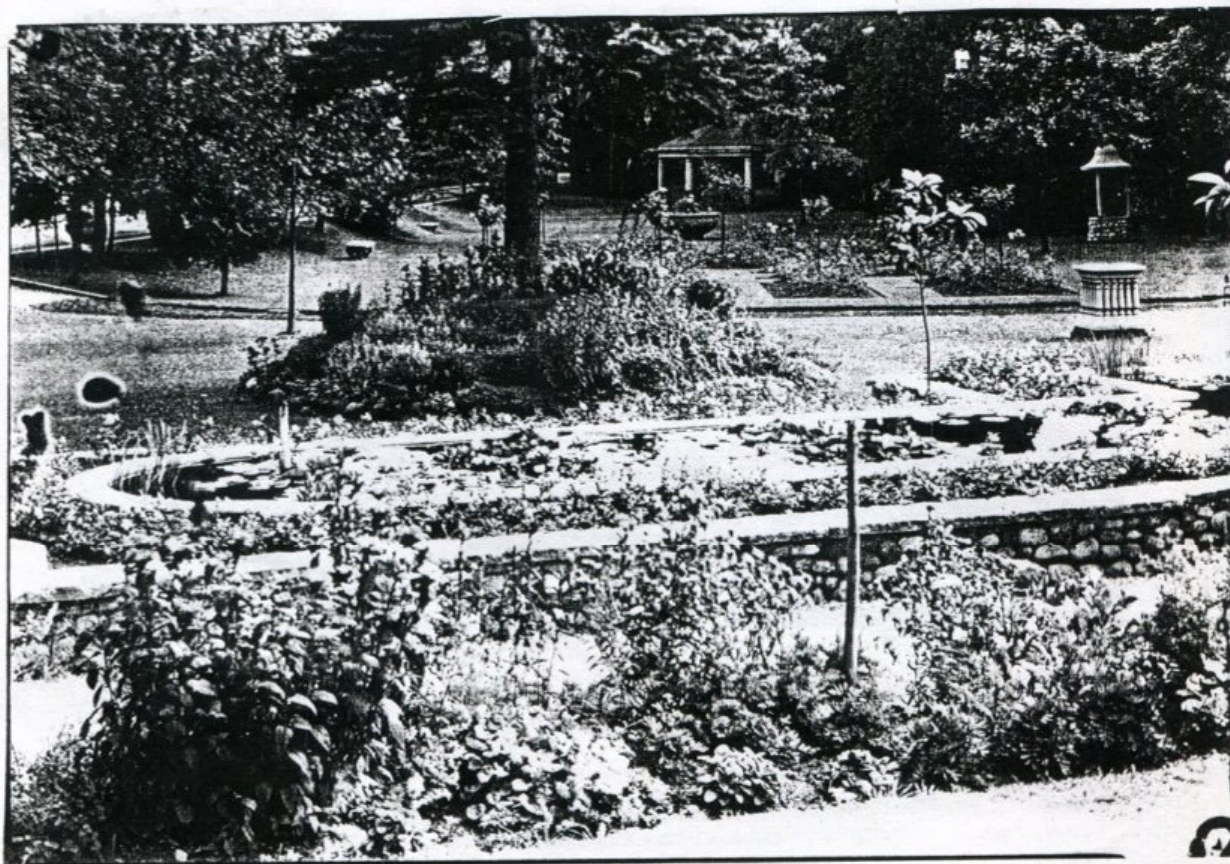


The Butchart Gardens
 Courtesy: J. James Collection, Foto Art



The registration booth at 'The Martins', ca. 1940. (Butchart Family Photographic Collection) Throughout the course of a day, D.M. would often wander down to the registration booth to review the signatures in the guest book. If a large ship happened to be passing by while he was out on his rounds he would reportedly 'run' to the end of his concrete dock where he would salute it with a burst from a powerful whistle. (MacIntosh, 1994)

From Kim
LEWATE



One of the rock gardens centred by a mature spruce tree, ca. 1935. Just beyond the range of the photo [to the right of the sundial] was a second rock garden of similar design. (Butchart Family Photographic Collection)

"SOMETHING DIFFERENT - A FISHING CRUISE"

CREIGHTON BRADFORD advertised "three cruises - those who don't mind roughing it a little will find the two small cruisers good, while for those who want every comfort, or want to bring the ladies, the 45' cruiser is the best possible choice."

30' Cruiser "Pirate" - accommodations for a party of three, minimum rate of \$25 per day (1 crew) guide and cook combined.

38' Cruiser "Edward Mack" - accommodations for a party of four, minimum rate of \$30 per day (1 crew) guide and cook combined.

45' Cruiser "Voyageur" - accommodations for a party of eight, minimum rate of \$45 per day, crew of 3, Captain, guide and cook. This cruiser has every convenience and comfort, with the separate staterooms accommodating four each in pullman type berths' crew's quarters and galley forward. ALL CRUISERS CARRY SMALL BOATS.

This is an ideal way to go fishing; our fishing grounds cover thousands of miles of shoreline, with hundreds of rivers, inlets and bays: many of them seldom visited by white men; thousands of islands - many places where fish still live undisturbed by anyone. We cruise from place to place.

For a one week trip we cruise Georgian Bay, considered the most beautiful body of fresh water in the world, and fish for bass, muskelunge, lake trout, pickerel and pike and cover three to four hundred miles.

Two weeks takes us for a longer trip on Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, fishing for the same kind of fish and covering 500-800 miles.

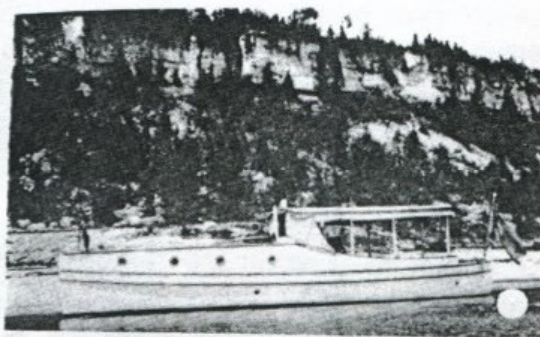
The three week or longer trip takes us for an extended period on Georgian Bay, Lake Huron or up to Lake Superior, where the Brook trout and

Lake trout are the best in the world. This trip covers about 1,200 miles and is "unsurpassed" anywhere for fishing or scenery."

A sport that wasn't too popular was ice-boating. It was first introduced by Alfred Frost. Creighton Bradford and Hamilton Merritt built themselves an ice boat and shot over the Bay at up to 50 m.p.h. As Mr. Bradford said, "It was a great and exciting sport but terribly cold."



The VOYAGEUR built by Jim Dowkes, O.S.
owner Creighton Bradford



PIRATE IV
1921

from CITY OF OWEN SOUND, 1921

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT ROAD FOR BALMY BEACH COTTAGES WILL BE READY BY NEXT YEAR.

(The Owen Sound Sun Times - July 29/53)

Cottage owners at Balmy Beach are looking forward to vastly better conditions next year when a new road to serve their properties should be completed. The present road running along the shore line and ending at the Martins has been a subject of dissatisfaction for some time.

In the first place, being right behind the water, it was continually being washed out and it was particularly bad last year when the water was high in the Bay. Boulders were washed up and pot holes formed. Secondly, an official speed limit of 30 m.p.h. did not deter motorists from going along the road at a speed which made it impossible to let children run about unsupervised, particularly when they had to cross the road to reach the water.

In the last two years residents have been fighting a campaign to get a new road built and even sent a petition to the Provincial Minister of Highways. Now their efforts have been rewarded and a new development road is well under way.

Starting at a point about 800 feet north of the bridge over the Indian River, the road will cut down to a point near the dance hall and then run along behind the cottages about 500 feet in from the shore to join up with the East Linton side-road two miles further north. The new road will thus be about half a mile longer than the present road which should be of considerable advantage to the cottages beyond the Martins.

So far, since the work started at the beginning of July, the road has been bulldozed along its entire length and the final bulldozing is being done before grading is started. But there is still a good deal of work ahead, for much of the land is swampy and will need a lot of filling. For the first three-quarters of a mile, as far as the McLauchlan property, the new road followed the track of the horse and buggy road that served the area when

Balmy Beach was a more flourishing resort, with a large hotel and a race track, many years ago. From there on the track has had to be bulldozed through the brush and trees. A connecting road will also be cut through at the junction point down to the shore.

Probably the only drawback to the development is that some residence owners will have to undertake quite extensive construction to make driveways linking up with the new road but it will be a comparatively small price to pay for the added safety and convenience it will bring.

Balmy Beach Gets New Road Back of Cottages



Water filled potholes on the present Balmy Beach road are just one of the reasons why cottage owners have been agitating for a new road. Lying so low by the water the road is frequently

washed out. Last year the road was inundated for long periods. Cars speeding between the cottages and the water are a constant danger to children.—Sun-Times Photo.



On the right hand side of the main road, 800 feet north of the bridge over the Indian river, tree stumps and a bulldozed track show the start

of the new development road which will serve the cottages on Balmy Beach.—Sun-Times Photo.



The old horse and buggy track which served Balmy Beach park in its heyday is unrecognizable after widening to make a new road behind the cottages. View is taken from the corner of the McLaughlin property looking west towards the main road.—Sun-Times Photo.

PERMANENT HOMES REPLACING COTTAGES **ALONG SHORES OF OWEN SOUND BAY**

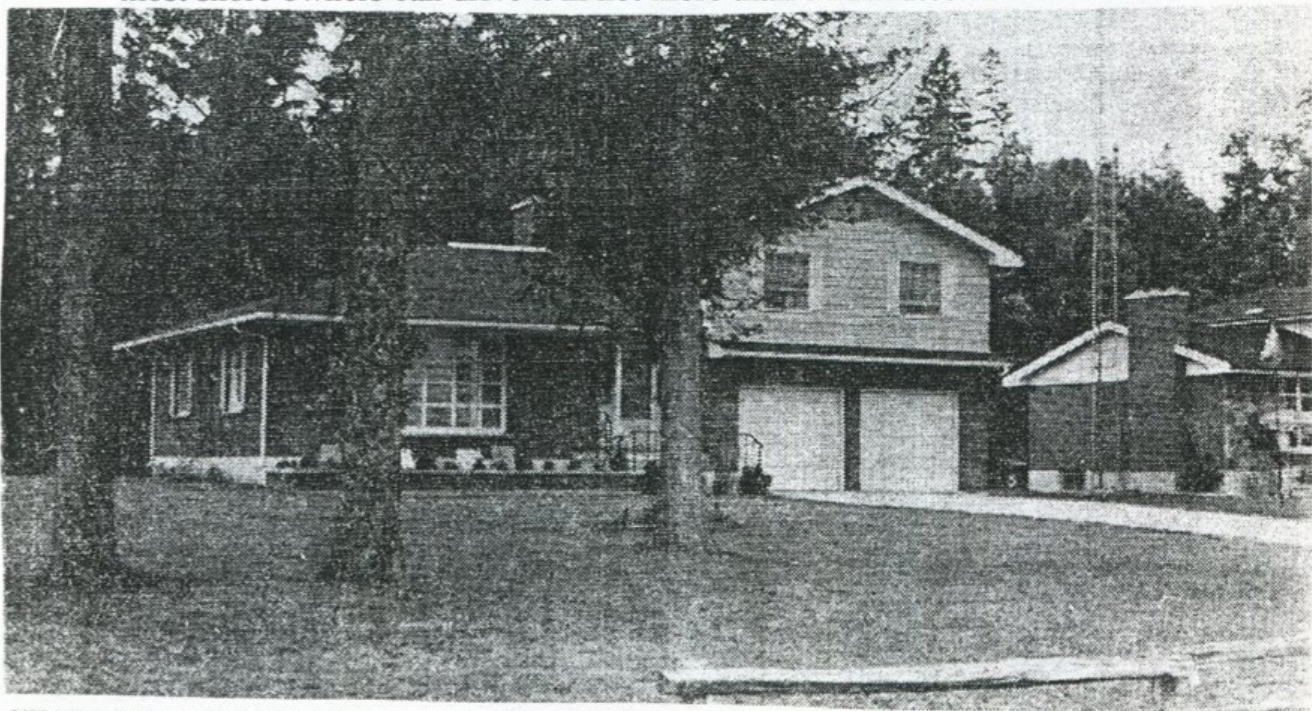
(The Owen Sound Sun Times - July 27/71)

Almost unnoticed over the past decade, a major change has been taking place along the shores of Owen Sound Bay which is drastically altering their character and appearance.

In such areas as Balmy Beach, large permanent homes have almost completely replaced cottages, which for many years provided summer retreats for Owen Sound residents. Some idea of the new look can be gained from the fact that along the west shore area in Sarawak Township, well over \$1 million has been spent on the construction of new homes, in the last four years alone. Others were built in previous years.

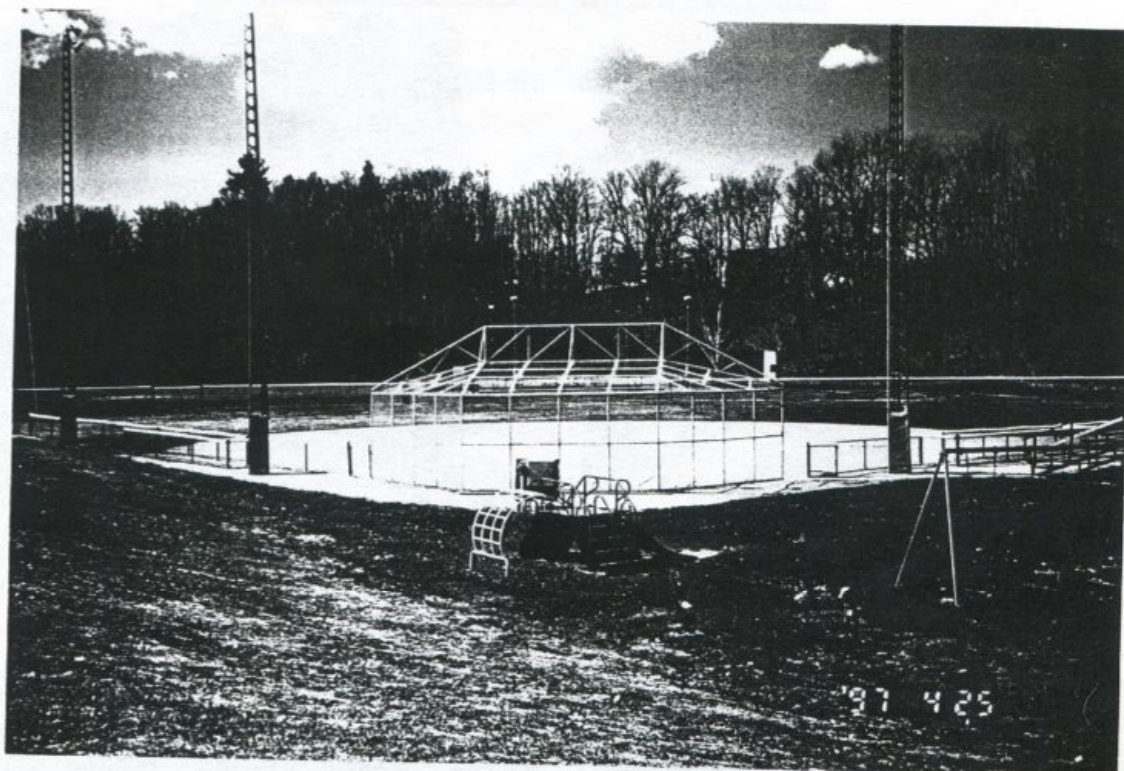
In 1968 a total of 16 new homes valued at \$335,000. were constructed. New construction in the years following was: 1960 - 22 homes, value \$182,000; 1970 - 12 homes, value \$225,000; first six months of 1971 - 8 homes, value \$209,000.

Bay area home owners are able to take advantage of a number of factors. Their homes are located on an ideal shore section, eliminating the need for a separate summer home. Driving distance to the city is short and most shore owners can drive it in not more than 10 minutes.



YEAR-ROUND HOMES AT BALMY BEACH — The home of A. C. Keiller at Balmy Beach was built in 1968 on the site of a former summer cottage. For 10

years Mr. Keiller maintained a home in the city as well as a cottage. The site, facing the bay, combines summer and winter living for the Keiller family.



BALL DIAMOND

LEON'S SARAWAK LADIES' FASTBALL

This team competes in the Georgian Bay Ladies' Fastball League. Garry Edmonstone, who passed away in January 1997, had been the long-time coach of the team.

The team won a Bronze at the 1994 Provincials and in 1995 they won a Silver medal. They also won a Gold at the 1995 Canadian Championship.

In 1996 they won their first-ever Provincial Women's Softball title. Then, in 1997 they travelled to P.E.I., where they won the Silver medal.

Eleanor Crossley coached the team for nine years when it was the Sarawak Food City Team.

In 1997 the diamond became known as "The Garry Edmonstone Memorial Ball Diamond". (The PIT)



"The Pit" - Before Ball Diamond (1961)



**Pictures donated by
Verna Simpson & Lori**

The Owen Sound Tribune, Wednesday October 1, 1997



Leon's Ladies end season

1997

Leon's Ladies Fastball club recently finished another exceptional year by grabbing the silver medal at the Eastern Canadian Championships. Leon's was also provincial intermediate champion for the second straight year. Pictured in the back row, from left to right are Shawna Mahon,

Mandy Monahan, Julie Sinclair, Denise Hewitson, Cathy David, Pam Coulter and coach Ted Coulter. In the front row from left to right are Cheryl Scott, Tracey Arnold, Ruth Anne Broadhurst, April King, Tracey McKay, Jo-Ann Fitter and Pam Osadzuk.

BALMY BEACH BUSINESSES

Mr. Mallard built the first saw mill at Balmy Beach in the year 1863. It was situated on the Indian River below the old Balmy Beach Bridge. It had a water wheel and a wooden dam. In 1877 the mill was torn down and a larger one was built with a chopping mill added to it. The mill was in constant use until 1926 when it was destroyed by fire. Edward Nelson rebuilt the mill. In 1922 Mr. Nelson erected a building on the foundation of an old hotel which had burned. (West side of the road) Mr. Nelson had a grocery store in the right hand side of the building. Above the store and garage was Nelson's Hall. In 1939 the mill section was added to the building. Mr. Percy Larter was in charge of the grist mill for several years, when he went back to East Linton and looked after the store and post office. In 1945 the grain elevator at the south end of the building was added.

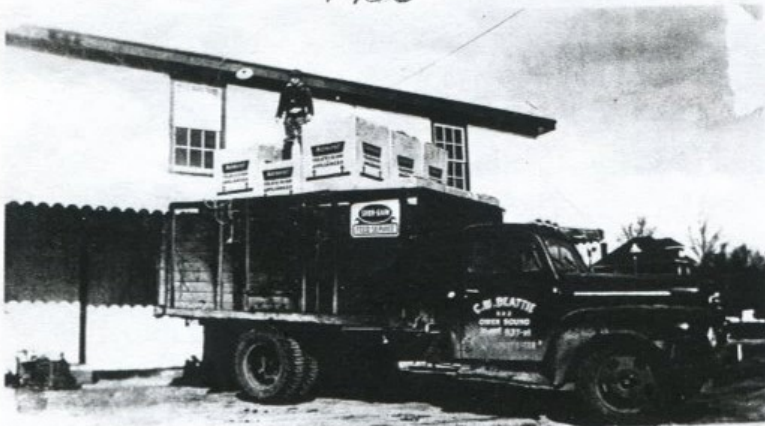
Wilson's Grist Mill was built on the Indian River in 1877. The site was on the Lindle Hurlbut property, now part of the Conservation area. Mr. Charles Ireland purchased the mill and used the material to replace his own which had been burned.

In 1923, Mr. Edward Nelson had a grocery store at Balmy Beach. Years ago he delivered groceries around the Beach to people in cottages. In 1947, Mr. C.W. Beattie bought the store, mill and house. In 1951 the northern part was added and used for storage. February 9, 1961, the entire store and mill were destroyed by fire. The underground storage tanks overflowed and the gasoline spilled into the basement furnace room, flowed near the furnace, ignited and caused the explosion. A hole was cut in the Indian River to provide an ample water supply to the fire. Then a diesel oil tank on the south side blew up, sending flames and thick black smoke high into the air. A hydro pole across the road even caught fire. The garage across the road, belonging to the Catto Bros. was saved. A new mill and store were opened in March 1962. In 1971 an addition was added and Mr. Garry Edmonston ran his barbershop there until his death in 1997. At present, Mr. John Hoita is running the Beauty Salon "Hair Today." Sound

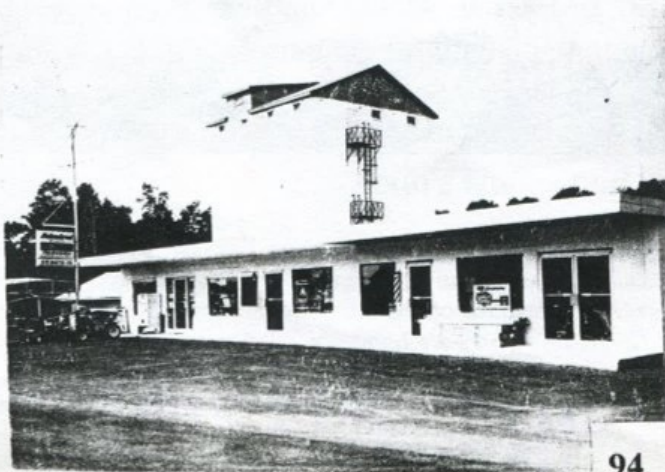


Ed Nelson's store at
Balmy Beach - 1923

1956



Pictures donated by
Mrs. C.W. Beattie



Plumbing & Heating occupies the south end of the building. Carol's Ceramics moved out of this location after several years and now operates the business out of her home. Mr. C.W. Beattie retired in December 1982 and son, Bruce, re-opened in June 1983 under Beattie's Hardware and Appliances."

Catto's garage was in one half of the building where Mr. Nelson had his grocery store. Charlie Catto ran the garage and some years later his brother, Harry entered into partnership with Charlie and it was then known as "Catto Bros." garage. The Catto Brothers had a very successful business until 1930 when they built a new garage across the road. They repaired cars until 1968 and sold to Larry Fraser. The Indian River General Store is now in this building.

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CATTO BROTHERS

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from Sarawak Saga. 1973

CATTO BROS. GARAGE 1923.

This was the first garage used by Charlie and Harry Catto.

Balmy Beach General Store Razed By Fire



Fire completely destroyed the Balmy Beach general store operated by C. W. Beattie Thursday afternoon. Picture here shows the raging inferno when a diesel oil tank located on the south side of the building blew up and sent billowing

flames and black smoke high into the air. Spectators in foreground move back from heat that suddenly developed. The fire could be seen for many miles.—Sun-Times Staff Photo.

from Mrs. C.W. Beattie

PORTLAND CEMENT/CANADA CEMENT CO.

Mr. R.J. Doyle Sr., invented the cement making process. He found marl and clay at Shallow Lake. He set up a kiln on the farm at Balmy Beach where he did his experimenting.

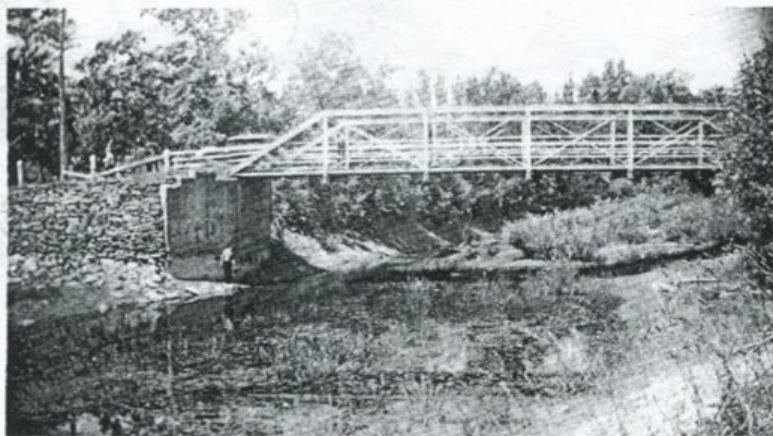
An old picture showing the ruins of the birthplace of the Portland Cement Plant in Canada, at Balmy Beach, Owen Sound, started in 1880 by R.J. Doyle. This was the beginning of what was to become a multi-million dollar industry in Canada.



ROPE MAKING

Mr. Lindle Hurlbut made ropes from 1915-1922. At first he made rope for clothes lines, skipping ropes, tie ropes and trip ropes. Mr. Hurlbut made a large rope machine with which he made a strong rope. (This rope sold for 9 cents a foot.)

BRIDGE (1997)



STEEL BRIDGE OVER THE INDIAN RIVER AT BALMY BEACH.

(From Sarawak Saga, 1973)

VANDESTADT AND McGRUER LTD.

In 1965 Fraser McGruer, boatbuilder from Scotland and Hubert Vandestadt, naval architect from Holland, formed a partnership of designing and building sailboats. They progressed from plywood sailboats, built in Vandestadt's basement to fiberglass boats built in a stable. The stable became too small and in order to finance more building space, a limited company was formed (1967). A new building was set up in 1968 and in 1976 they built an extension.

Mr. Howard Metcalfe bought the building in 1991. At present, it houses "Payless Self-Storage" and other light manufacturing businesses.



BAYVIEW MANOR

This home was originally owned by the late Dr. Murray's family. Later it was owned by Mr. Robertson. In 1894 the structure was burned down and then re-built. Captain McDougal owned it for a time and then Charles Pearce was the next owner. Another owner was a Mr. Johnson.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Amodeo bought the house and it became the White Manor Nursing Home. At present it is the Bay View Manor Retirement Home.



"BAY VIEW MANOR"



INDIAN RIVER GENERAL STORE

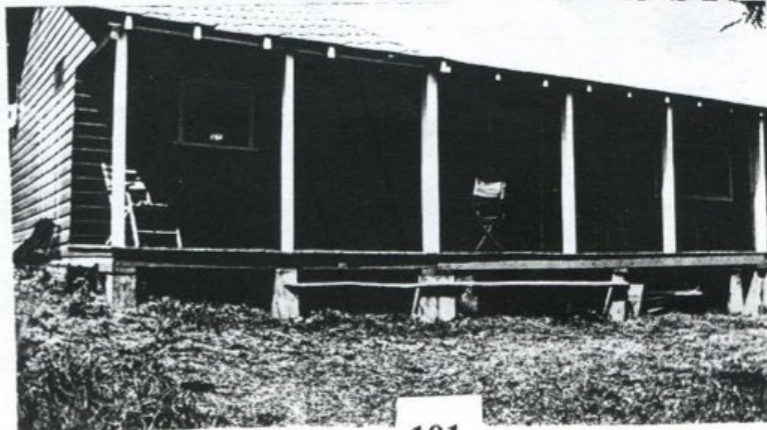
1997 photos by Gayle

McLAUCHLAN COTTAGE

Merritt's, Jane Frost's and my cottage are the 3 cottages that remain as cottages, and still belonging to McLauchlan family members. My cottage was built in 1949. It is two small (staff) cabins from the Lodge and joined together in the middle. My Grandfather loved it. He went to Florida during winters and the cottage for the summer. My Father enjoyed the cottage, although I can't say my Mother did! Dad would go down even in the Spring and Fall and spend Sundays there. I enjoy it the most on hot days as it always seems cooler there and of course, a swim in the Bay is always refreshing on a hot day! Both my children learned to swim and water-ski at Balmy Beach and now I hope my grandchildren will be the fifth generation to enjoy it. Running water was added in 1991, as was vinyl siding - a great improvement that took a lot of convincing to talk Dad into it!



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THE MERRITT COTTAGE

The Merritt Cottage is across from the boat launch and next door to my cottage. Merritts have been connected with Balmy Beach for many years. Barbara Merritt and her two children, Annette and Jamie from Scarborough, are the owners of the cottage. (Husband Bill passed away in 1993). Bill's mother and father, Hamilton and Norah Merritt were well known for many years. Mr. Merritt's family had owned the National Table Factory in Owen Sound. Norah was the daughter of James Murray McLauchlan, who originally owned the cottage.



EARLIER PHOTO



1997

THE FROST COTTAGE

Jane (Ireland) Frost enjoys staying at her cottage for the entire summer - usually right through until Thanksgiving. Her mother and father were Lyall and Anna (McLauchlan) Ireland, who owned Ireland's Bookstore on the main street of Owen Sound. They had the cottage previously. Anna was the daughter of William Goldie (W.G.) McLauchlan and Jennie. (Jennie died in 1916 and W.G. married Edna Kennedy in 1928.



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WM. G. McLAUCHLAN'S COTTAGE, BALMY BEACH

THE MCKAY COTTAGE

Tom and Helen McKay, and daughters Ann and Julie, have their "New Beginnings" cottage at Balmy Beach. The cottage was built in 1914 for Mrs. Thomas McKay. The cottage passed on to their son James and his wife Dorothy and then on to Tom.



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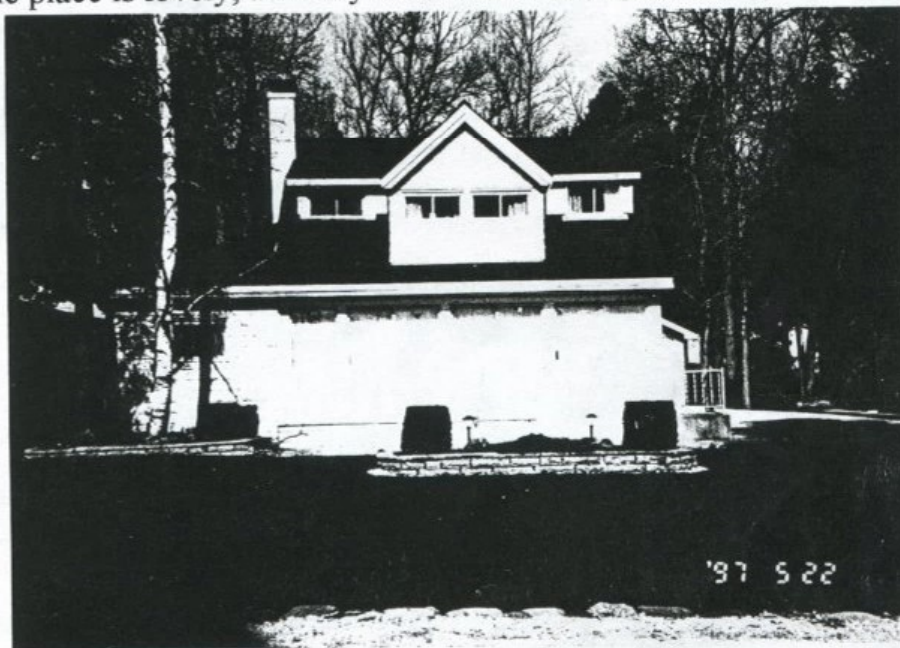
THE LEMON COTTAGE

The Lemon cottage has been in the family since the 1910's. Gertrude and John G. Lind bought the cottage. The cottage went to their daughter Jean Lemon. Jean and Bill Lemon camped at the Beach for a number of years and since Mrs. Lemon's death, son John and his wife Sandra of Toronto now own the cottage.



PLAS COTTAGE

Although the cottages I have written about are ones that are still cottages and have been in the same family for years, I thought I would include this one as well. My father used to point out this cottage as "the original McLauchlan cottage." A great improvement has been made in recent years and the place is lovely, as many of the older cottages are.



BISHOP (LESLIE) COTTAGE

Mrs. Jean Bishop's cottage is at Lind Echo - down near the end of the Balmy Beach Road. Originally there were 6 cottages all the same: 1) Wyllie, 2) Pritchard, 3) Leslie, 4) Dr. Holmes, then Ballagh, 5) Oatt/Nicol (built 1912) and 6) Merritt. There were no roads and for years the only access was through the McNaught farm. A lovely stone walkway went along the water joining all these cottages.

Although not really part of the old Balmy Beach, it was close enough and so interesting that I wanted to include it.



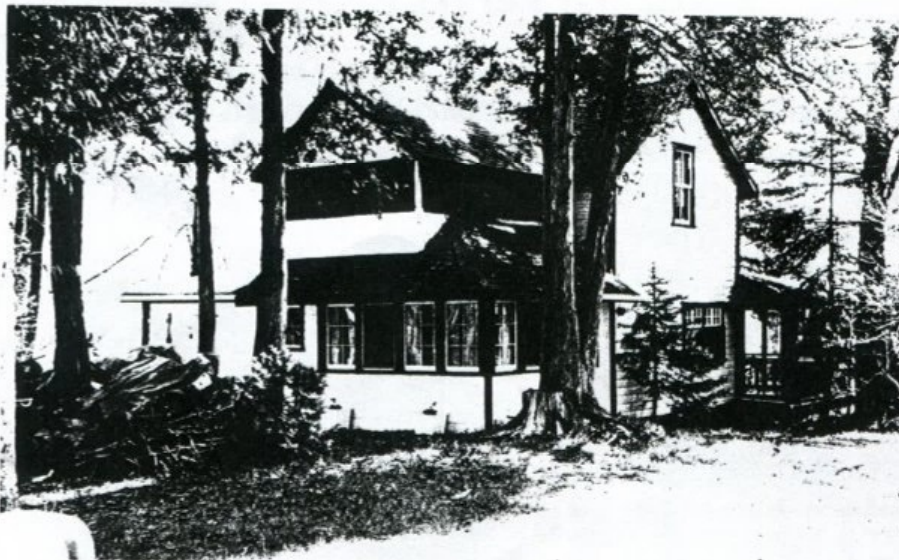
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1914 - Fred Leslie

MIDDLEBRO' (TRANT) COTTAGE

Sheila (Middlebro') Trant is another cottage owner whom I have met. Sheila informs me their cottage was built in 1917 by Ivan Metcalfe. Her parents, Dr. John and Kay Middlebro' purchased the cottage in the late 1930's. Sheila has camped for almost sixty years in this cottage. (She also attended dances at the pavilion.)



1997-REAR
OF COTTAGE

PATERSON COTTAGE

I have probably known Dr. Ken and Cecile Paterson as long as anyone else at the Beach. The J.G. Patersons first rented a cottage at Balmy Beach before buying the one next door. Their cottage was built in 1931, replacing a cottage that had burned. Dr. J.G. and Daisy Paterson purchased the cottage from Mr. Cameron, a druggist in Owen Sound. The lovely stone fireplace is made of large rocks, all brought in by hand from the shore. Mr. L. Hurlbut built the fireplace. Dr. Paterson says half the population of Balmy Beach has water-skiied from his dock over the years. I was one of these people as Dr. Paterson taught me to ski and his son Jay helped my son learn to ski as well. (Jay and Ann and family have a cottage next door to Patersons)



Dr. Paterson told me about the hundred pound blocks of ice that used to be cut from in front of their place, then we went on a little walking tour out behind his cottage. Here he showed me where the "old Ice Road" used to be. This was the road they used to carry away the blocks of ice. We also saw an approximate spot where there was an Artesian well. This was to be where

the King's Royal obtained their purified water, plus residents would fill up their pails and take home the drinking water.

Apparently the first road from Brooke to the Indian River was about 8-10' wide of cement. Dr. Paterson says it was probably the first concrete road in Ontario.

While talking with the Patersons, Dr. Paterson showed me newspaper clippings, dated June 22, 1930, from the Toronto papers and the Owen Sound paper. Ken and a friend, Freddie Efner, both 5, had been out in a real small boat with Mr. Cameron. Mr. Cameron passed out in the boat and the two small boys had to hang on to him with all their might to prevent him from falling out of the boat. Finally, Bill Porter, uncle to Ken, was able to reach the small boat and paddle them in to shore.

Our conversation wrapped up with Dr. Paterson telling me the cottage owners. The first cottage past the King's Royal was originally owned by the caretaker, then by Charles "Downy" Oatt who was the C.P. conductor from Toronto to Owen Sound; second cottage was Russ Bayne (1931-32); next - now owned by the Murray family - was Mrs. Rutherford; followed by the Cameron cottage; then Russ McDougall from the Owen Sound Creamery; the Shields' cottage and a vacant lot bought by Jackmans (who acted as a consignee for Butcharts to give them a right of access to the Butchart property) and Middlebro's (now Morrisons)

N.B. People used to cut blocks of ice from the Bay and the Indian River to keep their food cold. They used a special type of saw with large teeth, then the ice was piled on a sleigh and taken to ice houses. The ice was buried in sawdust to keep it from melting.

One of the most interesting parts of doing this book was talking to and meeting with some of the people:

LANE R. CHESTER

One of my favorite people is Lane R. Chester. I have known Lane all of my life as he and my father, Scott, were good friends for many, many years. Lane's family, the Reginald Chesters had a cottage on "The Ridge" (between the entrance and where the boat ramp is now), from about 1912 to the late 1930's. In the early years a boat had to be taken to get to the cottage. Lane says he spent many a night at McLauchlan's old cottage, further down the road, (now the Plas cottage). Lane says he remembers lots of things about Balmy Beach - my mother's family, the S.C. Dunbars renting a cottage 2 doors from theirs; he remembers the "Tally-Ho", a bus that drove from Owen Sound to Balmy Beach and back. (As the bus couldn't make the little hill coming out of the Beach, everyone had to get out so the bus could make it up); James McLauchlan having the horse race track just before Vandestadt and McGruer's Boat Works; Guy Lombardo playing at a dance at the Pavilion; and helping bring in the crop of oats for the horses.



***LANE R. CHESTER AND SCOTT
McLAUCHLAN (TAKEN MID- 1920's)***

MR. GRAY WRIGHT

If anyone wants to know anything about Balmy Beach, I am sure Mr. Wright would have the answer. I have seen Mr. Wright out and about at Balmy Beach, but this is the first time I have had the honor of meeting him. Mr. Wright's cottage was built in 1899 by Alex Green, the same contractor who built the King's Royal Hotel. The Wrights bought the cottage from Mr. Green around 1916. Mr. Wright remembers when the only building on the back road was a large bark cottage. He tells me the south side of the Indian River is still owned by Indians and that years ago Indians came from Cape Croker in a very large canoe. Indians used to go door to door in the area selling baskets they had made. His father and Mr. Chester, Sr., used to drive to work together. He told me Mr. Nelson opened his grocery in 1922 (and not 1923) and he made \$10 the first winter. Mr. Wright knew most of the McLauchlan family and knew that my mother was a Dunbar; he also knew her brothers and sister.

As of my interview with Mr. Wright in the summer of 1997, he was a patient at 8-3 of the Grey Bruce Regional Health Center, but still has his cottage at Balmy Beach. (Mr. Wright passed away in February, 1998)

MR. HIBERT FAIRLY (born 1900)

What a personable young man I met on this interview. Mr. Fairly started out by saying he remembers getting their bread from McLauchlan and Sons and for 5 cents a loaf it was delivered to your house. As far as Balmy Beach, he began coming here as a young boy; his uncle had a cabin not far from the King's Royal and he made many a trip on the "Canada" between Owen Sound and the Park. He remembers going to the King's Royal just to peek in the windows to see the staff all looking so nice in their uniforms. Two bands he remembers playing at the Pavilion were the Paul Whiteman Band and the Kay Keiser Band.

MR. & MRS. TED TIZZARD

These very pleasant neighbours of mine used to live at Balmy Beach for 18 years before moving into town. Mr. Tizzard remembers visiting a friend at the Beach in the 1920's, long before he and his wife moved there, and he always took a boat to get to the cottage. Mrs. Tizzard, a nursing graduate, recalls the student nurses loved to get to the dances at the Pavilion and what a beautiful dance floor there was.

MR. & MRS. MAC McKERROLL (Betty Dunbar)

Cousin Betty and Mac say it was wonderful to go to the dances at the Pavilion and what a beautiful dance floor it had. They remember Louie Armstrong, Lloyd Kibbler and other bands playing there.

MRS. FRANCES (KENNEDY) McARTHUR

Mrs. McArthur remembers fun times at Balmy Beach. She used to camp at the Ireland cottage with Katherine (now Mrs. G. Watterson). They "hung out" at the Merritt cottage, water-skiing (remember the water ski jump?), all night smelt parties at the Indian River, lots of dances at the Pavilion (with George Alderman playing in Lloyd Kibbler's orchestra.)

ARTHUR AND BETSY HARRISON

Mr. Harrison says he knew my grandfather, J.K. McLauchlan, well. The Harrisons attended dances at the Pavilion and especially remember the Romanelli Band from the Prince George Hotel in Toronto - because they weren't satisfied with the way the piano was tuned and kept everyone waiting 1-1/2 hours until the piano was tuned to their satisfaction. It was Mr. Harrison who provided me with the information that the King's Royal was offered to the City in 1909.

HELEN AND DON JOHNSTONE (nee Pearce)

Mrs. Johnstone says she stayed every summer at her uncle's cottage on the "Ridge". Frank Smith had purchased the Chester cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone attended many dances at the dance hall. They recall such bands as Claude Thornhill, Don Messer, Bobby Gimbey and of course, Lloyd Kibbler.

Next to the Frank Smith Cottage was the "Taylor girls"- Doris and Jean from Detroit, then the Bannerman/Judge Morley cottage which burned. Helen and Don had their wedding rehearsal party at the Smith cottage.

GEORGE ALDERMAN

Still another interesting interview. Mr. Alderman played with the Lloyd Kibbler band from 1946-1960. They played from 1946-1950 at the Balmy Beach Dance Pavilion and played two or three times a week from May 24 to the end of September. Mr. Alderman then played with "Satin Brass". He remembers Tommy Dorsey, Johnny Long, Spike Jones, Tommy Hunter and King Gannon all playing at the Pavilion.

MR. AND MRS. STAN NIELSON

Mr. Nielson tells me he met his wife at one of the dances at the Pavilion. He remembers in the earlier years going to the Park with his older twin sisters. They took a boat to get there (the "Benetta") and his sisters' parasols blew away. He worked one summer (1923) for the North American Bent Chair Co. and they had the company picnic at the Park. A Mr. Stuck drove them to Balmy Beach in a large platform truck.

MRS. JACK ROBINSON (Louise Hill)

Mrs. Robinson remembers going to dances at Balmy Beach and says that their Nursing graduation dance (1940) was held there. Jack Robinson recalls Don Messer (and Marg Osborne) playing at the Pavilion most weekends.

MRS. S.C. DUNBAR (Aunt Lil)

Aunt Lil says Balmy Beach was a great place in the summer for the young people. It was much nicer than having to go over to Port Elgin, and much closer. Lil and her friends attended many dances at the Pavilion and says they had many good orchestras. She told me that both Uncle Harry and Uncle Cecil played with Harry Parker in an orchestra there. Uncle Harry played the piano and Uncle Cecil played a 5 string banjo. The banjo is still around as her daughter Mary Frances has it.

SHIRLEY and JIM PEMBROKE

Shirley says she remembers what a lovely dance pavilion it was. It had a stage in the centre for the band and the wide promenade around the outside.

JOYCE (REID) AITKEN

While playing Bridge one evening, Joyce told me she used to sell hot dogs at the Balmy Beach Dance Pavilion. The Mercury Hockey Club would rent the Pavilion (in the mid-1950's), put on a dance and the wives of the hockey players would sell hot dogs at the refreshment stand. She remembers the beautiful wooden dance floor with the railing around it and such bands as Lloyd Kibbler, Tommy Dorsey and Bobby Gimbey playing at the dances.

TOMMY EARLLS

I was thrilled to have a telephone interview with Mr. Earlls of "Tommy Earlls and His International All Stars" (THE BIG BAND SOUND).

My grandfather approached Mr. Earlls when he was about fifteen and asked him to do some cooking at the Balmy Beach Lodge. He was responsible for cooking the meat and stayed in a leaky staff cabin at the back of the Lodge.

Later on, Mr. Earlls played with the Lloyd Kibbler Band at the dance Pavilion. He told me there were six hundred and forty panes of glass at the Pavilion as he used to help clean them. He remembered the "Jitney Dances" and had to explain to me that at a jitney dance everyone would be on the promenade (outside the dance floor) and would only pay per dance. Mr. Earlls went on to play with such bands as Ellis McClintock and Louis Armstrong. Mr. Earlls still has, in his possession, the mouthpiece from Louis Armstrong's trumpet.

ETCETERA

Mr. Wright told me that the original Buzza cottage was made out of four of the change houses from the old King's Royal Hotel.

- January 1906 - looking to purchase a newer steamer. Inquired about "Glad Tidings", "City of Peterborough", "Water Lily", "Acadia", "Wynona", "E.F. Gould" and "Huntress".
- May 1906 - James McLauchlan was to transfer the steamer "Canada" over to the Company as his share of the purchase money.
- May 1906 - requested a price from McNaughton Amusement Construction Company in Columbus, Ohio for a KATZENJAMMER CASTLE. (?)
- accepted the tender of W.G. Little, Esq. for \$280.50 for painting the inside and outside of the steamer "Canada" (except inside of stateroom). Steamer to be scrubbed, scraped and painted one coat. Mr. Little to supply the paint.
- accepted Mr. R.F. Fleming's application for the position of Clerk in the King's Royal Hotel or in the Pavilion store
- June 1906 - ordered 25,000 book strip tickets from Mssrs. Weldon, Williams and Lick in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The printing is as follows: on the front "Good for one trip between Owen Sound and King's Royal Park on the Steamer "Canada's" regular trip - Owen Sound Park Co. Ltd." On the back "Oak Hall-Clothiers and Furnishers, Owen Sound". Tickets cost \$10 plus \$6.65 for the ad on the back.
- January 1907 - King's Royal was offered for sale at \$38,000. which included everything.

July 1907

- Brooke Methodist Sunday School held the picnic on the 24th. Everyone was to be picked up at the Bruce Cement Works dock at 10 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. (Captain Corbett was running the "Canada".)

October 1908

- The King's Royal had been vacant for the past year.

(The above were taken from copies of letters I came across.)

The crew of the "City of Windsor" quit the boat and went over to the other side of the river to work on the docks. The trouble was when Captain McKay discharged one of the men, although some said there were more grievances such as loss of time when the boat was in the harbor.

Previous reports show there were 1500 electric lights in the 108' tower of the King's Royal, but records show there were only 150 outlets and I can't see 10 lights per outlet. The dock was reported to be 500' but my records show 400'.

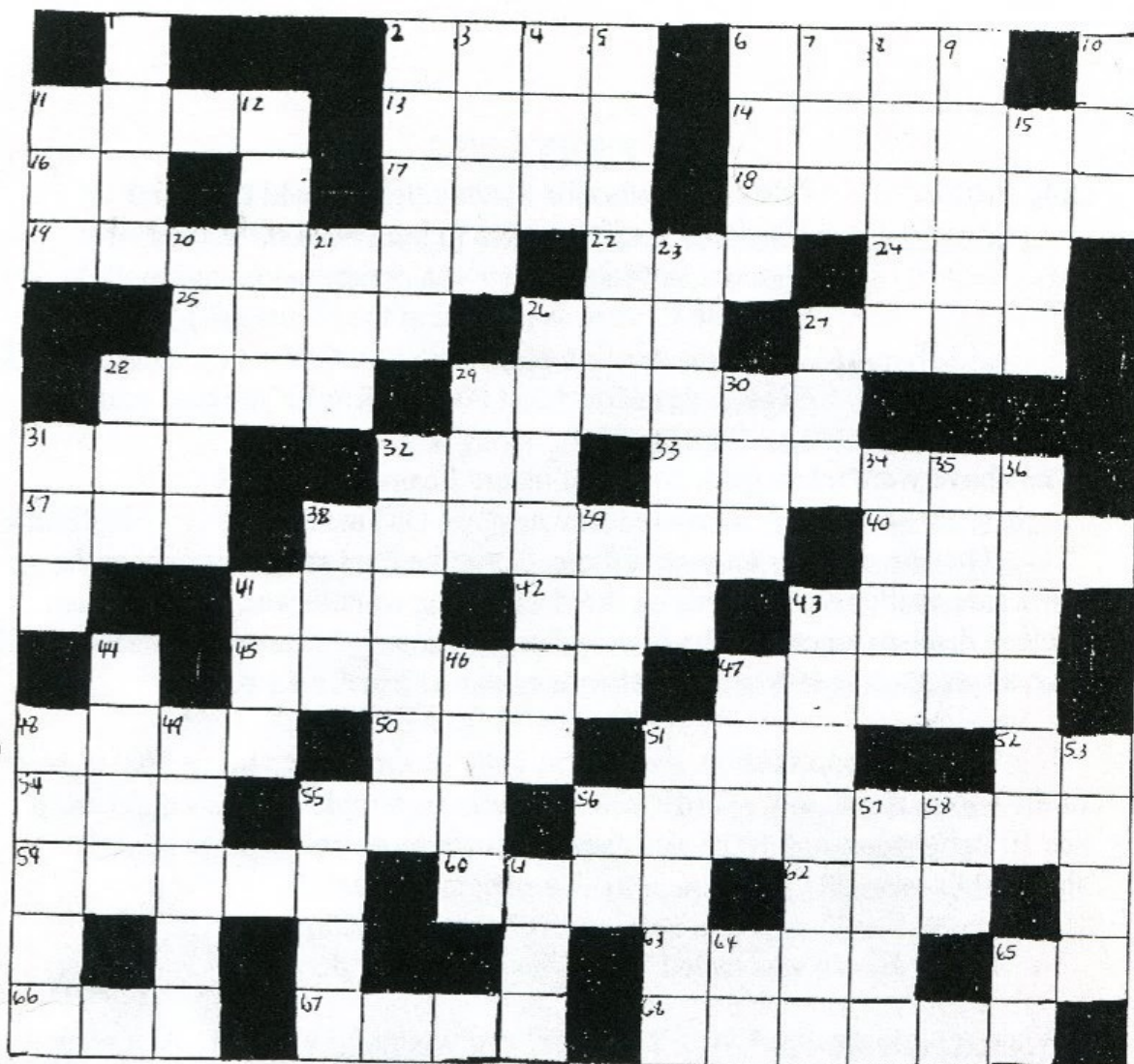
Balmy Beach was called "Bay View" prior.

When reports say the King's Royal had everything, I believe it. At a recent Collector's show, Mrs. Pat Nicol was showing me the many souvenirs she had of the King's Royal and included was a cigar band marked King's Royal. I guess they even had their own cigars.



Photograph of brass top
from cash register from
King's Royal - (from
Barbara Merritt)

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G.M.L

ACROSS

2. DEEP CUT
6. MOVE LIGHTLY AROUND
11. MOTOR RACES
13. REFLECTED SOUND
14. SUBSCRIBES AGAIN
16. EITHER
17. FR. NAME (Masc.)
18. GOES IN
19. ON ACCOUNT OF
22. HALLUCINATION DRUG
24. TRAVELLED WAY (Abbr.)
25. TAKE ON HANDS
26. SAT. NIGHT DANCES AT THE KING'S ROYAL
27. H. McLAUCHLAN BUILT THE AMUSEMENT PARK
28. OVEN USED AT CAROL'S CERAMICS
29. INDIAN TRIBE AT BALMY BEACH
31. NOT HER
32. OCEAN
33. STAYED AT A CAMPGROUND
37. AMERICAN INDIAN
38. SLANG TERM FOR "DIVIDED INTO SHARES"
40. POEMS OF PRAISE
41. CHARGED ATOM
42. FINISH
43. AGITATED STATE
45. STORY HANDED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS
47. NEEDED
48. 400' AT THE KING'S ROYAL
50. UNIT OF WEIGHT (Abbr.)
51. SAME AS 47 DOWN
52. YOU AND ME

DOWN

54. CARTE
55. JOHNNY
56. GARDENS (THE MARTINS) AT BALMY BEACH
59. A MEMBER OF THE BLACK RACE
60. RECIPE DIRECTION
62. CHICKEN
63. NON-FLYING S. AMERICAN BIRD
65. OTHER PEOPLE (Abbr.)
66. THE OF THE COLOURFUL PAST
67. ON BENDED
68. DAFFODIL COLOUR

1. STAFF WHITE UNIFORMS
2. HONKERS
3. HIGHEST POINT
4. FIRST 3 LETTER OF BRITISH MONEY
5. NOT SOLID
6. FLINTSTONE
7. MAN'S NAME
8. INTRODUCTION, SHORTENED
9. MOLARS
10. CURVY LETTER
11. TO MOVE UP AND DOWN
12. BRUCE
15. SMALL BIRD
20. PEAL
21. DECORATIVE VASE
23. DOUBLE
26. SKIES

27. INITIALS OF McLAUCHLAN PARK FOUNDER
28. TOOL
29. RENO (Abbr.)
30. NOT HAPPY
31. EMBRACE
32. NOT MARRIED
34. ALLIGATOR OR FISH
35. PROOF READ
36. ROUNDABOUT WAY
38. FEMALE DEER
39. FALLS & RIVER AT BALMY BEACH
41. KIND OR CLAN
43. A SMALL TRAVELLING BAG
44. IN ONE
46. FLOWS BACK
47. OPPOSITE OF COLD
48. J.K. McLAUCHLAN OWNED THE PAVILION
49. THE BEARS WERE AT THE PARK
51. HUSTLE ALONG
53. ON IT (HURRY)
55. A LOT CAN BE FOUND ON THE SHORE
56. HAVING TWO
57. CURE
58. "A" PRECEDING A VOWEL
61. BLACK AFFAIR
64. NOT SHE
65. OUCH

I'd like to dedicate this poem to those who have ever walked on the stones at Balmy Beach! The poem is taken from a journal of Mary M. Manley of Owen Sound. (1886-another item kept around by my family)

AN ODE TO THE STONES(of Balmy Beach, of course)

Oh stones! I wish that I could write
An ode of praise to you.
But indeed you are the hardest stones
That ever wore out shoes.
On you I gaze the whole day long
I am very much afraid
In ages past, that stones were scarce
And that is why you were made.
I fail at all to see the use
That you could be put to.
Oh when I first did see your face
That very hour I rue.
One day you did attract me so
The bright sun on you did shine.
I sat me down, I got me up
You can't be sat upon!
Ah yes! what tortures I endured
When of you I made a seat -
And to walk about is just as bad
Alas! my poor sore feet!
And when we go unto the shore
And think we'll take a bathe
Oh! there you are you horrid stones,
The water does you have.
You are cruel, you wicked stones
You have relations large
When near the water hide their heads
And wreck a ship or barge.
And in the Autumn's stormy days
Your subtle friend, the shoals
Oft cause poor men to lose their lives
And then the death bell tolls.

And what a huge expense you are!
Just see the miles of docks.
Which oft are built to save us from
Your kindred, treacherous rocks.
Only for you, there'd ne'er be need
To erect Lighthouses tall.
For ships could sail right into shore
On them no vengeance fall.
I wish you'd go where once you were
To the bottom of the lake.
And for a change, the whole of your
Hard, stony friends would take.
A nasty heart - I have not got
But I must confess to you -
That I from you in tears won't part
When I have to say "Adieu".



Rocky Shore - May 1997 (Near Boat Ramp)
(Photo by Gayle)

THE STONES ANSWER

We cannot bear to hear you speak
In such unfriendly way -
Of the very stones that shelter give
To your weary head each day.
Just go to any city fair
And there we honoured are -
In upright walls and mansions grand
We shine and glint like stars.
And in the bridges that we form
There ne'er is cause for fear.
Our tunnels too and spires tall
Will last a thousand years!
And when the mill wheel you shall see
(I'm sure we are of sane mind!)
Be very useful are within
For you, flour we do grind.
And when the summer's burning hot -
(This always is the rule).
We stones are used to build the walls
Of cellars fresh and cool.
What would you do for stepping stones
If you wished to cross a creek?
Your feet most surely would get wet
Or aid you'd have to seek.
Or if you wish to go for swim -
A sandy shore is nice.
And what is sand but ground up stones
Oh, how it does entice!!
Of course, we sometimes dangerous are
But that is how we're used.
But you should credit give, to good
And not us **all** abuse.
Now in your world we often see
Some people that are bad.
And sometimes hard of heart - like stones
While others make one glad.
We seem severe and barely see

Some speak in tender tones.
As much diversity as we see
As there is amongst us stones.
I know we often useless are -
But so are idle men.
But why you should abuse us all
Is far beyond our sense.
We know right well that people's hearts
Are oft as hard as rocks.
And we stones wonder what they're for
For they've no more brains than rocks.
And why we ever were placed here
We know not to this day!
But 'tis through rocks and shoals in life
That you must make your way.



"THE RIDGE" (by Gayle, May 1997)

"PHOTO ALBUM"



M. Butchart, ca. 1920 (Butchart Family Photographic Collection)



J.K. McLauchlan



John H. McLauchlan



THOMAS MCLAUCHLAN
1941-1949
(Son of George and
Audrey McLauchlan)



King's
Royal Hotel



Dance Pavilion



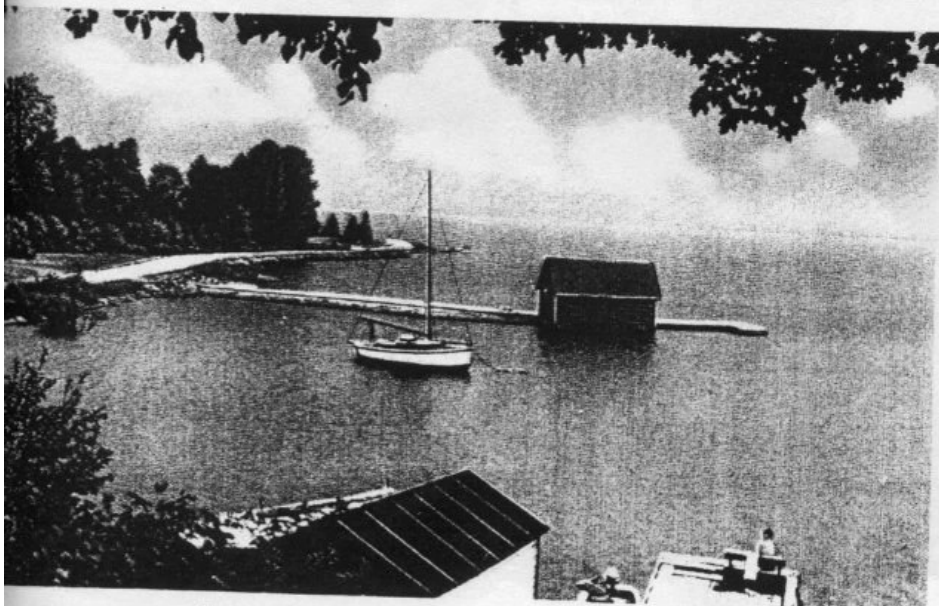
1956-West Side of
Dance Pavilion



Balmy Beach New Dance Pavilion.



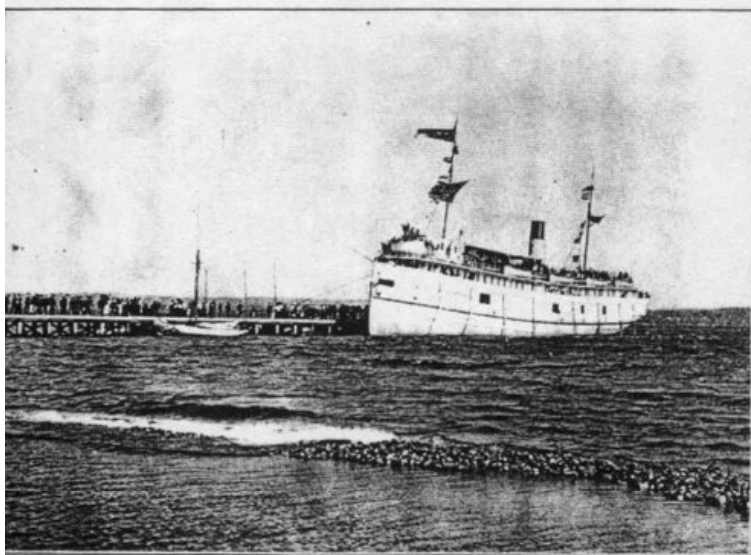
"THE DUCK POND" - Although not too clear, this picture shows the ducks that used to be on the pond on the lower lawn of the Merritt cottage. (picture from Nancy (Merritt) Lymburner - daughter of Norah and Hamilton Merritt)



Showing Merritt's Dock and boat house.

From coloured post-card owned by Mrs. C.W. Beattie

These pictures are from a booklet "A Souvenir of Owen Sound"
(For Miss S.F. Conlin, Bookseller), loaned by Nancy (Merritt) Lymburner



STEAMER MAJESTIC AT BALMY BEACH

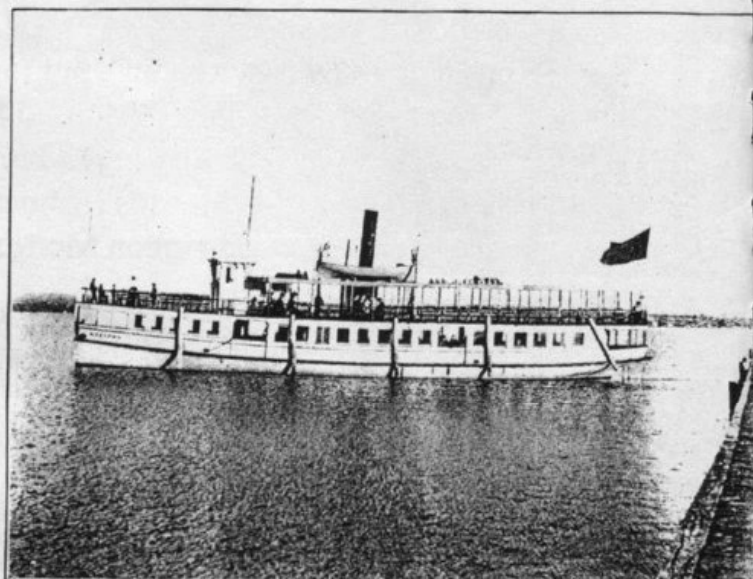


BATHING AT BALMY BEACH



DRIVEWAY, McLAUGHLAN'S PARK

(This same picture is titled
"Lovers' Drive" in a booklet
"Grand Poster Show" in aid
of Owen Sound G & M Hospital, 1904)



"MAZEPPA," FERRY TO McLAUGHLAN PARK AND BALMY BEACH



1948 - Beattie store from
their laneway



Clarence Beattie

from Mrs. C.W. Beattie



1943-Tom Middlebro', Avery Danard, Susan Henderson, Craig Moffat, Sheila Middlebro', Virginia Henderson, Robin Pollock, Marny Danard



1918-Picture incl.-Gwen Hurry, Betty & Elinor & Norah Rutherford



1947-on Middlebro's dock-Jock McKay, Tom Middlebro', Barry Clark, Isabel Roberts, Mary McKay, ?, Susan Henderson, Sheila Middlebro', Virginia Henderson



Kay Middlebro'

(donated by Susan
(Henderson) Hilts)



1924-Isabel Doyle party



June 1915 - on Oatt's Dock



1913



Pictures donated by
Mrs. Jean (Leslie) Bishop

King's Royal Hotel



Indian Falls
(in Winter)

Owen Sound



July, 1912

July 1912
Perc. Leslie



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Old Mill, Indian River



Wyllie's Cottage
1913



**Ken Paterson & Toronto friend
with large fish (from Dr. Paterson)**



**Balmy Beach-around Merritt's fireplace
(Barb Merritt, Marion McLauchlan, Annette
Merritt, Craig & Nanci LaChance, Jamie Merritt)**

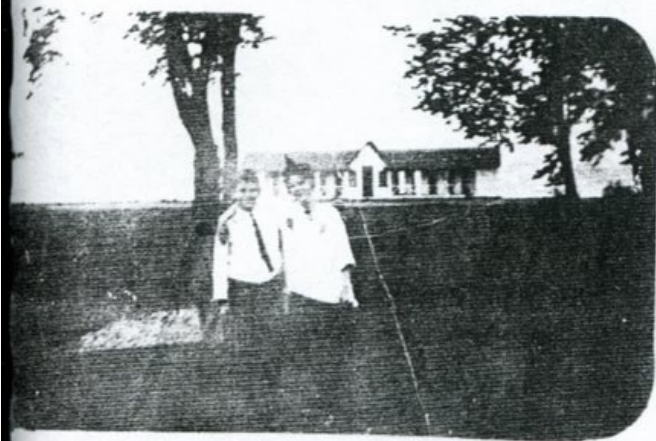


Scott & Gayle-note the water-ski
jump in the background
(See pg 97 - F McARTHUR)



Scott McLauchlan with Kitty
Chester (standing) & Gayle at
Balmy Beach.

"THE MARTINS"
1997 PHOTOS
BY GAYLE



**James & Norah McLauchlan
in front of Bath Houses (1913)**



**At Merritt Cottage
(incl. Elizabeth & Norah
McLauchlan)**



**1982-Sarawak
Juvenile Major
'A' Boys Champs**



**1968-Jim Simpson at
site of old Dance
Pavilion**

**Pictures donated by
Verna Simpson & Lori**



The Simpson Family
(1962)

Gail, Rob (baby), Bill, Cathy, Lynn, Donna, Carol, Barb, Carey,
Betty, Kirby, Mike, Jerry, Susan, Debbie, Jackie, Lori, Peter
(Inset: Lloyd & Verna)



1952 - Lake Trout Derby
Winner - John Harrison



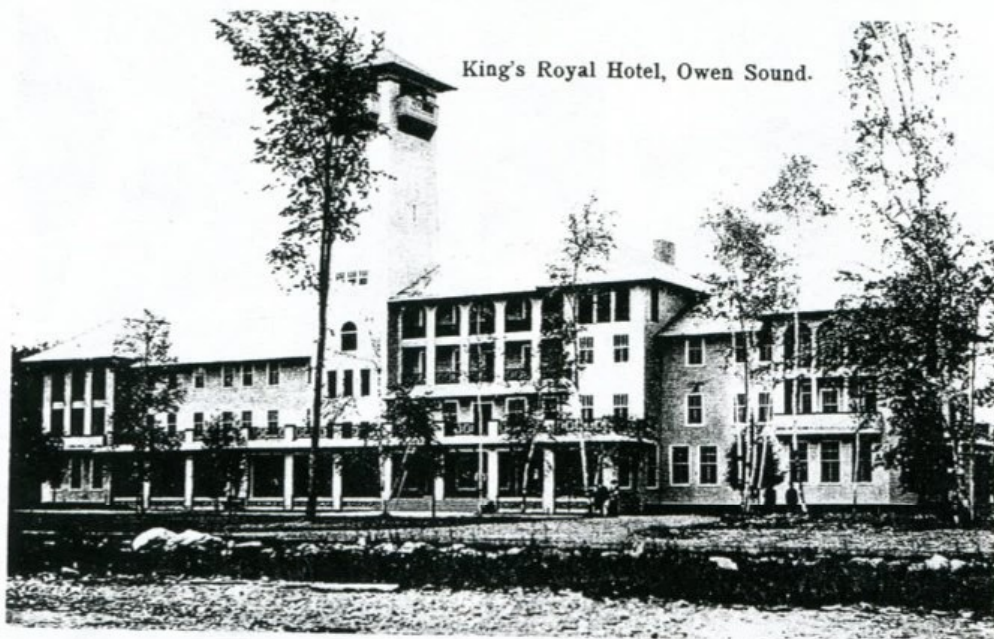
Cathy Harrison - Delivering
the Sun Times

Pictures donated by Mrs.
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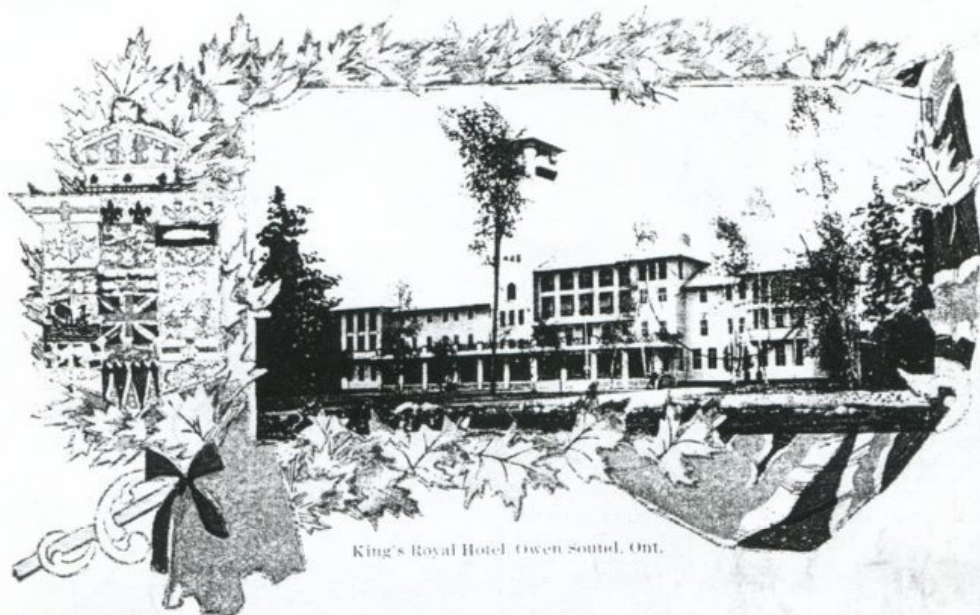


Mr. & Mrs. John Harrison





From post card collection - Mrs. Pat Nicol



King's Royal Hotel, Owen Sound, Ont.



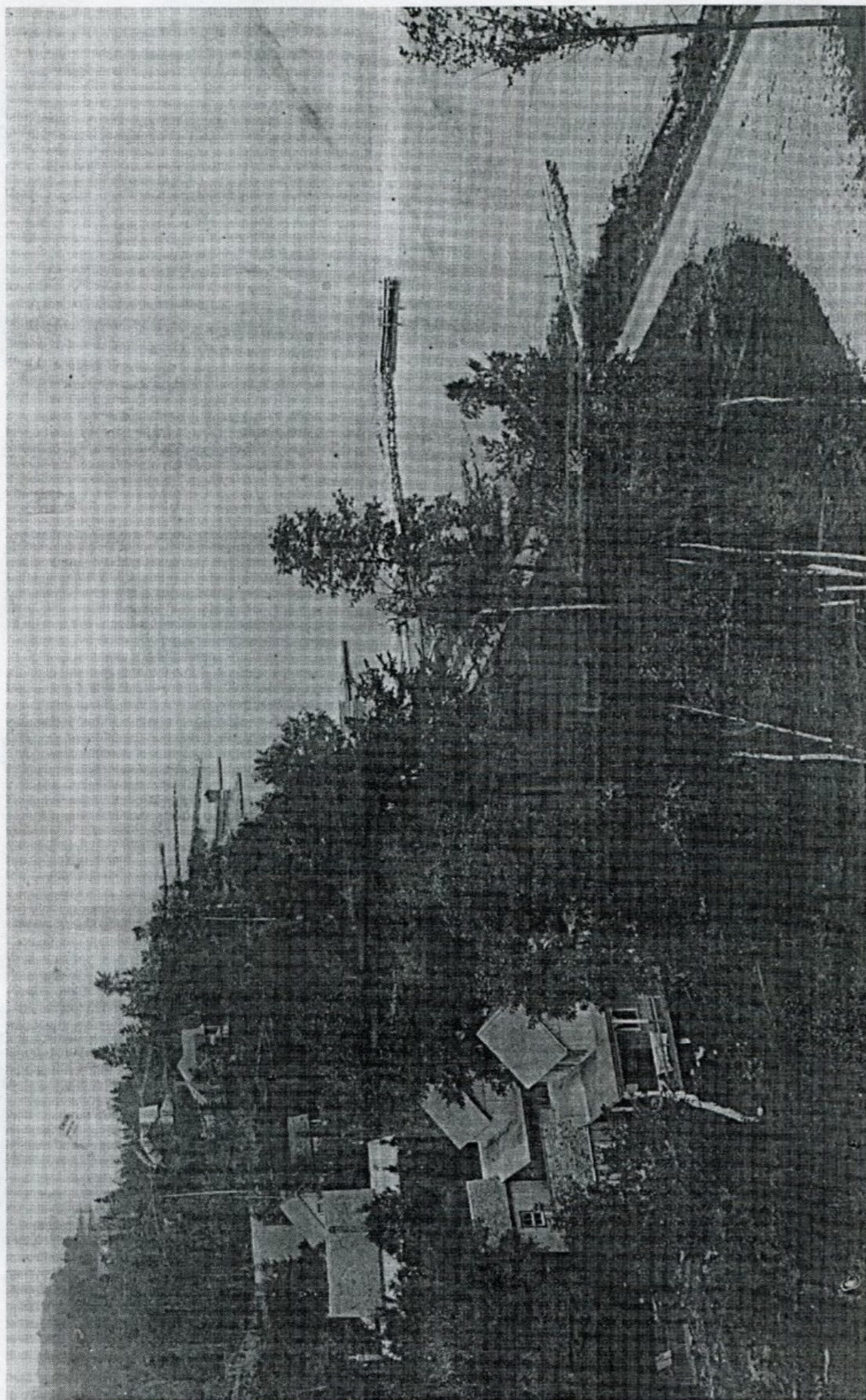
King's Royal Hotel, Balmy Beach,
near Owen Sound, Ont., Canada



King Royal Hotel, Resort near Owen Sound.



Balmy Beach Drive, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.—47.



View of Balmy Beach - taken from tower at
King's Royal Hotel



Lacrosse players in front of grandstand

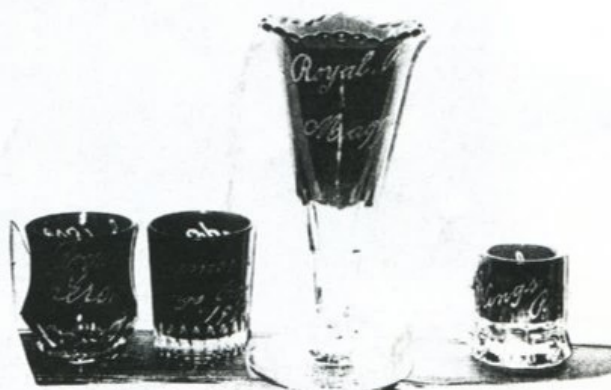


George & Scott McLauchlan (around 1910)

Pictures are from Museum, donated to museum
by Gayle in 1991.



2 vases - King's Royal



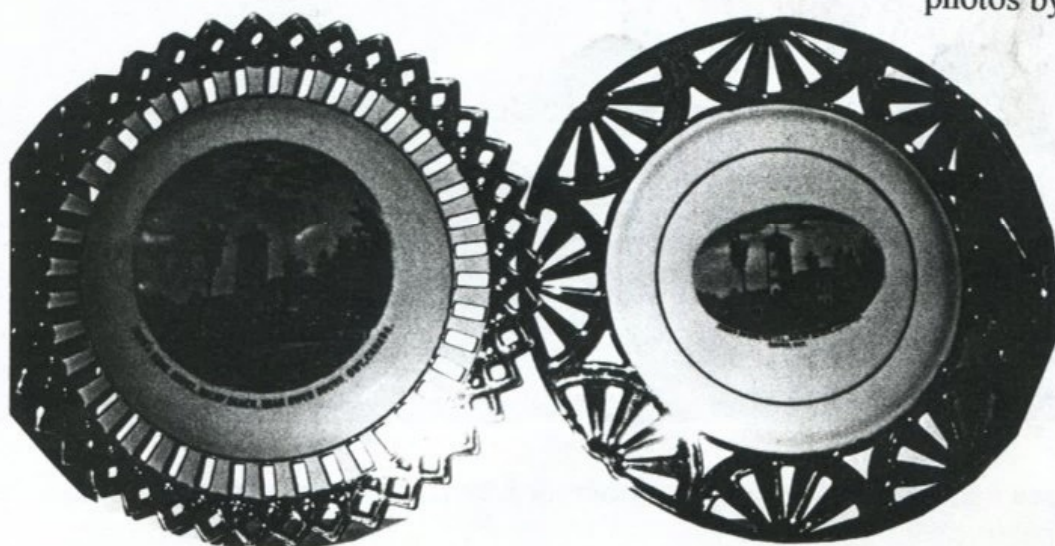
Stemware - King's Royal



Cups & Saucers



owned by Mrs. Pat Nicol
photos by Gayle (1998)

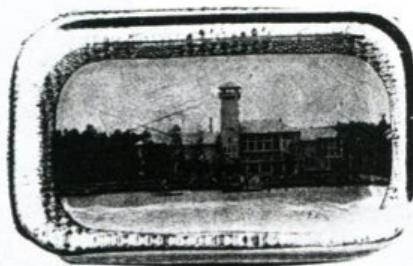


Plates



Cup & Saucer

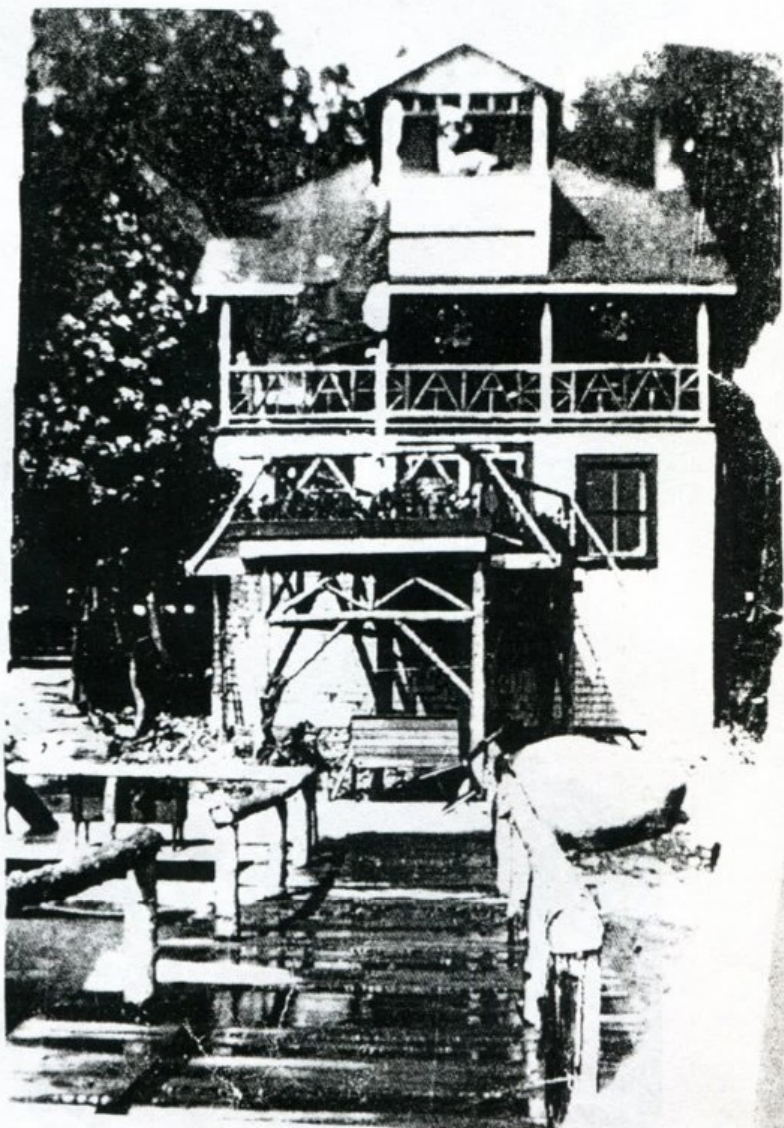
Courtesy: Norm Playter
(NorJac Antiques)



Paperweight



Courtesy: Carol Hopper



Mr. & Mrs. James oatt - cottage - Lind Echo
(from Don Nicol)

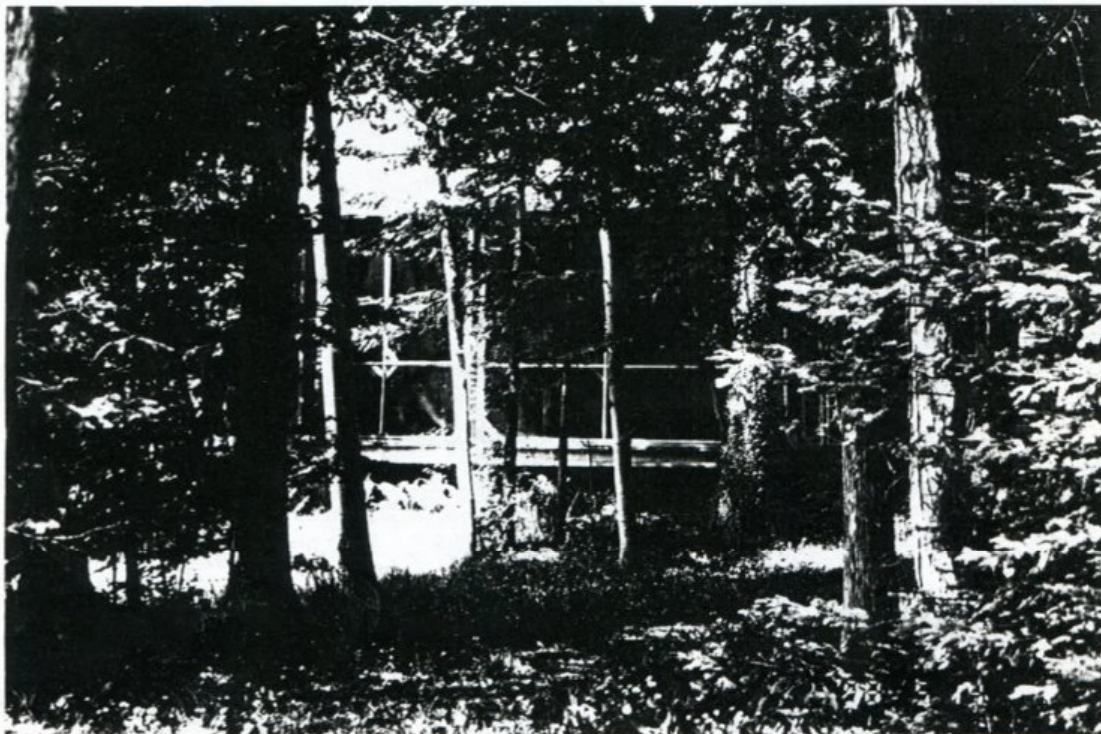


old Tamblyn cottage, now owned by Glen & Helen Jackson.



Sunrise from Balmy Beach, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.— 49.

original boat house from Tamblyn cottage. Now on property and used as a guest house.



old Sprague cottage - probably the oldest cottage at Beach.

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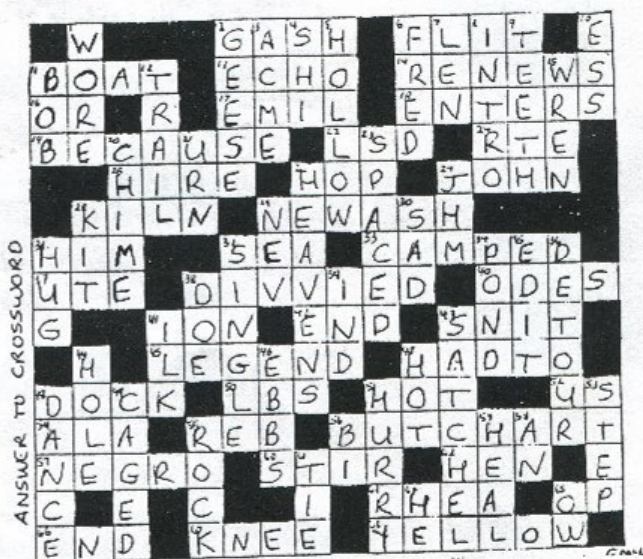
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CAMERON DRUGS - see page 107



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About the Author:

Gayle is the great-niece of John McLauchlan who opened McLauchlan Park in 1899. Her grandfather was J.K. McLauchlan who owned and managed the Balmy Beach Dance Pavilion and Lodge. The McLauchlans were well known in business in the area. Great-grandfather, James began his confectionery business in Williamsford in 1869, then moved to Owen Sound to join up with Wm. Anderson in the baking business. It then became McLauchlan & Sons Company Ltd. In 1904 he sold to his sons and in 1926 the firm was sold to National Grocers.

"The McLauchlans of Owen Sound" is another book Gayle has done (1991) - mainly for family - but there are copies in the Library, Museum and the Marine and Rail Museum. She lives in Owen Sound, has a cottage at Balmy Beach and is mother to two grown children (Craig LaChance, living in Camrose, Alta., and Nanci (Mrs. Jeff Caldwell) of Chatsworth. Other interests are her two grandsons, Austin Caldwell (1996) and Connor Caldwell (1997); golfing, playing cards and Scrabble.

