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TROUT FISHING.

Trout fishing is excellent all over Halifax County at any time from May to October. There are lakes, runs and rivers everywhere, and the prospective fisherman is confronted with an embarrassment of choice. A good many fishermen seem to think that the fishing time par excellence is at the first of the season, when the Mayfly is on,—say from the first until the tenth of May. The fishing during that time is certainly very good; but after the Mayfly is over and the trout have recovered from their glut,—then is the time when the fishing is at its best. All through the summer, particularly from soon after daylight until nine o'clock in the morning, and from 5 to 8.30 p.m., there is splendid fishing on almost any of the lakes in the County. The common catch is from one to four dozen, and the trout vary in size according to the lake, running from one-half to four or five pounds. After an early May, when the weather is dull and cloudy, or later in the summer after rain or on a foggy day, a bag of five to ten dozen is quite common. The salmon and trout fishing, which may be obtained within easy distance of Halifax at a trifling cost, (when compared with the sport to be obtained,) renders it unique among the cities of Canada. In a few hours' drive from the city, the fisherman may reach lakes and rivers where utter seclusion, good sport, and entrancing scenery form a combination which will appeal to anyone who has ever cast a line. The cost of hiring a trap (where driving is necessary), boat and guide for the day, would not exceed five dollars. Where the trip is made by train, and accommodation sought at some of the numerous hostaries, with which the different sections are well supplied, a few days could be happily spent at a cost of not more than half that sum per day.

THE MAP.

The map accompanying this guide-book may be relied on in every respect, and for convenience it has been divided into squares, numbered above and below and lettered on the side. In order to find any lake or other point referred to such as C 6, for example, find C on the right or left, and 6 above or below, and trace lines from each inwards until they meet. The point desired will be found within the square arrived at. Some of the waters mentioned in the text are not named on the map, being mere ponds; but they are all well known locally, and there will be no trouble in reaching them.
LAKE FISHING.

Take another look at the map. It is more eloquent of the lake fishing in this vicinity than any words could be. This net-work of lakes begins four miles from Halifax City and extends in one direction for 26 miles to Margaret’s Bay (F 1).

In another direction, towards Prospect and off the Prospect Road to Turns Bay (F 4), there are numerous good lakes. On the Dartmouth side the lakes begin a few miles outside of Dartmouth and continue to Musquodoboit, to Tangier and Jeddore (C 8); or if the fisherman be so ambitious, clear around the Eastern Shore. This is only an outline of the lake fishing, but the regions named have been treated more extensively elsewhere in this booklet.

FISHING WEST OF HALIFAX.

There are three or four main arteries, such as the Herring Cove Road (F 5), the Sambro Road (G 4), the Prospect Road (G 3), and so on, which lead to different sections interesting from the fisherman’s point of view. Every one of these taps a group of lakes renowned in its way.

HERRING COVE ROAD.

The following named lakes are all within fifteen miles of Halifax: Sheen’s Pond (F 5), Thomas’ Pond, Charley’s Pond, Governor’s Lake (F 5), Donovan’s Lake (F 5), Ketch Harbour Lakes (F 5), Cocked Hat Lake, Bear Cove Lake (F 5).

SAMBRO ROAD.

Grovers Lake (F 5), Sheen’s Lake (F 4), Grand Lake (G 4), Ragged Lake (F 4), Two Lakes (F 4), Harry’s Lake (F 4), Run Lake (F 4), Burnt Hill Lake (G 4), Moody’s Lake (F 4), Norris’ Pond (G 4), Pennant River (G 4).

In the Pennant, besides the excellent trout fishing, it is not uncommon to hook a salmon in July. John Merlin’s well-known resort is the most convenient centre from which to fish the waters named. There are boats on nearly all of them, and Merlin, whose address is Harrietsfield Post Office, Halifax County, will supply guides. The fishing here is good from May until October. In August, when the yellow drake is on the water, the evening fishing is particularly good, and catches of three to five dozen are common.

PROSPECT ROAD.

The best waters on this route are Indian (E 4), Peters (F 4), Hatchet (F 4), Fiddle (F 4), Nicholson’s (F 4), Mooshorn (F 4), and McGrath’s Lakes; Turns Bay, River and Stony Beach (F 5). All of these are within about two hours’ drive of Halifax. After about June 20th, if there has been a good rain, the sea trout run up Stony Beach (F 5), and furnish excellent sport.

MARGARET’S BAY ROAD.

The first resort on the Margaret’s Bay Road (E 4), which will be found on the map running along the route of the Halifax and South-Western Railway, is Donovan’s, seven miles from Halifax. This is the first inn on the road, at the foot of Governor’s Lake. The upper pools of Nine Mile River (E 3), are accessible from this hotel. Donovan has several boats on this lake, and it is a favorite spot for everyone.

WHITING THE STREAM—IDEAL SPORT.

Bowser’s the “Riverside,” nine miles from Halifax, is an excellent hotel, and there is good fishing on the upper pools of the Nine Mile River, and several lakes in the vicinity. This is the first station on the H. & S.-W. Railway.

The next stopping place is Fraser’s, one mile farther on. There are boats on Cranberry Lake (E 3), Lake Frederick, and on the still waters close to the house. The fishing is good, but the lakes are much fished.
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a picnic at any place on the arm. He runs a ferry
to the Dingle and to Jollymore's, and sells good
cigars and temperance drinks.

Call Him From Your Hotel.
John Johnson’s well-known resort is eleven miles from Halifax. From this as a base, may be fished Cranberry Lake (E 3), Black Point, Frederick’s Lake (F 4), Marshy Lakes (D 2), to name some of the better known spots.

Robinson’s is 13\(\frac{1}{2}\) miles from Halifax, being the farm of the well-known liveryman. Close by are the Upper and Lower Sheldrake, Five Island Lake, Marsh Lakes, and the runs between Five Island and Hubley’s big lake. There are boats and guides for all the lakes, and a very large party can be accommodated. All the above will be found on the map, in D and E, 2 and 3. Some of them are named; others are not.

A few miles farther along on this road is “Hubley’s.” 14 miles from Halifax, of which region many sportsmen have pleasant recollections. From Hubley’s also you can fish Five Island Lake (E 3), already mentioned; but Hubley’s Big Lake (D 2), Long Lake (E 3), and Croucher’s Mill Lake (E 2), are the favorite spots. Some fine fares of trout are taken out of Hubley’s every year.

HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD.

Fourteen miles out is Ned Thompson’s, and from his place the Pockwock Lakes (C 2 and 3), Nigger Lake, Cox’s Lake, Nancy Ross Lake, and Stillwater Lake, all good fishing, may be reached. The Birch Cove Lakes (E 4) are about six miles from Halifax, reached from Hammonds Plains Road.

Eastward across the harbour, in the vicinity of Dartmouth, there is fine fishing also, and the waters are almost too numerous to mention. Some of the best places are Spider (D 5), Eagle (D 6), Major (D 5), Paces, Mooseland, Porters (C 7), and the Tangier Lakes. All the above, except the last named, are within 25 miles of Dartmouth. Any liveryman can furnish information as to all these waters, and the guides to them.

Some of the best flies for the lakes of Halifax County include the Jenny Lind, Silver Doctor, March Brown, Parmachene Belle, Brown Hackle; or indeed almost any of the standard flies. The best bait is the minnow. A light 11 or 12 foot rod, with forty yards of tapered line, and a single cast, and a long-handled landing net, will be found most suitable.

GRAYLING.

In the Grand Lake (B 4), sixteen miles from Halifax, on the line of the L.C.R., there is excellent grayling and bass fishing. Grayling look a good deal like grilse, run from one to four pounds, and give excellent sport. They may be caught from May until November, and the Naval officers on this station, who have paid a lot of attention to grayling fishing, have always been very keen on the sport. Grayling may be taken with a minnow or fly, a white wing or large sea-trout fly being the best. One may put up at Wellington Station at Kings, or at the camp of the well-known Indian guide, John Bradley. Bradley’s Camp is a comfortable spot, and he has several boats on Grand Lake. Bradley himself is a very favourably known character, and can be relied on thoroughly as a guide.

The Bass Fishing is best in October. Bass run from two to ten pounds, and are very gamey. They are taken with a troll and minnow.

SEA TROUT.

There is excellent sea-trout fishing in several parts of the County, within easy reach of Halifax. Among the places most frequented are Stony Beach, Musquodoboit (B 7), Chezzetcook (D 7), Lawrencetown, (D 6), Porter’s Lake (C 7), Petpeswick (D 8), and Clam Harbour. Unlike other trout fishing, this is entirely dependent on the weather. If there are good rains in June, July or August, the sea trout come up the rivers in shoals, and while they are running, it is
hard to imagine better sport. The same gear used for lake trout fishing will do for sea trout. All the places mentioned are within driving distance of Halifax, the average distance being about 25 miles.

POLLOCK AND DEEP SEA FISHING.

A form of angling quite common on the harbour and beautiful North-West Arm (E 5), is pollock fishing. It is a great school for teaching ladies and young disciples the gentle art. There are pollock galore in the Arm during the latter part of May and the month of June. They may be taken readily with a trout rod or white fly. Some of them are very large. They are fair eating, and with the exception of the large ones, not very gamey. A Halifax fisherman killed two one evening with a light trout rod. The two weighed 19 pounds and gave a lot of excitement before they were landed.

Besides pollock fishing there are several other forms of sport such as deep sea fishing and lobster spearing. There is excellent deep sea fishing in the Arm and Harbour. The fish which may be taken are cod, haddock, hake, white fish, mackerel and flounder. The better plan is to hire a boat, and the boatman will take you to the spot. A favourite place is off the "red buoy." Another way is to drive to Herring Cove (F 5), Bear Cove (F 5), Ketch Harbor (G 5), Sambro (G 4), Portuguese Cove (F 5), or any of the neighbouring villages, where boats and men can be had almost for the asking.

Lobster spearing and netting is a favourite sport on the Arm by torchlight all summer. This is great fun; it could hardly be called sport. No expense to speak of; and a lobster boil at about 11 p.m. in one of the big iron pots at the boathouses provides a tasty bite and a lot of fun. It will be found easy enough to get attached to a private lobster spearing party; or the boatman on the Arm will supply all the implements of the chase.

SALMON FISHING.

The claim is not made that the salmon fishing in this Province is equal to that in other parts of the Dominion; but in point of "gameyness" the salmon of Nova Scotia are not a whit behind those of any other part of Canada.

The rivers in this Province are not so well protected, and the fish are not so plentiful as elsewhere; but in different parts of Halifax County, and in adjoining counties most easily reached from this city, good sport is to be had. There is a good deal of very fine salmon fishing in Halifax County within easy reach of the city by train and team.

Ingram River, where the mills of the Dominion Lumber Company are situated, was once one of the best small streams in the Province; but logging operations and dams have caused the fishing to fall off considerably in recent years. If the fisherman can time his outing when they are not driving on the river, there is still good sport to be had. June and July are naturally the best months for this river. The best pools are the Devil's Jaw, Admiral's, Turn, Beach Falls and Tupper's pools. The fish run from 8 to 15 pounds. There is excellent grilse fishing in July.

At the head of Margaret's Bay is the well known Indian River, owned by the Mason family, a stream much beloved of Halifax sportsmen. The fishing is free and uninterrupted by mills. It is about 21 miles from Halifax by road, and the Margaret's Bay Station on the H. & S.-W. Railway is quite close. At times there is excellent sport to be had on this river. The house of Loftus Mason, on the banks of the stream, is where sportsmen frequent, and guides are always to be obtained. The best pools are the First, Second, Third, Pet, Still, Champagne and Head-of-the-Lake. Any standard flies may be used. Nearer still to Halifax is the Nine Mile River, where the fishing is owned by the Nine Mile River Club. The fishing here is good from April to July, if the water holds good. Permits cannot be obtained, but visitors with proper letters of introduction will be able to get good sport as a guest of one or other of the members. In all of the rivers mentioned above the fishing begins on April 15th, and if there is a good run of water it keeps up until the first or second week of July.

SALMON FISHING EAST OF HALIFAX.

There is considerable good salmon fishing towards the eastern part of the County also. The Musquodoboit has been more famed of late years for its great sea trout fishing, but it was formerly renowned for the large salmon caught there, and they may still be had occasionally. The fish run up to 30 pounds.
THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY, SHOWING THE LAKES AND STREAMS IN THE VICINITY OF HALIFAX CITY.
There is no reliable sport before the middle of May, but during a rainy June and July there is good fishing in both those months, July being the best. Musquodoboit, as has been mentioned, is most famed for its sea trout, and if July is wet, as is generally the case, the fisherman is sure to get a good haul, running from one to five pounds. The best fishing is at the Jam Falls. Halifax tackle-makers will furnish or give advice about the best flies. There is also excellent lake trout fishing here, so that the sportsman cannot fail of satisfaction in one way or another. In Pace's Lake, which is not very much fished, there is very good trolling, and four-pound trout are common.

**Tangier,** about 60 miles from Halifax, was once the best salmon river in the Province. It is bank fishing. Poaching and lumbering have caused it to deteriorate in the past ten years. The fishing is at its best during the month of June. In July the grilse begin. If one is lucky enough to be on the spot after a heavy rain in June, the sport is excellent. The pools are all free. Owing to a lumber dam at the foot of the first lake, there are now only four pools having any number of salmon. The two most famous are the Eel Weir and Indian Camp Pool. The first-named has no equal on any of the small rivers in Nova Scotia. The favorite fly is the Jock Scott. Mr. James Miller, of Tangier, will furnish full information.

The salmon fishing is practically all from the banks. The pools are small, and as soon as the fish is hooked the fun begins. In most cases it runs out of the pool down the river, and it takes all the fisherman's skill to follow up and guide the line clear of snags. On all of the streams mentioned the scenery is charming, and—one great advantage—one is comparatively free from flies.

**GUIDES.**

Ingram and Indian Rivers.—The Masons, already mentioned.

Musquodoboit.—Mr. James Gardner is a good man to show the stranger about.

Tangier.—Joe Miller and Jas. Hilchie.

**TACKLE.**

The following flies are recommended:—Jock Scott, Durham Ranger, Silver Doctor, Admiral, Fiery Brown, Fairy, Candlestickmaker.

A 15-foot rod, light and well balanced: a 4-inch reel; one hundred yards of tapered line; single cast by Enright, Farlow or Hardy, will be found the best tackle for these waters.

**ACCOMMODATION.**

There is excellent camping ground to be found anywhere close in the vicinity of the pools mentioned, and fresh provisions such as milk, butter and eggs, close at hand at the farmhouses or hostelries on the banks; and should the fisherman desire to sleep under a roof, he may do so with ease and convenience.

**DISTANCES AND CONVEYANCES.**

To Musquodoboit and Tangier there is a daily coach. Musquodoboit is 25 miles from Halifax; Tangier, 60.

All the places mentioned to the West of Halifax may be reached by the Halifax and South-Western Railway daily. Ingram River is 25 miles from Halifax; Indian, 21; Nine Mile, 16. These places are all within driving distance, and many prefer to go in that manner.