The
BIRCHDALE

ON THE SHORES OF THE NORTH WEST ARM

Boating Canoeing
Sea Bathing Driving
Fishing Tennis

Halifax, Nova Scotia
POINTS OF INTEREST ON THE NORTH WEST ARM

- Head of the Arm
- Hosterman's Picnic Grounds
- Melville Island Military Prison
- Horse Shoe Island
- St. Mary's Boat House
- The Birchedale
- The Dingle
- North West Arm Rowing Club
- Halifax Amateur Boating Club

INTERESTING POINTS TO VISIT IN HALIFAX

- City Hall—in which is the Citizens' Free Library
- Dry Dock—The largest in America
- Government House—Pleasant Street
- Green Market—particularly interesting on Saturday mornings
- His Majesty's Dockyard—established in 1759
- Wellington and other Barracks
- Parliament Building—see historical paintings
- Point Pleasant Park—Forts, Chain Rock, Martello Tower
- Provincial Museum—Hollis Street, opposite Parliament Buildings
- Public Gardens—the best for their size on the Continent
- St. Mary's Cathedral—Spring Garden Road
- St. Paul's Burying Ground—with Crimean Monument
- St. Paul's—oldest Protestant Church in Canada
- The Citadel—the place from which to view Halifax Harbor
- The Militia Armouries—opposite the Common
- The Old Dutch Church—Brunswick Street
- The Public Bathing Houses
- Joe Howe and Soldiers' Monuments—Provincial Building Square
- New Customs House—cost nearly $500,000

THINGS TO SEE ON HALIFAX HARBOR

- Royal Yacht Squadron Club House
- MacNab's Island
- York Redoubt
- Eastern Passage
- Fort Clarence
- Ships of War
- Purcell's Cove
- Ferguson's Cove
- Jollimore Settlement
- Spectacle Island
- Saraguay Club
- Pine Hill College
- Public Bathing Houses
- Chain Rock
- Point Pleasant Park
- George's Island
- Dry Dock
- Lorne Club House and Pier
- Bedford Basin
- Prince's Lodge
- Eastern Passage
Halifax is within easy access of all parts of the world, and as a centre from which to reach all points in Nova Scotia, the Maritime Provinces and the American Continent it is convenient beyond comparison. The Intercolonial Railway has its great terminus in Halifax, and to all intents and purposes for mails and passengers the Canadian Pacific also finds in Halifax its eastern extremity, using therefor the rails of the Intercolonial Railway. The Dominion Atlantic Railway, running from Yarmouth through the famous land of Evangeline, pours its passengers into Halifax and forms the land system of a route from this Capital to Boston. Halifax is the eastern terminus of Mackenzie & Mann's Halifax & South Western Railway, along the south western shore of Nova Scotia to Yarmouth, through a country unexcelled in this province for scenic beauty. At Halifax the ocean mails are landed from Great Britain and weekly and fortnightly freight steamships from the British Isles and the continent of Europe call to discharge cargoes. Halifax is also a centre from which the traveller on business or pleasure may go to the West Indies direct by the Pickford & Black line; he may sail for Boston by the Plant Line; to New York by the Red Cross Line; he may proceed by coastal steamers west to Yarmouth and St. John, calling at many intermediate ports; easterly he may sail to Canso and Cape Breton, touching at half a score of lovely harbors and thriving ports. Lastly if the traveller wishes to start in the early morn along the eastern shore or desires to visit many points on the west he may go by stage coach, and on a fine summer day enjoy a magnificent drive in the good old-fashioned way. A tabulated statement of lines of travel from Halifax is as follows:

Intercolonial Railway—To Montreal, St. John, Sydney and all local points.

Canadian Pacific Railway—To Montreal, Boston, and all through points.

Dominion Atlantic Railway—To Yarmouth, Boston, and all western local points.

Halifax & South Western Railway—To Bridgewater, Shelburne, Yarmouth and other western local points.

Allan S. S. Line, Furness Line, Mexican Line—all the year round for British, Continental and Southern seaports—and C. P. R. steamships in winter for Liverpool.

Pickford & Black steamers fortnightly for the West Indies.

Red Cross Line—For New York and to St. John's, Nfld.

Plant Line—For Boston direct, or via Halifax & South Western or Dominion Atlantic for same port.

Steamships sail weekly on the eastern and western coasts of the Province, the daily papers giving day and hour of sailing.

Stage coaches on the eastern and western routes, day and hour of starting given on application by telephone to the booking offices.
A YEAR ago Bircham-Bloomingdale, now the united property of Birchdale, was introduced to the public as a sea-side resort. The initial year brought with it many drawbacks and difficulties inseparable to a new enterprise, but it brought also unmistakable and gratifying success. Happy as we were the auspices under which Bircham-Bloomingdale a year ago made its appearance as a summer hotel and all-year-round home, the circumstances surrounding the beginning of the second year are immeasurably brighter. In conveniences the property has been made complete. As examples of the advance that has been effected it may be mentioned that the City water has been brought into all the houses; baths and ample supplies of hot and cold water will be found on each floor; in both houses are commodious reception rooms; bathing houses, electric lighted at night, have been built, and a supply of boats and canoes has been provided.

In line with progress in convenience and comfort at this superb summer resort—or winter residence, for it is admirably fitted to be both—is a change in the name. In order to secure the advantage of brevity the name Bircham-Bloomingdale has been dropped and a new word, a combination of the first and last syllables of the old, has been coined. The name of this beautiful North West Arm hotel is now The Birchdale, though individually each place will doubtless retain its old title. Bircham was an estate of twelve acres, formerly the home of one of the first families of Halifax; Bloomingdale, five acres, surrounding a large home-like house, was the historic residence of a former governor of Nova Scotia. The united property of Birchdale has a water frontage of about 1500 feet on the incomparable Arm. The groves of graceful birches surrounding the house gave to Bircham its name, while the umbrageous trees which form Bloomingdale's background, and through which the residence coyly peeps at the dancing waters in front, suggested the euphonious name of the late governor's home.

The North West Arm is famous, with its fascinating landscapes and seascapes—its green tree-clad slopes on the eastern side dipping down to silvery waters which, no matter what the direction or force of the wind, are seldom disturbed beyond a mere ripple; its picturesque and precipitous western shore whose hills the mirroring surface reflects; its lovely villas peering through the trees to the sheltered expanse and looking out past promontory and lighthouse beyond to the broad Atlantic; its entrancing air of peace and restfulness; its contiguity to the City. This and more go to make the Arm par excellence the place on all this Atlantic coast where mind and body may be kept strong; where one may receive recreation when the holiday time comes round, or when the day's work is over.

No part of the Arm is more charming, none more central, none so easy of access as Birchdale at the foot of Coburg Road which runs to the water's edge through the united properties.

No better coign of vantage from which to view the North West Arm or to enjoy its full cup of loveliness could be selected than the commanding location of The Birchdale. From it the head of the Arm is in full view at a northerly angle. On the other side is the romantic Melville Island, with a military history of a century and a half. Also opposite and stretching for nearly a mile south is "The Pingle," Sir Sanford Fleming's park-like estate. Farther down are charming hamlets, the Saraguay club, Purcell's Cove, Spectacle Island and then Old Ocean, whose billows the rock bound shores and sheltering hills keep in place. This vista is at the feet of those who wish to view it from The Birchdale at any point of the grounds, but for a bird's eye glimpse that can never be forgotten the visitor will betake himself to the glass tower on the south-erly residence.

It is not alone in charm of location that The Birchdale excels as a summer resort, but added to this are all seaside pleasures and amusements. Probably no water in the world for its size has more pleasure boats than the Arm. Guests at The Birchdale for a nominal charge have boats at their disposal for rowing in the vicinity, for short excursions or more extended trips. The Arm abounds in bass and the summer long in its whole lake. Pollock, haddock, cod, perch, herring, mackerel and other piscatorial trophies are to be caught with rod, fly or net, and lobsters can be spared in season. For fishing as for other purposes, canoes, boats and outfit will be available. Bathing, another prime requisite of a seaside summer resort, is to be had with a pre-eminent degree of pleasure on the Arm, and the bathing houses at The Birchdale night and day will afford every convenience; or if visitors prefer they may take a boat, and rowing a quarter of a mile across, take a freer "dip in the briny" under the shadow of the "everlasting hills."

One thing more—driving. Many charming trips can be planned for individuals or parties. No roads on this continent are better or command a succession of more lovely vistas than those of Point Pleasant Park, at the mouth of the Arm, some two miles below Birchdale, while near-by routes, up round the head of the Arm, down its other side to distant fishing villages and out to the surf-beaten shores of the Atlantic, will be found to furnish full delight. Teams will always be at hand available for visitors' requirements.

Guests at The Birchdale may not care for bathing or fishing or boating or driving every day. For off-days from these, or for those who do not fancy such pastimes at all, the grounds and spacious verandahs on both residences are well supplied with hammocks, swings, chairs, reclining canopies, greeneries and retiring nooks, where a book or nature may be studied by turns or where the live-long day may be spent in dreamy ease.

The Birchdale, though beyond the jarring sounds of the City, is yet but ten or fifteen minutes ride from the post office or any steamship pier by tram car, and twenty minutes or thirty at the most from the railway station. Leaving the car at the corner of Coburg and Oxford Streets (and conductors announce the name) either house is reached in a walk of three minutes. Both residences have twentieth century conveniences; and a stay at The Birchdale will constitute red letter days for all fortunate enough to spend the summer or a part of it there, or who care to make it their home the whole year round. It is adapted for permanent as well as for transient guests.

The broad acres of Birchdale afford ample opportunities for the cultivation of vegetables and berries in their season and these are raised to afford daily fresh supplies. From the hennaries on the grounds are obtained the eggs required, while on its grass are fed and in its barns are kept cows for supplies of freshest milk and cream. The cuisine has the most careful attention and the rich lands on the estates make the accomplishment of this the more certain.

A long felt want by tourists and also by citizens of Halifax is filled at this lovely resort of Birchdale, on the banks of the classic Arm. The rates for summer, from 1st June till 30th September, are $2.50 and $3.00 a day, $12.00 to $18.00 by the week, with special rates for families. During the other eight months, from 1st October to 31st May, the same high character of the house is maintained, but very much reduced rates prevail both for transient and permanent guests. These will be furnished on application.