

CEDAR SPRINGS A PARADISE FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

Unique Colony Grown Up Near Hamilton

Residents Live Amid the Beauties of Nature

Modern Luxury in Prim- itive Setting

Not far from Hamilton—fifteen miles, to be exact—in the county of Halton, township of Nelson, one-half mile north of the village of Kilbride, there lies a veritable paradise of nature known as Cedar Springs.

No more apt name could have been bestowed on this enchanted spot. Shapely cedars and bubbling springs are to be found throughout the 350 acres that lie nestled in a valley bathed in warm sunshine and cooled by vagrant breezes. Here, indeed, is a modern Eden. Nature was surely in her most beneficent mood to shower such an abundance of her beauty on one spot.

Five years ago Cedar Springs was an undeveloped tract of land. To-day it is the site of the most unique private rustic cabin camp on the continent, thanks to W. D. Flatt, pioneer lumberman and real estate operator. Mr. Flatt commenced building the first of the primitive cedar cabins in March, 1926. To-day there are 76 of these homes, each containing its quota of happy, healthy occupants. The good people who comprise the community of Cedar Springs are jealous of the name of the place. For this reason only the most desirable type of citizen is permitted to become a member of their circle.

Sane, Orderly Living

Mr. Flatt announces that this year will witness the completion of the cabin building. By the end of the present season 80 in all will have been erected. Of the total of 350 acres, 100 acres are used for home sites, with each cabin owner receiving an undivided interest in the undeveloped land, thus making Cedar Springs a private playground.

With its community hall, bowling greens, tennis courts, baseball diamond and nine-hole golf course, it offers every known healthful form of recreation.

And the water! The city dweller, with memories of the chlorinated aqua that gushes from the tap back in his stuffy house or apartment, can hardly wait to sample the clear, sparkling liquid that bubbles merrily from the springs, centuries old.

Unsurpassed Beauty

The vista spread before the visitor when he climbs the slope that leads to the look-out tower perched on a summit 600 feet above the level of Lake Ontario, is one of absorbing beauty. Graceful, terraced slopes rich in verdure, pines and cedars etched against the background in all their primeval glory, winding roadways and dozens of picturesque cabins, built of cedar poles, snug in their niches, are but a few of the many features.

Well-kept Homes

Driving back to the community hall, the center of all activity in Cedar Springs, the visitor admires the neatness of the cabins and their surroundings. Mowed lawns, winding steps of stone slabs, fairyland grottos, and rows of pert hollyhocks demonstrate the home-loving qualities of the inhabitants.

A stop is made to peek into one of the newly-finished cabins waiting for a lucky purchaser. Sturdy and substantial in appearance, with a wide veranda looking down over the valley and a closed-in sleeping porch on the other side, it comprises a home any family would be proud to call their own.

Inside, everything is planned to suit the needs of the housewife. Fresh, cold spring water brought into the valley by gravity, pours from the tap in the built-in sink. Handy cupboards are designed to meet every requirement. The living room, a spacious, airy place, has, as its most predominating feature, a massive stone fireplace, in which logs send their bright sparks up the chimney on rainy, cool nights. The bedrooms are all that could be desired.

Community Hall

Back at the community hall, with its wide veranda, a host of small boys and girls are playing hide-and-seek. Inside, banners and bunting add a festive note. The golfers of the community had a little get-together the previous Saturday. Refreshments are to be had at a booth in the hall and a dining room invites the visitor. In the community hall, Saturday night dances are held, with an orchestra in attendance.

On Sunday afternoon the entire community gathers for church services held under the direction of J. I. Flatt, of Hamilton, brother of W. D. Flatt.

Facing the community hall is a bowling green of generous dimensions and rolled to the point where it more closely resembles a billiard table than anything else on earth.

To the right of the hall is No. 1 tee of the Cedar Springs golf course. The player drives off across a creek 75 yards to the first fairway, and after that it is a grand afternoon's sport. Over ravines and across creeks, sometimes on a rolling fairway, where the problem presented is a most interesting one, sometimes in hollows surrounded by trees, the golfer pursues his merry way.

In order to play No. 9, the sportsman crosses a low ridge to a ravine, where he drives off down a valley cleared but recently. Wild life is there in abundance.

Chartered Club

Last year a limited company was formed under an Ontario charter, with stock being sold to the cabin owners. There are 35 members at the present time, and the total cost of construction to date has been less than \$4,000.

W. A. McLean, former deputy minister of provincial highways, is this year's president; A. S. Nicholson, vice-president; John Taylor, secretary, and John Guenther, treasurer. The entire course lies on the west side of the 12-mile creek.

Fisherman find plenty to occupy their time in the streams on the property, while for those who like bathing, Mr. Flatt has built spring-boards, a wading pool for little children and a dam under which the older folks may have an invigorating shower bath.

In this paradise of nature nothing has been omitted.