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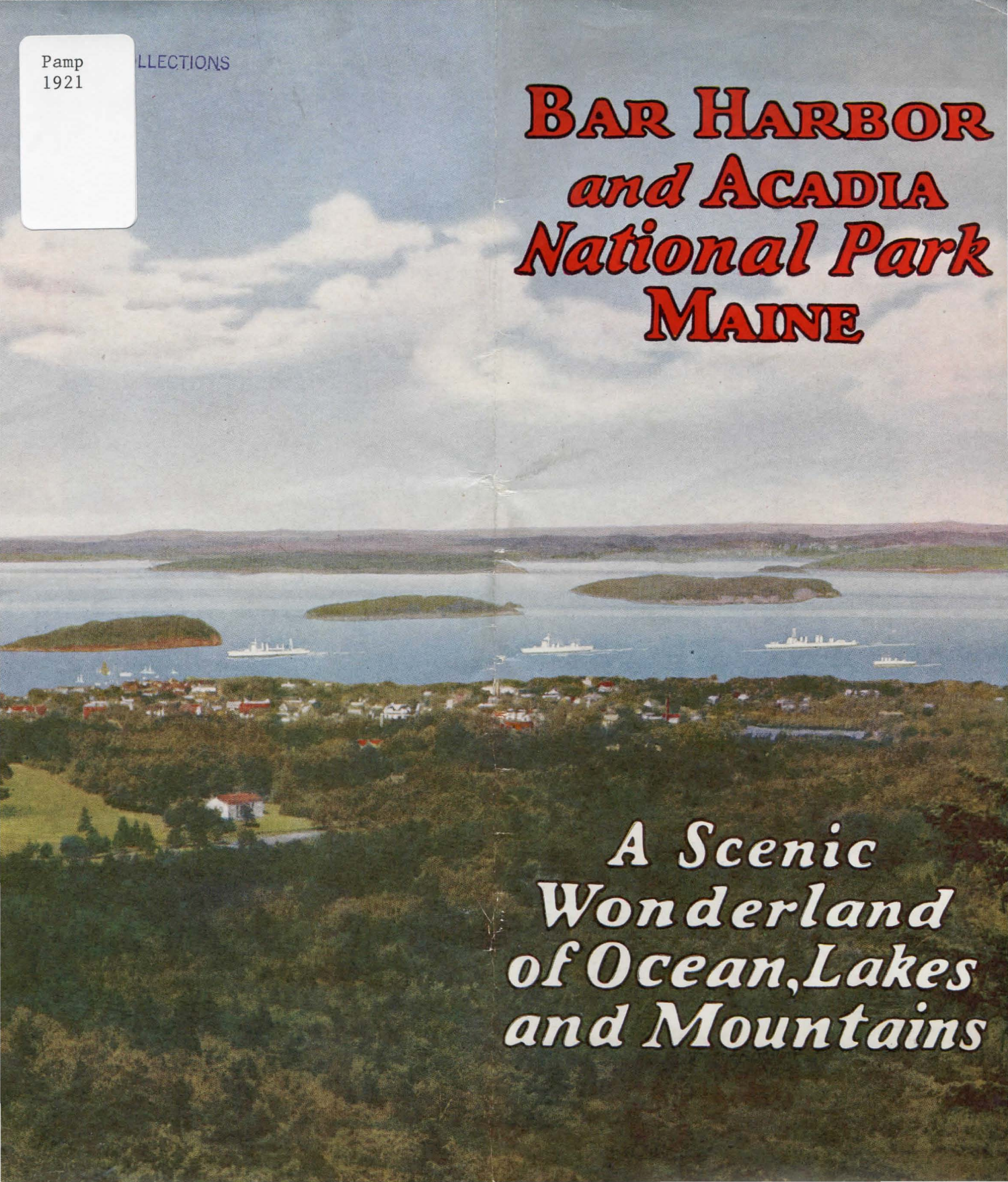
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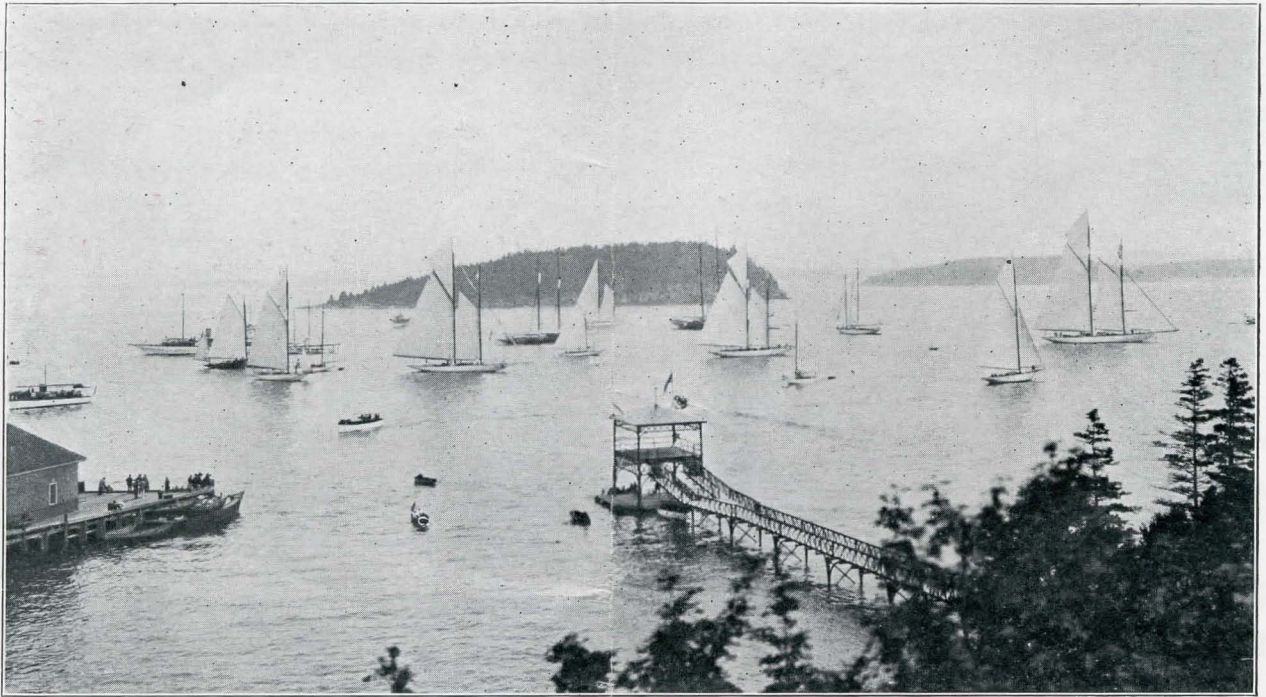
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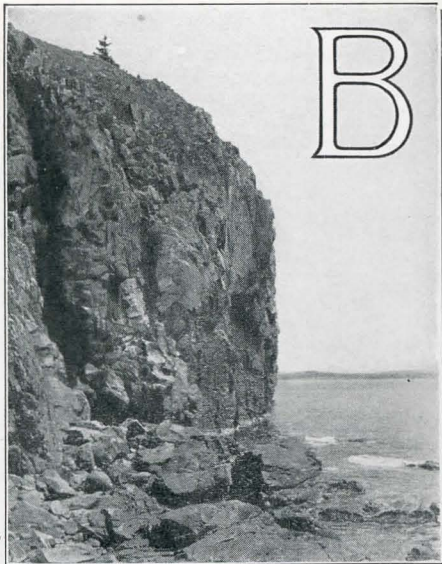
*A Scenic
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Off the Bar Harbor Yacht Club Pier

Acadia VISITORS TO BAR HARBOR National Park have the unique opportunity to visit Acadia National Park, a seacoast possession of the nation that has for ten years been the only national park east of the Mississippi. Other national parks in the eastern portion of the country are now in process of formation, but to Acadia will belong the memory of having led the way and the distinction of having been created wholly by gift of the citizens of the United States. It sprung from state-incorporated public reservations established by George B. Dorr, present superintendent of Acadia, President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard and a few other early summer residents

of the Mt. Desert Island Resorts. President Woodrow Wilson accepted these lands and in 1915 they became by presidential proclamation Sieur de Monts National Monument. In 1919 the reservation became by act of Congress Lafayette National Park. Ten years later a bill was passed by Congress giving power to the Secretary of the Interior for the Park's enlargement to include lands beyond the limits of Mt. Desert Island. At the same time it appeared desirable to take for it a name telling in a single word of the long history that lay behind it, with which it was closely bound, which was done and approved and this perfect national park now bears the name Acadia.



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BAR HARBOR—ON MOUNT DESERT ISLAND!

Nowhere in the world is there such a wonderland of sea, cliff, lake and forest as nature has lavished on this great Maine Coast Resort. No vacation trip to Maine can be complete without a visit to Bar Harbor, America's most distinguished resort.

The scenic charm of this resort has won for it a national and international reputation as one of the beauty spots of the world.

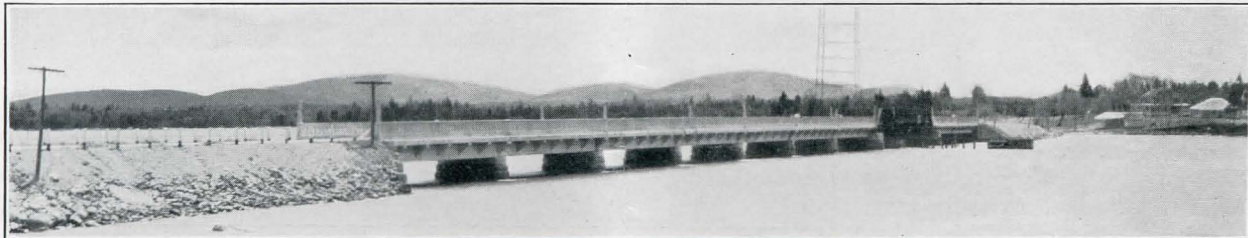
Many magnificent estates and hundreds of attractive summer cottages are found along the shores and in the hills near Bar Harbor and its neighboring resorts. The admirable work of architects and skilled landscape gardeners blends beautifully into the more marvelous work of nature in the thousands of acres of rugged shore, mountains and woodlands beginning at the very edge of the village.

Approximately 15,000 acres on Mt. Desert Island are now in Acadia National Park with several thousand additional acres held in trust for future park areas or for the use of the public. The Park also includes Schoodic Head across the bay with a tract of some 1,500 acres. The Mt. Desert Island area contains the well-balanced essentials of the perfect national park, consisting of twenty mountain summits, lying east and west across the island for more than twelve miles. North, west and south of these lie broad forested levels, rolling hills, lakes and marshes. The park also contains all the beautiful lakes enclosed in this mountain area, including one area of rock-bound shore. These are the only mountains fronting the Atlantic Coast in the United States, and Cadillac Mountain, the giant of the group, is the highest point.

Great Head, highest headland on the Atlantic from the St. Lawrence to the Amazon

No one who has ever looked out from the highest hills on Mount Desert Island on the wonderful sea and landscape of promontory, creek and bay with its winding channels and rock-bound isles, can ever forget its enchanting variety. —DR. HOLMES.

If there is any place in the world where the natural and cultivated have been so effectively combined to produce one beautiful whole as on Mount Desert Island, it is yet to be described to me. There is not a square rod on this wonderful island that is not beautiful, that is not endowed with the best that Nature has to bestow. —WALTER EMERSON.

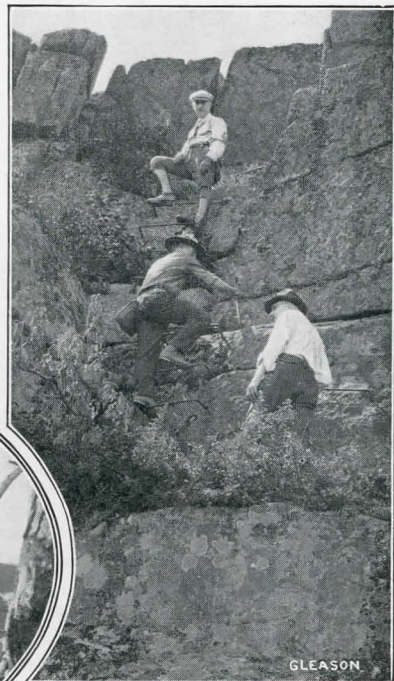


New Concrete Bridge connecting Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Island with the Mainland.

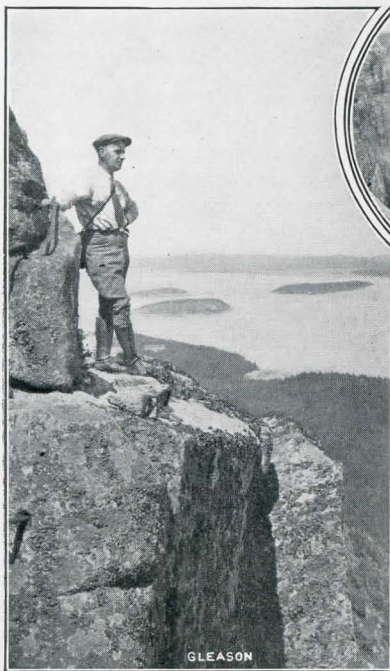


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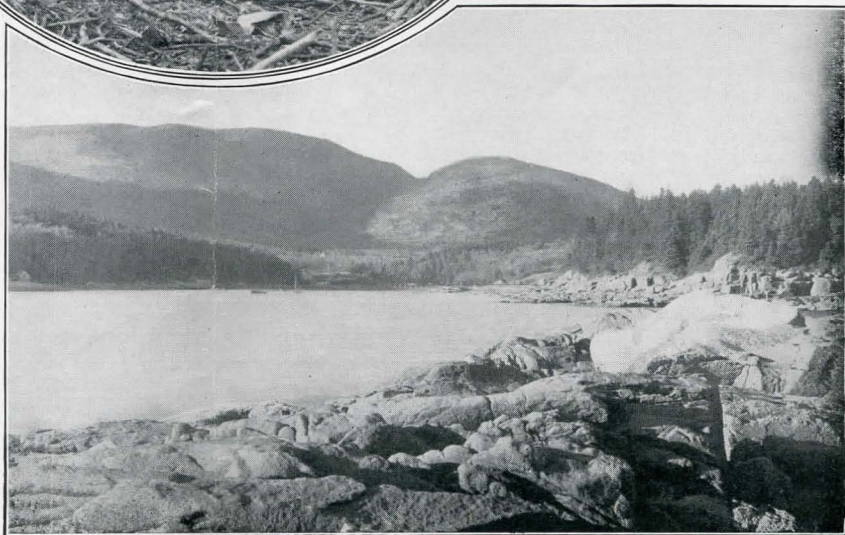
Left—Appalachian Club members on Beech Hill overlooking Echo Lake.
Center—Young Eagles in Nest, Acadia National Park.
Below—Precipice Trail.



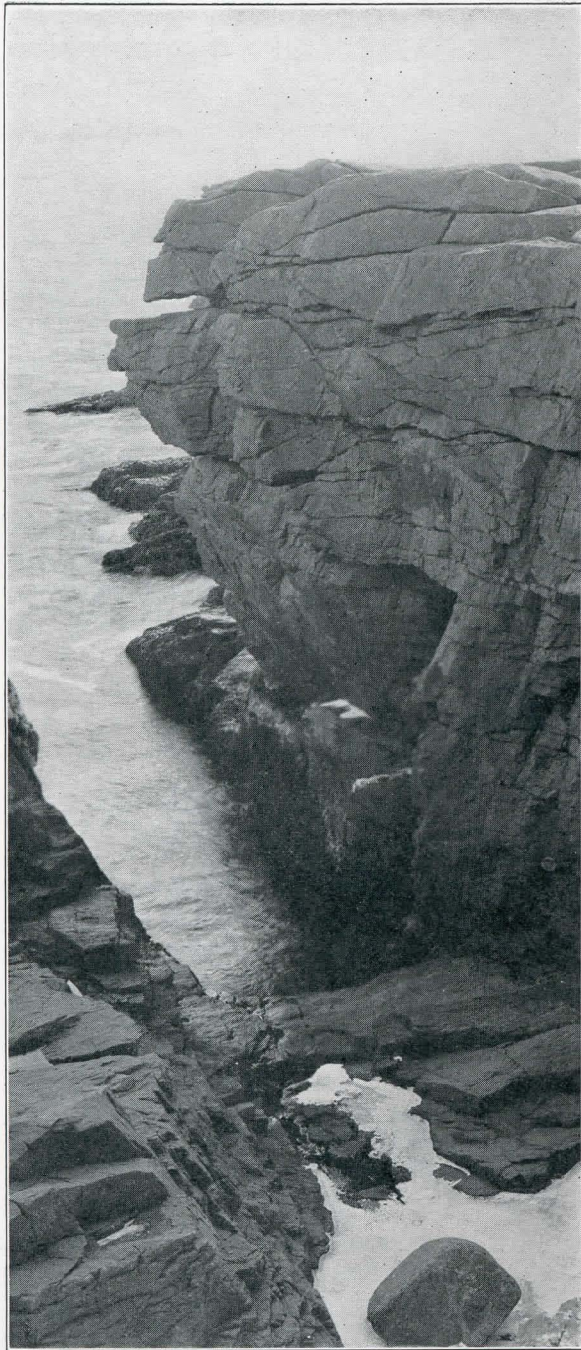
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Above—On the Precipice Trail, Acadia National Park.
Right—Cadillac and Flying Squadron Mountains from Otter Creek.



Thunder Hole
On the Ocean Drive

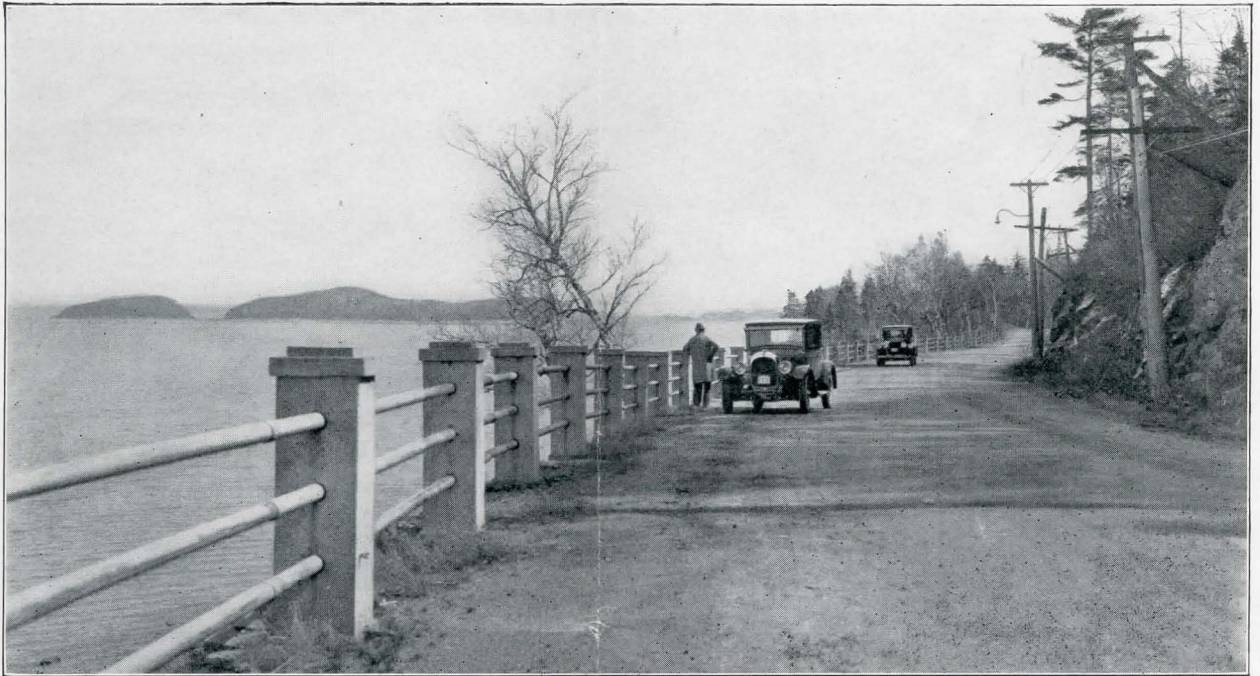


Social Life FOR GENERATIONS BAR HARBOR has been the favorite summer playground of the wealth and fashion of America. Persons with the whole world to choose from have selected Bar Harbor as the world's most perfect summer resort and hundreds of families, the members of which have seen most of the world, return year after year to their homes or hotel suites here.

Summer life at Bar Harbor is not wholly a succession of teas, dinners, dances and elaborate balls, as one may have gathered from reading the metropolitan newspapers. These are an important part of the summer scene, but they by no means complete the picture. The wealth and social prominence of so many of the resort's visitors has, perhaps naturally, overshadowed a simpler but no less delightful life led here by persons of comparatively modest means.



Golf THE KEBO VALLEY CLUB is one of the oldest and most widely-known golf clubs in America. Its eighteen holes have been constructed over some of the most perfect natural golf land in this country. Golfers of international prominence have repeatedly compared the course at Kebo with the ancient courses of Scotland.



On the Shore Drive, Approaching Bar Harbor

Nature provided the opportunity for golf here. Each year since 1895 has seen improvements at the Kebo course that today make it one of the most interesting in the land. Against an unsurpassed scenic background, the eighteen holes unfold themselves to the constant delight of the man who plays around par or the chap who has never broken his hundred.



Motoring A PURRING MOTOR, miles and miles of ocean, smooth road, a rush up a gradual ascent, around a graceful curve, a gliding into the valley, and then, with mood changed, lazily idling along while eyes feast on the beauty

of a meadow vista, a bold-faced precipice or a crescent, wave-washed beach!

Mount Desert Island is a veritable network of entrancing drives. Days may be spent in motor exploration, and yet on each trip the guest finds new scenes of beauty and fresh points of interest. The Summer Harbor Ferry between Bar Harbor and Summer Harbor gives the tourist a delightful sail as he and his automobile are transported across Frenchmans Bay, and the distance between Bar Harbor and points in Washington County and the Maritime Provinces is shortened by more than a score of miles by this pleasant route. Mount Katahdin, the highest point in Maine, is less than a hundred and fifty miles to the north, while Moosehead Lake, the largest body of fresh water entirely within the boundaries of the United

States, is an easy day's trip to the northwest. And from Bar Harbor, for still longer trips, Quebec City and the White Mountains are easily reached.

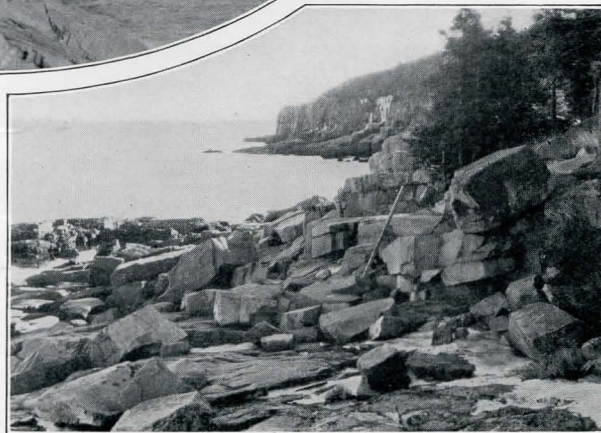


Boating HAVE YOU EVER SEEN the fleet of the New York or Eastern Yacht Clubs gliding up the bay? If not, you have yet to look upon one of the most fascinating scenes the Atlantic has to offer. These craft, as well as units of the American and foreign navies are frequent visitors to Bar Harbor. Yacht races, martial music, white clad sailors, flickering lights and multi-col-

ored flags are but a hasty sketch of the ever-changing panorama of Frenchmans Bay. Motor, sail, row boats and canoes may be chartered for any length of time, by hour, day, week or season.



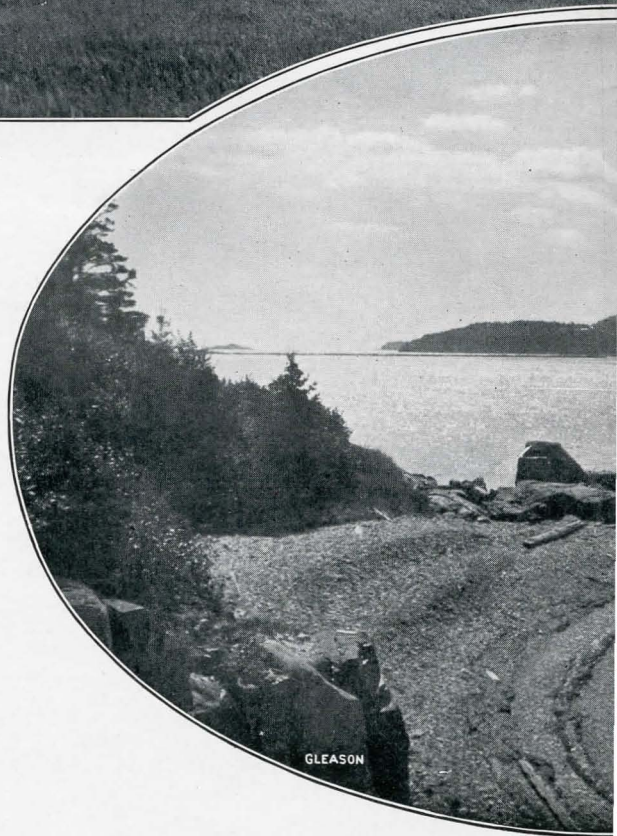
Horseback Riding NEARLY A HUNDRED miles of roads and trails have been constructed on Mt. Desert Island and reserved for the exclusive use of horsemen and pedestrians. No motor vehicles are permitted to use these roads which make a perfect system connecting Bar Harbor with the other Island Resorts and leading to nearly every point of scenic interest.



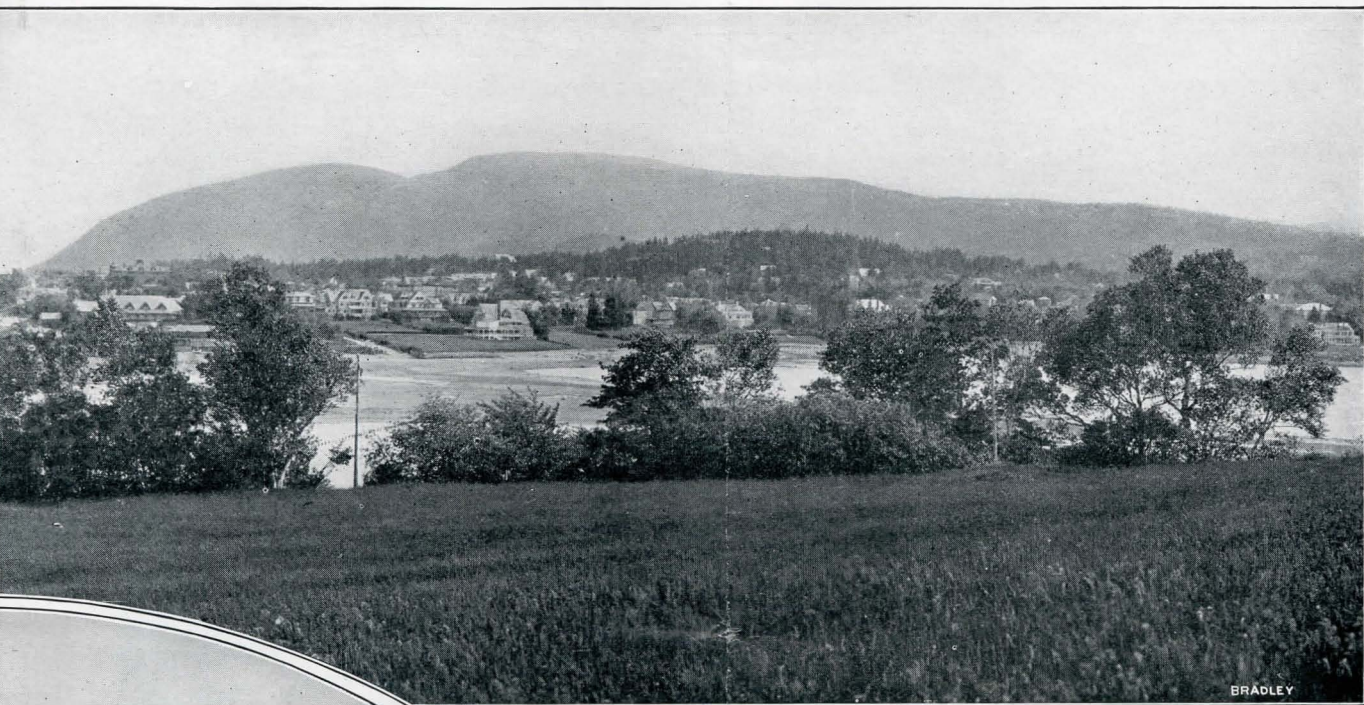
Scenes along the Ocean Drive



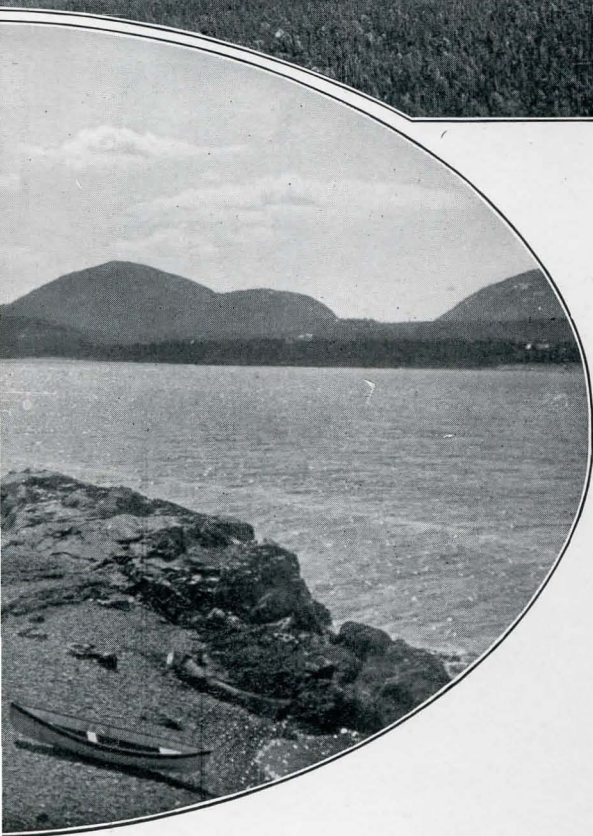
Nature Study Do You FIND your pleasure in the study of Nature? Then use Bar Harbor as a base, and learn that Mount Desert Island is truly a richly endowed laboratory in which to indulge your hobby. Here the Northern and Temperate zone flora meet. The Island lies on the coast migration route of innumerable birds, and exhibits at its fullest the Acadian forest, shows the northernmost extension of the Appalachian forest, and is rich in the mingled hardwoods and conifers of the Temperate zone. A marine biological laboratory has been established and here work is being done and lectures given on the marine life of the region and its biological relations. The opportunity for the study of geology can best be imagined by a glance at the accompanying illustrations.



Bar Harbor from Pebble B



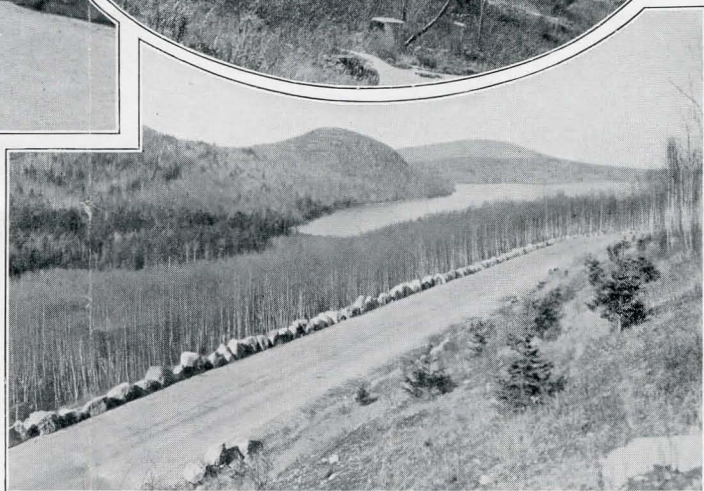
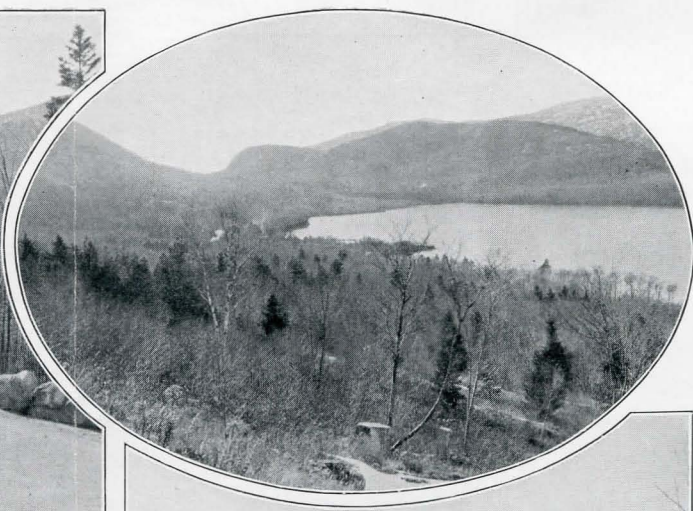
Bar Harbor from Bar Island



on Sheep Porcupine Island

Climate No OTHER PLACE in the North
and Water Temperate zone surpasses Bar
Harbor for evenness of climate. Fanned by the
Atlantic's invigorating breezes—spiced with the
odors of balsam, spruce and pine—to give new
life and courage to tired minds and bodies, Bar
Harbor offers a retreat from sweltering dust-
laden cities of mid-summer. Thousands return
annually to enjoy health and happiness here.

Next to its climate, Bar Harbor's richest pos-
session is its inexhaustible spring-fed water sup-
ply from Eagle Lake. The tonic effects of the
climate, combined with its purest of pure water,
make the Island practically immune to disease
and allure thousands every summer to this
Queen of Resorts, rich in historical association
and sublime in natural beauty.

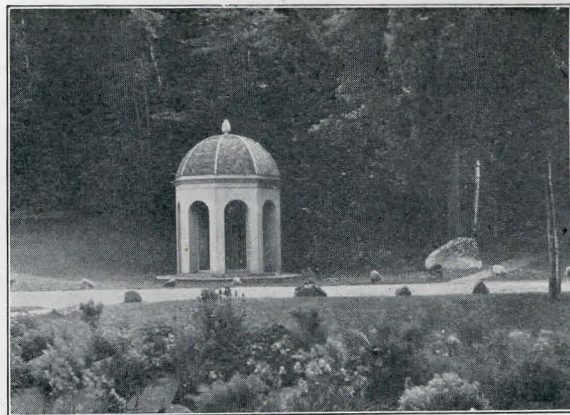


Views from Cadillac Mountain Road



Fishing FRESH OR SALT WATER FISHING—which shall it be? Good catches of trout and salmon, perch and bass, are made from the fresh-water lakes and ponds; while cod, haddock and numerous other species abound in the sea. Mountain brooks, too, yield their quota of speckled beauties to delight the eye of the angler and satisfy his trout hunger. Its a never-ending source of delight to take a day off to fish at Jordan Pond, a favorite picnic place, and, like Bubble Pond, a beautiful bit of woodland scenery. Eagle Lake, Long Pond and Echo Lake are well stocked with salmon and trout from the Government Hatcheries.

Swimming THERE ARE THOSE, who, scorning, the white tile of an indoor pool, enjoy the red-blooded thrill of an outdoor plunge in clean sea water. Some desire to sport where the ocean swell rides high with an invigorating nip in the breeze and water; others prefer the calm of a sheltered cove and the sun-warmed tide. Perhaps the expert wants to try his skill

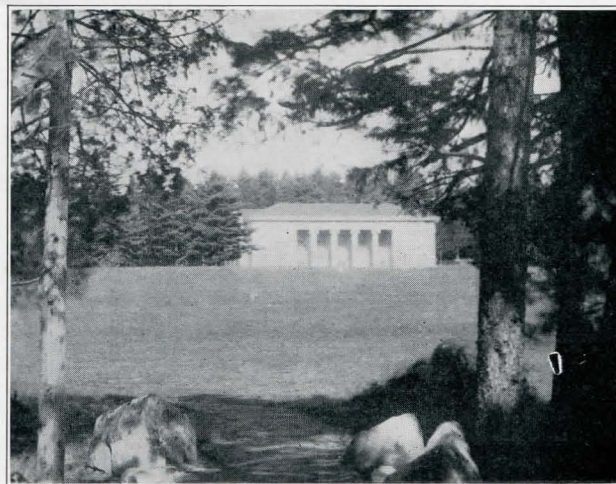


Sieur de Monts Spring, Entrance to Acadia National Park

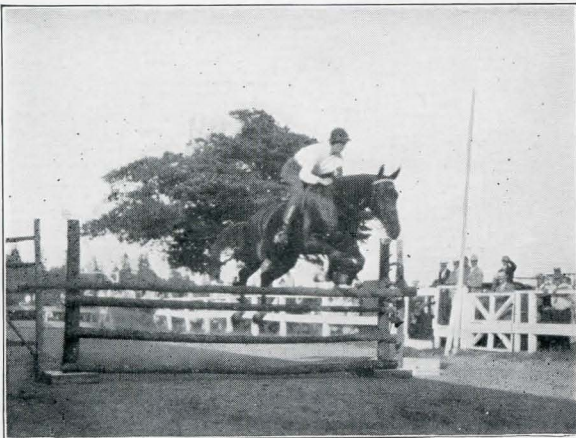
and strength where the ocean's floor is far below; while the less daring will choose the more shallow water of the sandy beach. Bar Harbor is able to satisfy the swimmer, whatever may be his hobby. The Swimming Club with its pool, tennis courts, well-appointed club house and other features is the favorite gathering place of its members and their friends.



The Robert Abbe Memorial Museum



The Building of Arts



Above—Kebo Valley Club House
Center—Fifth Green, Kebo Valley Golf Course
Below—At The Horse Show

Mountains OFF FOR THE DAY! With a **and Hiking** knapsack and a snack to eat. To follow one of the three hundred miles of trails up into the mountains or through shaded woods, where the sunlight filters through the arched branches of giant trees, is a joy reborn to the experienced hiker, and a fresh delight to the beginner. The more strenuous seek the bolder heights through steep canyon or rocky gorge, with thrills a-plenty and a view at the top of awe-inspiring grandeur.

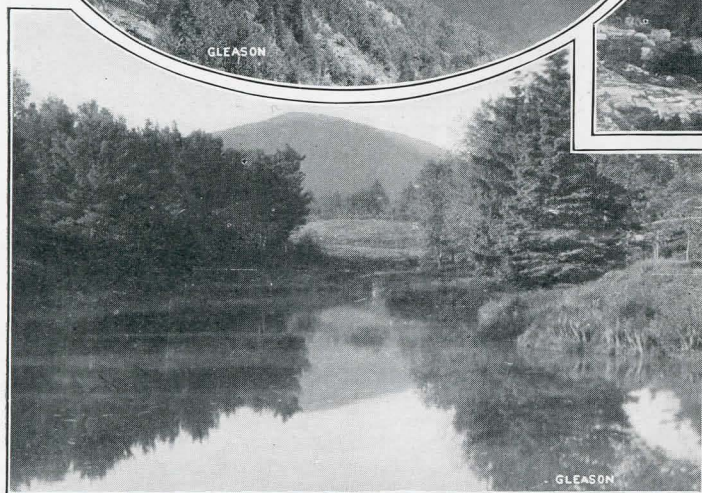
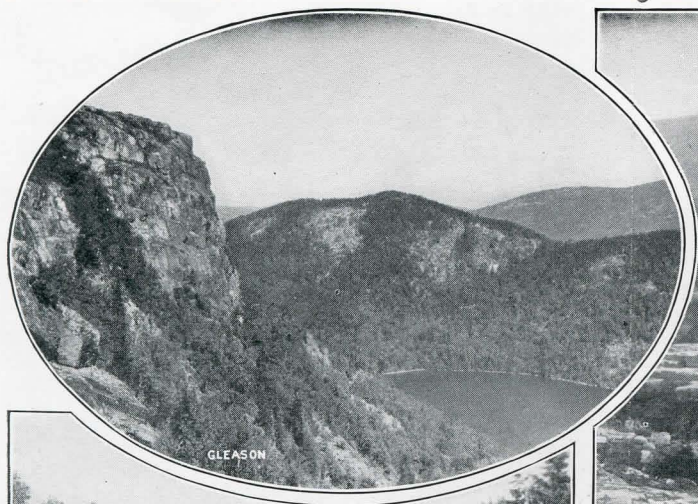
The Appalachian Mountain Club years ago discovered the rugged beauty of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the Atlantic coast, and members come year after year to climb this and Saint Sauveur, Norumbega, Flying Squadron, Huguenot Head, Champlain and others.



Camping ACADIA NATIONAL PARK maintains a public camp ground two miles from the Bar Harbor post office, equipped with electric lights and running water from Eagle Lake, the source of Bar Harbor's water supply.

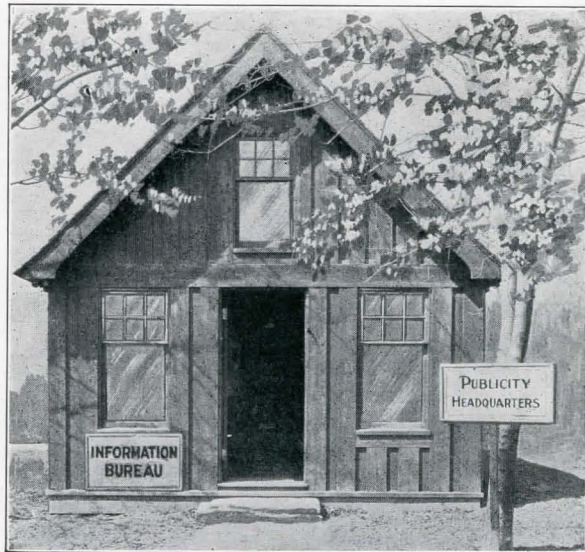
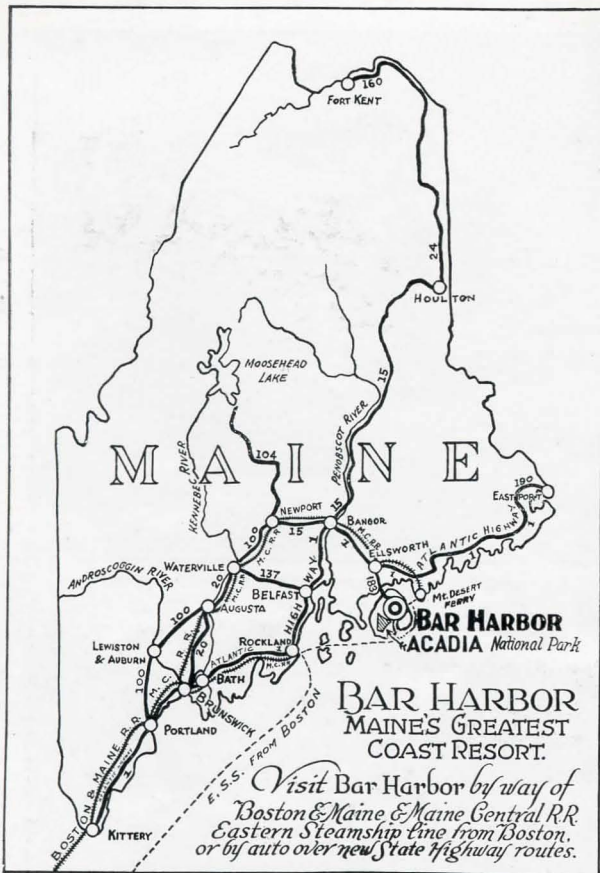
Tennis NO PLEASURE RESORT is complete without opportunity for tennis play. Bar Harbor, at her Athletic Field, Y. M. C. A., Swimming Club, and Kebo Valley Golf Club, has fast, well-kept courts. The courts on the Athletic Field are available to all. The International Maritime Championships are played here each year beginning the first Monday in August.

Churches THERE ARE CHURCHES of the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Unitarian; and there is a Christian Science reading room where services are held.



Upper Oval—Jordan Pond.
Center Left—Compass Harbor Pond.
Lower—Bar Harbor from Great Hill.

Upper Right—Jordan Pond and Mountains in Acadia National Park.
Center Right—The Bowl on Champlain Mountain.



Publicity Office and Information Bureau, 339 Main Street

The Horse Show THE OLD BAR HARBOR Horse Show that was discontinued after 1913 when motors were admitted to Bar Harbor, was internationally known. The Horse Show was revived several years ago. A new grandstand has been erected at beautiful Morrell Park and the show has increased in importance each year. It has again become one of the fixtures of the Bar Harbor season and a very creditable exhibition. The unparalleled opportunities for the use of horses here have induced more summer residents to bring high-grade animals to Mt. Desert Island each season.

Music SOME OF THE WORLD'S most famous singers and musicians are found in Bar Harbor's summer colony. The Building of Arts, an ideal home for music and a background for the performance of these artists, was carefully planned by a committee of summer residents and is a perfect example of Greek architecture. The Bar Harbor Band gives concerts on the Village Green during the season.

How to Reach Bar Harbor Bar Harbor's Summer train and boat service is of the best. The Eastern Steamship Lines steamers make daily trips between Bar Harbor and Boston. Through Pullman express trains leave Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington daily during the season, arriving at Bar Harbor after an overnight run.

There are other excellent trains. The terminus of the Maine Central Railroad is at Mt. Desert Ferry. Passengers at the end of the train journey take the keenest pleasure in the thirty-minute sail across Frenchman's Bay in the splendid steamers maintained in this service.

By Motor to Bar Harbor The shore road from Portland is the most popular route during the summer and autumn months. Roadsigns have been placed along the highways by the Bar Harbor Publicity Bureau to aid the motorist through this beautiful pine-scented state. Approaching Mount Desert Island, the mountains of Acadia National Park can be seen in the distance. Leaving the mainland, one crosses the recently constructed concrete and steel bridge, and from this point it is but a few miles to Bar Harbor.

Bar Harbor By Air The Curtiss Flying Service of New England has plans for establishing a passenger airline between Bar Harbor, Boston and New York. Visitors to Bay Harbor may fly from New York here in four hours in large, comfortable amphibion planes, while the journey to or from Boston may be made in two hours. Information concerning Bar Harbor will be cheerfully supplied upon writing or inquiring at the Publicity Office, Main Street and Park Road.

