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HOPES OF TOWER CITIZENS WRAPPED UP ON BEAUTIFUL VERMILION LAKE



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LOWER END OF VERMILION LAKE TAKEN FROM THE HILL NEAR THE SOUDAN MINE, NORTHEAST OF TOWER

Village and Lake May Become Big Summer Resort If Properly Promoted by Legitimate Promoters—Hotel Badly Needed to Accommodate Prospective Tourists

Fishing and Hunting Easily Found on Lake Vermilion and Vicinity. More Visitors Have Spent Vacations in the Region of Tower This Year Than Previously.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)
TOWER, Sept. 21.—On this page is a picture of Vermilion lake. It represents the hopes of three-fourths of the citizens of Tower. The Sudan mine and the Tower Lumber company are the chief industries of the village. The Tower Lumber company will go out of business within the next few months and it will be some time before the Sudan mine of the United States Steel corporation will be in a condition to work a force approaching that which was formerly employed there. The strike of the new vein of ore brought the Sudan property into the lime light again, and at a time when it was thought to be about exhausted.

The mill of the Tower Lumber company will probably be taken over by the Alger-Smith interests or other lumber companies interested in this region so that there is no immediate probability of the Tower mill being closed. Although Tower's two chief industries are holding their own the people are looking about for something to boom their town and incidentally to lure the elusive dollar to Tower pockets.

Dream Vermilion Lake.
This magnet, many believe, could be found in the opportunity that awaits the promoter who will make of Vermilion lake a widely advertised summer resort. Citizens of Tower have hoped that the Duluth & Iron Range railroad would build a hotel here or induce an experienced man to erect a hostelry for the accommodation of

tourist business which would accrue from well directed advertising. Several years ago Tower's best hotel burned to the ground. It was at the head of the main street and faced a brick business building which was destroyed at the same time. These two structures have never been replaced. Part of the foundation of the hotel is standing and is in first class condition. There is a boiler on the premises which could be used in a new building.

The cost of a new hotel at Tower for the purpose indicated is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The location of the building could be obtained without cost. It is likely that the city would arrange to donate the site of the old hotel to anyone who would erect another. In any event, say some of those interested in the property, there would be no difficulty in this respect.

Vermilion lake is about 20 miles long and contains many beautiful islands, bays and inlets of small streams. Pine island, the largest, has a body of metallic ore, the nature and size of which is unknown. The Biwabik Mining company has been drilling on the island but has not sunk the drills to a depth sufficient to reach the main ore body. There is an outcrop on the surface and a vein of fair ore was penetrated by the drills. It was closely associated with an elgum matter, however, and is not suitable for mining.

Hunting and Fishing.
It is possible to canoe to the waters at the international border from Vermilion lake. On this route ducks abound and in season almost any kind of feathered and big game that are natural to the northern states can be shot. For pike, bass and muskellunge Vermilion lake cannot be excelled. The summer climate is ideal and Tower is a beautiful little village that nestles in the hills. Just as your hunters' popular recreation would have it, which could entertain tourists and sojourners without robbing them as many resorts do with deceptive facility.

There are two steamboats on Vermilion lake and the only necessary tra-

porting is a hotel. Properly advertised there is no reason why the tourist industry should not be Tower's principal business. This year there were at least 100 hunters and fishermen from Chicago and nearby cities who enjoyed a trip from Vermilion lake to the border on the recommendation of some of the Duluth business men and bankers who have made the trip. If 100 men can be induced to view the beauties of Vermilion lake and enjoy the hunting and fishing that this neighborhood affords what would not a well planned advertising campaign and a legitimate effort in this direction bring?

Pirates of the Lake.
There is a club composed of traveling men who maintain a cottage on an island in Vermilion lake and who cruise the waters of that body in their canoes and who take their families for an occasional outing in the summer.

mer to one of nature's most delightful haunts. There are several other private dwellings on islands and along the lake. At the upper end, Joyce's landing, fishermen can find shelter in cabins, tents or in the open as the proprietor of the lodge is usually obliging. Joyce's landing is about five miles from Ashwa on the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg.

More Duluth people than usual visited Vermilion lake this summer and it is expected that a large number of hunters will start next year and lake during the deer season. It is said that the Duluth & Iron Range who advertise the many beauty spots along that line next year and that Vermilion lake will come in for its share of publicity.