

Pointe Aux Barques Resort



POINTE AUX BARQUES RESORT

A COMMUNITY
FOR SUMMER FOLK
AND OTHERS

ISSUED BY THE
PERE MARQUETTE RAILROAD

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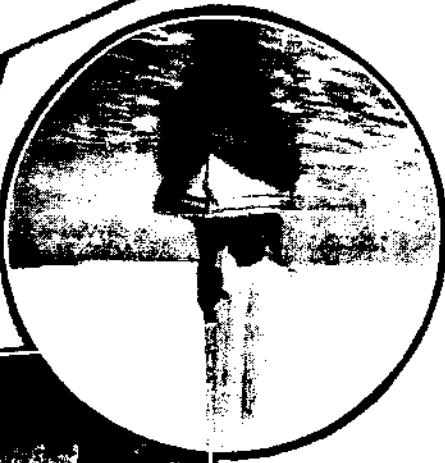
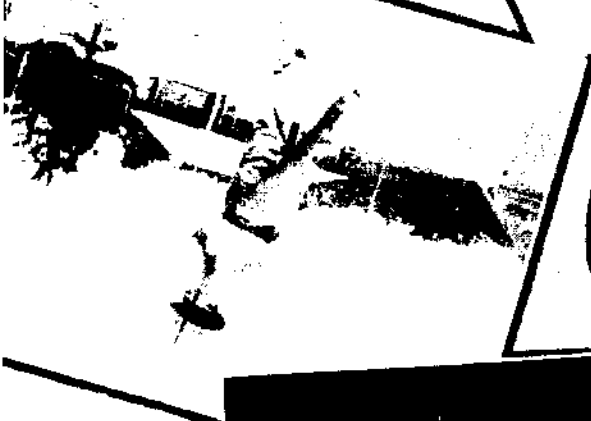
THE THUMB of Michigan is the not inappropriate name given to that portion of the lower peninsula which, jutting into Lake Huron, forms the southeastern shores of Saginaw Bay. The extreme point of "The Thumb" is a rocky headland, on which nature has deposited a rich and productive soil, and which has borne a heavy growth of pine and white birch to cover the gently rolling ground.

This is "Pointe aux Barques"—a promontory which is almost the last glimpse of land on the up-journey for the lake freighters which bear the commerce of the great inland seas, until they reach the Straits of Mackinac, or the Sault Ste. Marie River. An appropriate name, therefore, and one which it is supposed was given to it by Father Claude Allouez, one of the earlier explorers who, in 1665, traversed the shores with a canoe party, and landed at the then barren spot.

Although the character of the shore line remains the same, and the headland is still "Pointe aux Barques" to the lake mariner, the reverend missionary and explorer would not recognize the place he christened could he bridge the dead centuries and stand once more upon the point which, hanging far out over the blue waters of the lake, forms the "thumbnail" of "The Thumb."

The productiveness of the soil lay undiscovered beneath the heavy growth of pine trees until the lumberman had passed over the land like a scourge, leaving devastation and dead ruin behind. The trail of the axe and saw left acres of tangled limbs and worthless tree-trunks, with here and there a lone tree standing sentry over its dead comrades. Fire swept the face of the land, and then men discovered what lay underneath was far richer in possibilities than the virgin forest had been for the making of homes and the purpose of farming.

This point of "The Thumb," comprising a tract of some hundreds of acres, has been transformed from a lonely forest knoll into one of the most delightful of the summer rest spots dotting the shores of the great lakes. On the one hand lie the deep blue waters of Lake Huron; on the other hand, the dancing waves of Saginaw Bay fret at the foot of the sandstone cliffs which bar their passage to the parent waters. The constant



fretting of these waves has worn in the rock numerous caves and grottoes, which led Captain Anderson, of the government survey of 1833, to describe the Pointe as a "rough, rocky, small-caverned cape."

"Rough and rocky" it still is, and the numerous caverns, cool in the most trying heat of the summer, are a grateful retreat where one many enjoy the luxury of comfort.

The sands of the beach are fine and clean; the waters of the bay are blue and sparkling. The groves which crown the cliffs are cool and inviting, and nature invites to rest and recuperation the soul which seeks escape from the heat and noise and grime of the city.

To the south of the Pointe lies one of the most fertile sections of Michigan, which a progressive people have made to blossom like a rose garden, and which supplies the summer residents at the Pointe with the best and freshest of edibles in season. "Real country butter and eggs" are here no myth, but an every-day part of the life, and sweet milk and cream are not the least of the domestic comforts to be counted upon.

It was in 1896 that the Pointe aux Barques Resort was formed, having for its purpose the upbuilding of a "family" resort where community of interests would lead to the most delightful of social companionship—the summer of life with nature. The spot is ideal for the purpose. The air is clear and bracing; the temperature at all seasons, from early summer till late fall, is delightful; the waters are warm on the shallow bathing beach, and health cannot escape. Within a few hours' ride of the populous cities of southern Michigan, it is easy of access, and the train service is specially arranged to meet the convenience of the residents. Two trains reach the Pointe every week day. Detroit afternoon papers are delivered the same day of issue, and the convenience of thus being in touch with the metropolis is evident.

The Pointe is unique in one particular: No excursions or excursionists are ever seen there. The Pointe aux Barques Land Company controls or owns the land available for picnic purposes, and the cottagers are thus guaranteed immunity from the undesirable element which too often mars the pleasure of an otherwise ideal summer home spot.

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Untiring effort on the part of the Company has been rewarded with unqualified success, and pride is taken in the list of lot owners, and in the improvements which have been undertaken and accomplished.

Many handsome summer homes have been erected; the pride of the residents has been to build nothing that was not substantial and architecturally pleasing. And in keeping with the spirit of the residents, the Company itself has been content with nothing but the best in the way of improvements. The resort is platted with an eye to beauty of surroundings, rather than to economy of land; the streets are winding and picturesque, and the walks are well laid and kept up.

For the accommodation of transients a hotel was built, and the plans were carefully followed out in every detail of comfort and convenience. The old colonial style of architecture was followed, and the building, which is 142 feet long by 40 feet wide and three stories in height, is the picture of comfort. A veranda sixteen feet wide surrounds the east and north sides of the building, affording a cool lounging place. The house is finished in white pine, with hardwood floors. A wide fireplace in the spacious lobby encloses a cheerful fire on chilly days or evenings, and grates are fixed on the several floors in which fires are kindled as occasion demands.

The dining room is spacious (having seating capacity for three hundred guests), and the ladies' parlor, gentlemen's smoking room, lavatory, toilet rooms, kitchens, store-rooms, etc., are all on the first floor. The sleeping rooms on the second and third floors are spacious, well lighted and ventilated, and there are bathrooms and toilet rooms on each floor. A perfect system of plumbing is one of the sanitary features. The Company has been at great expense in perfecting the sewerage system, expert engineers having been employed and a large amount of work done which insures a perfect system. The sewage is carried into the waters of Saginaw Bay, while the water supply is secured from the cool depths of Alaska Bay, the Pointe lying between and the outlet of the sewer being far removed from the intake of the water crib.

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The hotel is under the management of Mr. E. J. Bannister, and the cuisine is kept up to the excellent standard set when the service was first inaugurated. Everything that the season affords is to be found on the tables, and the service is excellent. The cooking is of the homelike sort that satisfies a healthy appetite and which the most delicate appreciate.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has an office in the hotel, and there is also connection with the business world by means of long-distance telephone, while the government has made this a postoffice, where the summer residents receive their mail twice each day.

The season opens about June 20. As may be concluded, the class of patronage is of the best, and as far as possible removed from the undesirable element (which sometimes creeps in where the management is desirous of building up a pleasure resort for money-making purposes alone), which makes the Pointe a most desirable place of summer residence for the cultivated people of the cities.

The following rates are in effect at the hotel:

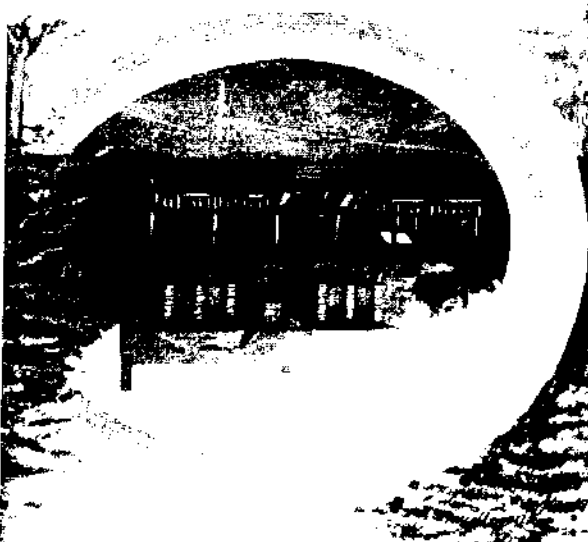
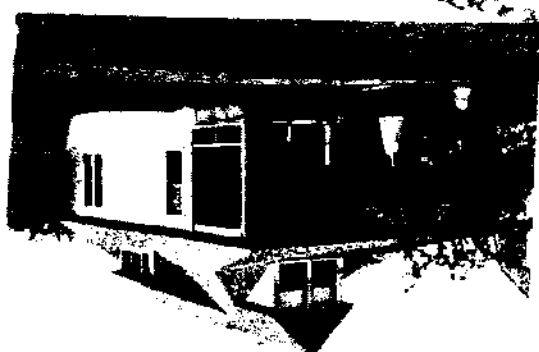
Table Board to Cottagers per week.....	\$10.50
Table Board to children under thirteen and maids, In Ordinary	8.00
In Main Dining Room	10.50
Board and Room in Hotel per week, \$14.00 and up.	
Rates for Board and Room with private bath on application.	
Daily rates \$3.00 to \$5.00, American plan.	

Rooms and accommodations may be secured in advance on application to Mr. E. J. Bannister, the hotel manager. Address requests to Mr. Bannister at Pointe aux Barques after April 15, 1912.

The Pointe aux Barques Land Company owns the resort property, including the hotel, the electric light and water plants. The company has a number of choice lots for sale, in some of the best locations on the resort. Information of this may be had by addressing Mr. Bannister. The Land Company furnishes light and water to the cottagers at a very reasonable price, and is responsible for the up-keep of the entire resort—the streets and sidewalks and sewers being part of its care. There are more

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LUDIA C. LEONARD



than fifty handsome cottages on the resort now, and some of the lots which the company has for sale are located adjoining some of the handsomest of these. The plat map in the back of this booklet shows the location of all lots, streets, etc. The roads and walks throughout the resort are laid out, and as fast as buildings are erected, the gravel or cement walks and roadways are built. The company also owns the hotel and gives the best of service at a very reasonable price.

Situated on a point which projects into the sunlit waters of Lake Huron, the residents of Pointe aux Barques are afforded the finest bathing and boating to be found anywhere. The waters of Saginaw Bay are always safe and pleasant during the summer, for either sailing or rowing, and to the more adventurous spirits, with suitable craft, the broad expanse of Lake Huron invites to more extended voyage. The numerous coves and inlets indenting the shores of the lake and bay are fresh in interest each year, and in the caves which the fretting waves have dugged in the rocky cliffs there is always a pleasure in exploring and haunting their cool recesses.

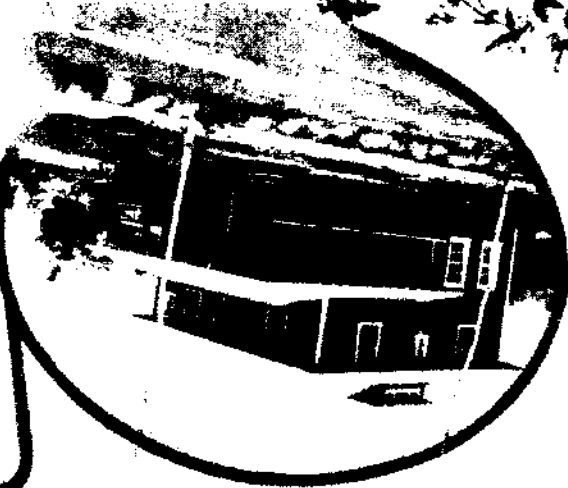
There are few things in life more enjoyable than a plunge in crystal waters, tempered to the most pleasurable point. The bathing at Pointe aux Barques is an enjoyment which one will not soon forget. The shore is gently sloping from the base of the cliff, and is formed of a pure white sand, which carpets the bottom of the bay for a distance of many yards from shore. The water deepens gradually, and there are no treacherous currents or undertows to fear, making it a perfectly safe bathing place for the smallest children. The waters are as pure as the air and as bracing as new wine.

Automobiling is a pleasure at Pointe aux Barques, for the roads of Huron County, in which the Pointe is located, are well graded and graveled, forming a smooth, hard highway which delights the automobilist. The country is gently rolling, and the farmers take pride in their neat-appearing properties and are hospitable and entertaining.

There are a number of attractive summering places at convenient distance from Pointe aux Barques which the autoist, or those who prefer to drive, may make the objective point of

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pleasure excursions. Among them is Port Austin, with its picturesque shore, situated on Saginaw Bay; Bay Port, with a fine hotel and excellent fishing, nestled in the shelter of Heisterman and North Islands; Harbor Beach, with its fine harbor and government breakwater, upon which millions of dollars have been spent to make it the finest and safest harbor of refuge on the great lakes, is a short ride from the Pointe. At Harbor Beach there are also mineral springs, the waters of which have developed marvelous curative properties in certain diseases. Grindstone City, on the shore of Lake Huron, is a quaint little town and well repays the curious visitor.

As may be readily imagined, the services of a physician are rarely required at Pointe aux Barques, the tonic of the air and water doing their part when the visitor will indulge in out-of-door amusements. But for the rare cases where medical attendance is desirable, a physician will be at the Pointe throughout the season and within instant call of anyone who may require his services.

Safety for yachting or rowing parties is assured by the presence at the life-saving station, located at the Pointe, of the gallant life-savers who are ready at a moment's notice to send their heavy life-boat leaping to the rescue of the inexperienced sailor or the shipwrecked mariner. There is always a watchful figure in the tower which stands sentinel on the beach, and his powerful marine glass sweeps the expanse of water continually in search of those who may be in trouble. At night the cheerful light flashes from the beacon on the reef, warning lake craft of the danger of coming too close in. The great passenger boats which pass up and down on Lake Huron often send their search-light beam dancing into the eyes of the residents at the Pointe, flashing greetings from ships that pass in the night.

A regular patrol is maintained throughout the day and night, and alert and skilled help is near in case of fire or other needs.

As at all resorts worthy the name, Pointe aux Barques has a most excellent golf course, and the links are open to the use of all guests at the hotel.

There are nine holes in the course, and the naturally favorable lay of the ground has been artificially improved by the erection

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of hazards and bunkers until the course is pronounced one of the finest in the state. To the golf enthusiasts this means a great deal, and it is with much pleasure that the Company calls attention to the excellent schedule of events for the season of 1912.

In weather which is uncomfortable for outdoor sports the bowling alley and billiard room at the hotel present an indoor attraction which is greatly appreciated. Connected with the hotel by a covered passageway, the bowling alley is convenient and comfortable, and the ladies find as much pleasure in the contests of skill as do the gentlemen. This is the favorite amusement of the younger boys and girls, and while their elders are struggling around the links, chasing the elusive little white ball, the youngsters make merry on the alleys.

There is nothing the summer resident likes so much as a place which combines the features of being easy of access and yet exclusive. Pointe aux Barques combines these two features perfectly. The care which has been taken to keep out the undesirable excursion crowds has been before spoken of. The ease with which the Pointe is reached by rail will be appreciated by a glance at the following schedule of routes:

- FROM TOLEDO AND THE SOUTH.
Pere Marquette Railroad to Saginaw.
Pere Marquette Railroad to Bad Axe.
Pere Marquette Railroad to the Pointe.
FROM CHICAGO AND THE SOUTHWEST.
Grand Trunk Railway to Port Huron.
Pere Marquette Railroad to the Pointe.
FROM DETROIT AND THE SOUTH.
- Route No. 1—
Pere Marquette Railroad to Saginaw.
Pere Marquette Railroad to Bad Axe.
Pere Marquette Railroad to the Pointe.
- Route No. 2—
Grand Trunk Railway to Port Huron.
Pere Marquette Railroad to the Pointe.
- Route No. 3—
Steamer to Port Huron.
Pere Marquette Railroad to the Pointe.

During the resort season, through parlor and sleeping car service is operated from Detroit and Southern cities.

MRS. W. K. MEIR
N. G. WILLIAMS
D. McDONNELL

L. T. COX
S. L. EASTMAN
H. A. STRASSBURG



LIST OF COTTAGE OWNERS

Achard, A. W.	Saginaw.	Lots 1 and 2, Block 71
Ames, C. C.	Jackson.	Lots 1 and 2, Block 103
Atwater, A. B.	Detroit.	Lots 2, 3, 18 and 19, Block 63
Baxter, C. F.	Detroit.	Lots 6 and 7, Block 68
Begg, Geo. O.	Detroit.	Lots 4 and 5, Block 73
Begg, Geo. O.	Detroit.	Lots 3 and 4, Block 69
Berry, Thos.	Detroit.	Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 63
Cabanne, J. C.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lot 1, Block 68
Canfield, Geo. L.	Detroit.	Lot 1, Block 70
Carr, S. H.	Dayton, Ohio.	Lots 2 and 3, Block 102
Carter, Mrs. D.	Detroit.	Lot 6, Block 69
Cleaveland, A. P.	Detroit.	Lot 9, Block 102
Clements, W. L.	Bay City.	Lot 8, Block 55
Cox, L. J.	Terre Haute, Ind.	Lots 3 and 4, Block 103
Crapo, S. T.	Detroit.	Lots 4, 5, 6, 13, 14 and 15, Block 102
Dean, C. A.	Detroit.	Lots 4 and 5, Block 69
Dickman, F. J.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lots 10 and 11, Block 68
Eastman, S. L.	Saginaw.	Lot 9, Block 74
Farnsworth, F. E.	New York City.	Lot 3, Block 74
Farnsworth, F. E.	New York City.	Lot 6, Block 73
Filer, F.	Detroit.	Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 74
Firestone, H. S.	Detroit.	Lots 1, 2, 3 and 22, Block 62
Garrigues, Miss G.	St. Louis.	Lots 6 and 7, Block 55
Gibbs, J. H.	Detroit.	Lot 2, Block 67
Horton, Monroe	St. Louis, Mo.	Lot 8, Block 74
Hubbard, F. W.	Port Austin.	Lots 4 and 5, Block 71
Koenitzer, R.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lots 2 and 3, Block 71
Lawson, F.	London, Eng.	Lot 4, Block 68
Leonard, H. N.	Detroit.	Lot 3, Block 68
Leonard, Julia C.	Detroit.	Lot 5, Block 68
McBride, W. J.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lot 5, Block 53
McCormick, J. M.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lot 1, Block 53
McDonnell, D.	Detroit.	Lot 12, Block 75
Mitchell, A. F.	Toledo.	Lots 6 and 7, Block 56
Moon, T. B.	Dentons.	Lot 3, Block 75
Muir, Mrs. W. K.	Detroit.	Lots 10 and 11, Block 56
Partridge, L. W.	Detroit.	Lots 4, 5, 20 and 21, Block 62
Partridge, L. W.	Detroit.	Lots 5 and 6, Block 74
Pearson, A. L., Jr.	Pittsburg.	Lots 1 and 20, Block 63
Pearson, K. McK.	Pittsburg.	Lot 4, Block 74
Peck, E. T.	New York City.	Lots 2 and 3, Block 70

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W. L. CLEMENTS
GEO. O. BEGG

G. L. CANFIELD
E. A. VATES
E. L. PECK



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Randall, R. M.	Saginaw.	Lot 5, Block 55
Roby, S. S.	Saginaw.	Lot 12, Block 77
Rowson, S. C.	Grand Rapids.	Lot 2, Block 68
Sales, M. W.	Detroit.	Lots 7 and 8, Block 68
Schultz, W. F.	Saginaw.	Lot 9, Block 68
Sherrard, H. G.	Detroit.	Lot 10, Block 74
Smith, F. L.	Detroit.	Lots 7 and 8, Block 102
Smith, J. Sheppard	St. Louis, Mo.	Lots 1, 2, 12 and 13, Block 66
Stebbins, Mary D.	Owego, N. Y.	Lot 4, Block 56
Strassburg, H. A.	Detroit.	Lot 1, Block 102
Taylor, D. G.	Detroit.	Lots 2 and 3, Block 69
Towle, F.	St. Louis, Mo.	Lot 4, Block 70
Trowbridge, L. S.	Detroit.	Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 55
Williams, H.	Detroit.	Lots 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 72
Williams, N. G.	Detroit.	Lots 8 and 9, Block 56
Williams, W.	Detroit.	Lots 4 and 13, Block 72
Yates, B. W.	Detroit.	Lots 6, 7, 14 and 15, Block 63
Yates, E. A.	Detroit.	Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 70
Yates, H. R.	Brantford, Ont.	Lots 4, 5, 16 and 17, Block 63

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R. KOENITZER
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J. C. CABANNE
E. LAWSON

