Keuka Hotel

KEUKA, NEW YORK

A POPULAR AND DELIGHTFUL SUMMER RESORT

KEUKA HOTEL

ON LAKE KEUKA

B. M. YOUNG, PROPRIETOR.

KEUKA, STEUBEN CO., N. Y.

THE WINE INTERESTS

AT A TIME when the means of transportation were inadequate and the markets limited, several large wine companies were formed. Small companies also sprang up, increased and prospered until the wine industries of the lake are a most potent factor in its prosperity.

The Pleasant Valley Wine Company, organized in 1860, owns a plant valued at more than a million dollars. They manufacture the far-famed "Great Western" champagne

The renowned "Gold Seal" champagne it produced by the Urbana Wine Company, which was organized in 1865, and has a present capital of $100,000.

The Hammondsport Wine Company was incorporated in 1880, and is the home of "Golden Age," a favorite brand of champagne.

The Germania Wine Cellars were established many years ago by Jacob Frey. "Grand Imperial Sec" is the product of this plant.

The Columbia Wine Cellars, owned by J. S. Hubbs, produce still wines which are noted for their purity.

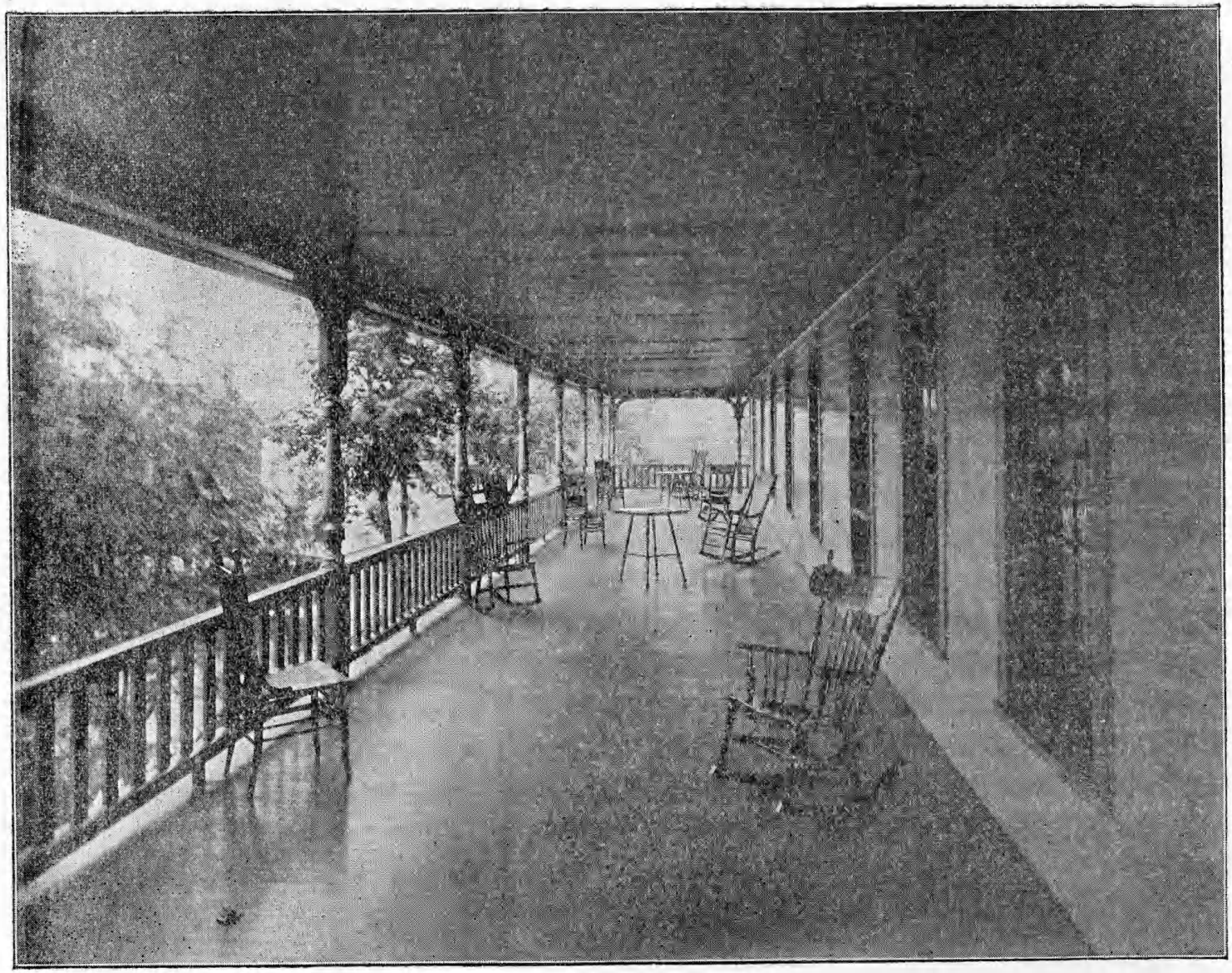
The White Top Champagne Company produces exclusively the well-known champagne of that name, and is the only exclusive manufactory of champagne in the United States.

The Roualet Wine Company has made "Roualet Sec" famous.

The Empire State Wine Company is well known as the producer of "State Seal" which has a wide reputation.

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View of Veranda Facsng Lake



LAKE KEUKA AS A FISHING RESORT

THE surface of the Lake during the day is generally favorable for sailing and rarely too rough for rowing and fishing. From all parts of the country enthusiastic fishermen come to lure from the depths the fish which everywhere abound. The reputation of the Lake, in this regard, is so well known that extended reference to the subject is superfluous.

The following letter from Seth Green, the veteran fisherman and U. S. Fish commissioner, will convince the public that Lake Keuka is well stocked with gamey fish, and that royal sport here awaits enthusiastic fishermen:

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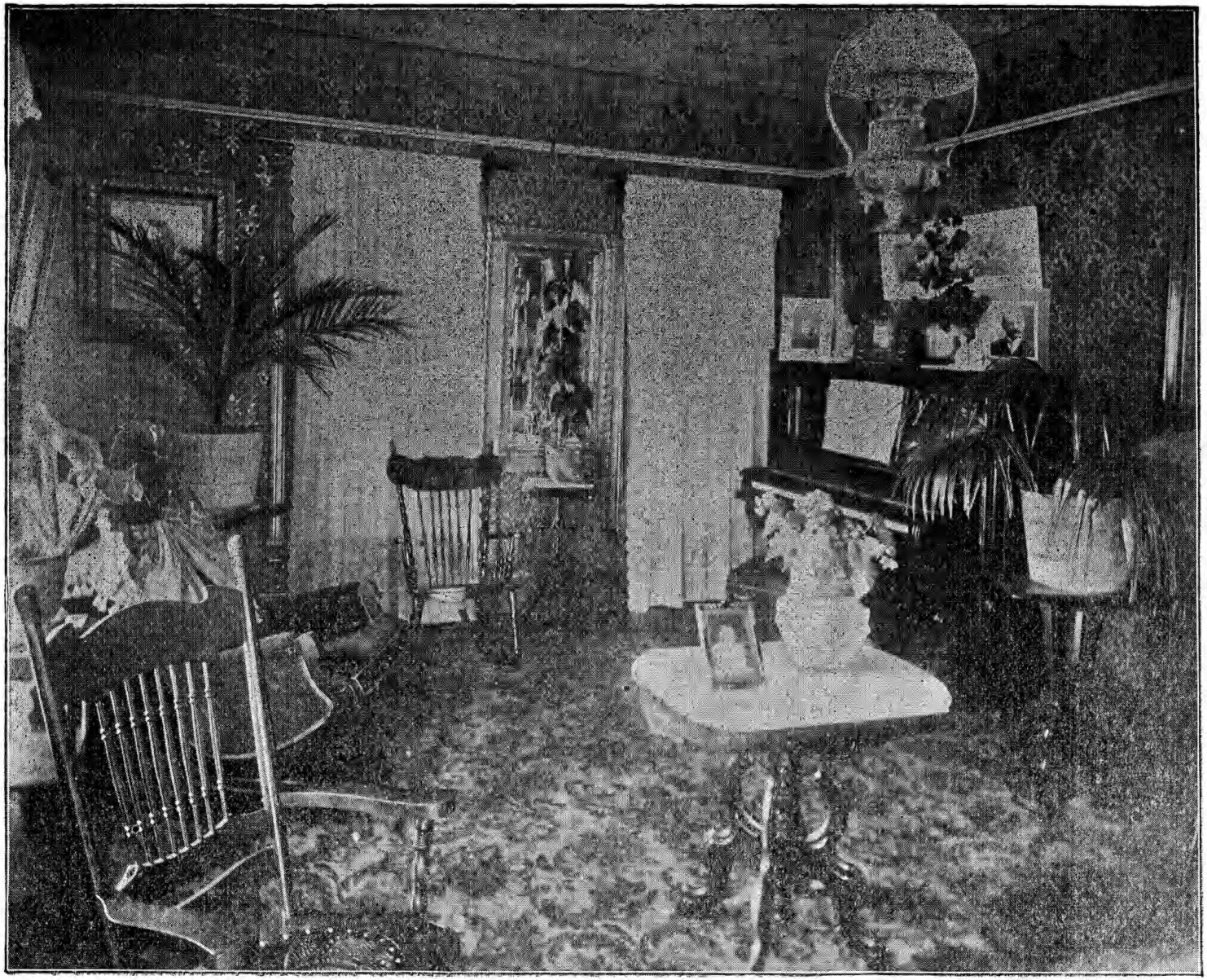
DEAR SIR:

I think Lake Keuka unsurpassed by any waters in America as a fishing resort. Through the efforts of the citizens living in the vicinity of the Lake, and the New York Fish Commission, the waters have been restocked with salmon trout, black bass and other choice varieties, and the seed deposited is now yielding abundant returns. The purity of the water, and the large amount of fish food contained in the Lake, tend to put the fish in the finest condition for the table, and render them very strong and gamey when on the hook and line. The 28th day of August last I took, with hook and line, nineteen salmon trout, weighing 113 lbs., and on the first of October, 1880, thirty-three black bass, weighing 106 lbs.

Yours, SETH GREEN

When Seth Green says: "Lake Keuka is unsurpassed by any waters in America as a fishing resort," further comment seems unnecessary.

Parlor

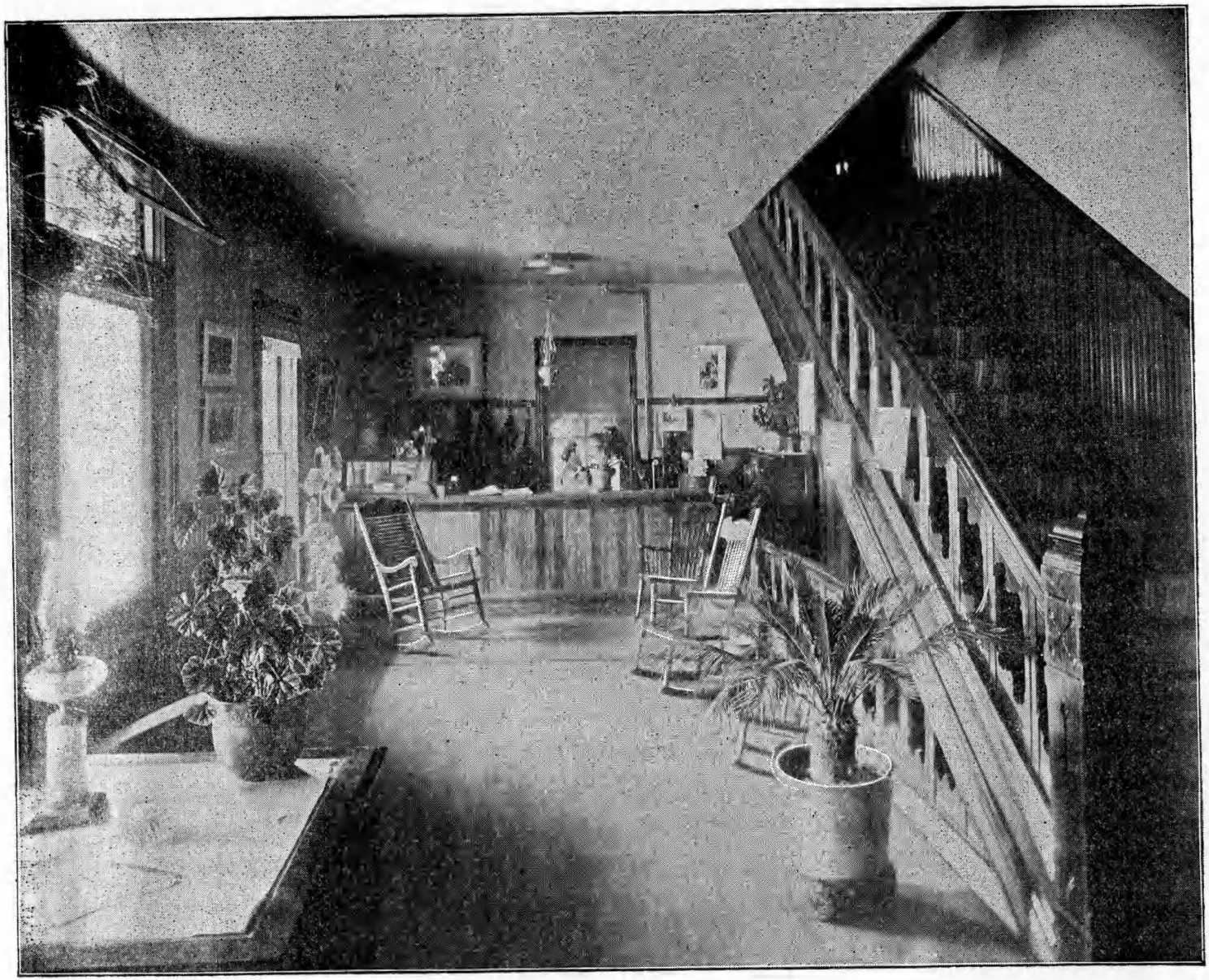


STEAMBOAT SERVICE



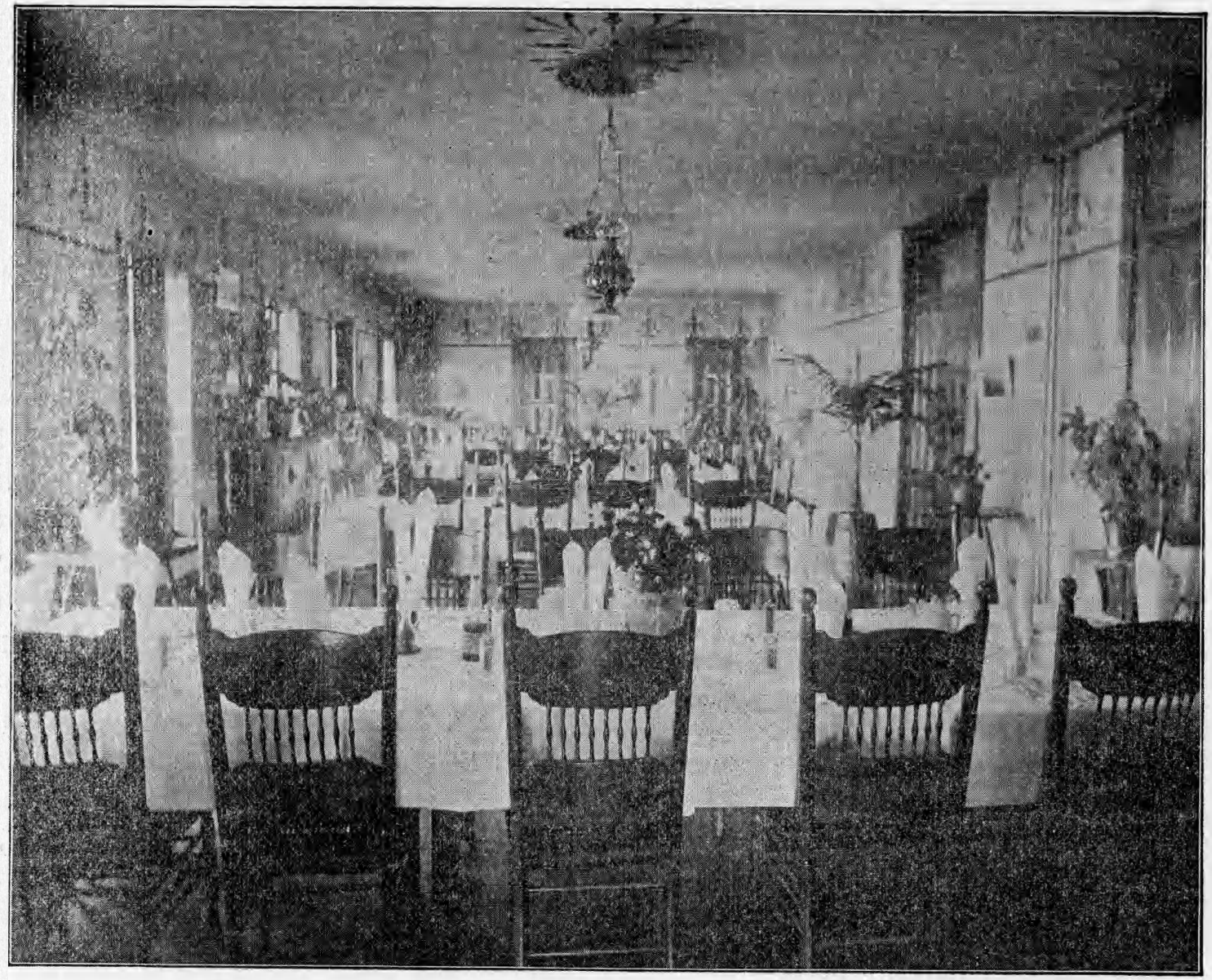
HE Steamboat Service of the Lake is highly efficient. The entire trip of twenty-two miles costs only 25 cents, making it, without exception, the cheapest as well as the most delightful ride in America. The precipitous sides of the lake are for miles covered with farm houses, woodland glens and vineyards, while the shores are dotted with handsome cottages and hotels, affording a panorama of unceasing beauty and interest to the tourist, when viewed from the deck of the passing steamer. The busy, bustling activity of 1913 presents a strange contrast to the scenes of former years, when the fare for the trip was one dollar and necessity alone forced the traveler to ride over its waters. It is always interesting to note the beginning of great enterprises, and a graphic description of the development of steamboating upon Lake Keuka would form an extended and interesting volume. A letter was recently shown, written in 1834 to Squire Morris Brown of Penn Yan, by his wife, in which she congratulated the people upon the prospect of having a boat upon the lake. This steamer, in the form of a "Catamaran," traversed for years the placid waters of the lake under the command of Captain Joe Lewis, a prominent and respected citizen of Geneva at the present time. Later, Captain Gregg built the "Steuben," the next steamer upon the lake. The lake was even then a thoroughfare between Hammondsport and Penn Yan, for produce, grain and general merchandise coming to the old Crooked Lake Canal. Three or four

Office



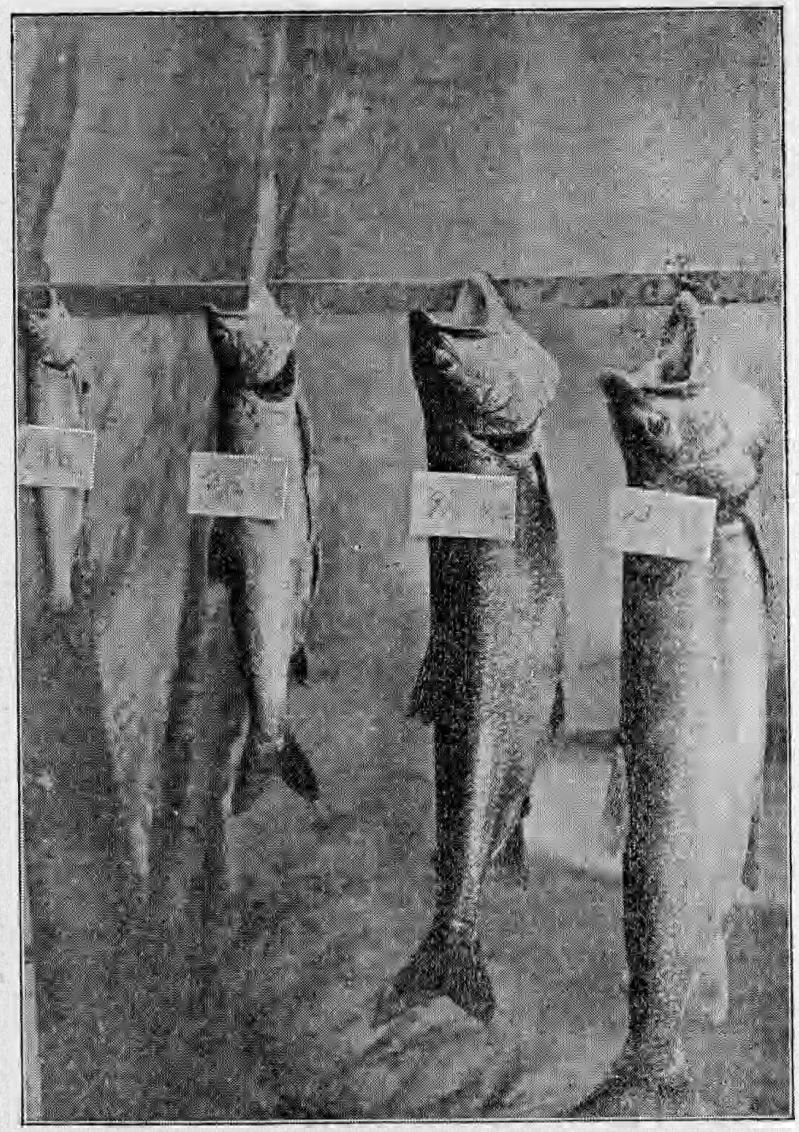
landings were made and the luckless passenger, paying one dollar for the privilege, was made subordinate to the freight interests of the steamer. Captain Allen Wood, a man of much enterprise and executive ability, who afterwards managed the affairs of the Bath and Hammondsport R. R., left Canandaigua Lake and purchased the interest of Captain Gregg in the "Steuben." The old boat, in the course of time, burned and Captain Wood built the large and fast-running "George R. Youngs." This boat was at the time one of the finest boats upon the inland lakes. About this time the grape and wine industries of Lake Keuka began to develop. The steep and rocky hills were found to be of more value than the best farming land in the country. As acre after acre was set out and prices rose, new houses sprang up, and the population upon the lake rapidly increased. Then first signs of the great "boom" were seen. Better accommodations were demanded. Morris F. Sheppard, Joseph F. Crosby and Farley Holmes, under the firm name of Crosby & Co., formed a partnership. They purchased the "George R. Youngs" of Captain Wood, changed its name to the "Steuben," and built a large and commodious new boat, which they christened the "Yates." Then was organized the Lake Keuka Navigation Company which built the steamers "Urbana" and "Lulu." In 1881 the Crooked Lake Navigation Company built the "Farley Holmes" and "West Branch," and in 1887 the "Wm. L. Halsey." A spirited rivalry between the two companies prevailed for several years, which resulted in reducing the fare to the present unprecedented low price of twenty-five cents. The interests of the two companies were finally consolidated and in 1905 passed into the hands of the Erie Railroad Company. The present fleet of steamers is the "Penn Yan," formerly the "Mary Bell," a twin screw propeller with steel hull which cost $40,000, has a speed of twenty miles an hour and a capacity of one thousand passengers; the "Steuben," formerly the "Halsey," and the "Yates," formerly the "Holmes," handsome and commodious side wheel steamers. The Erie Company also purchased the Bath & Hammondsport railroad in 1904, and furnishes direct communications at Bath with the trunk lines, rendering the service on Lake Keuka unsurpassed.

Dining Room Opening on Varanda



WITH each succeeding year, the preeminent attractions on Lake Keuka become more generally recognized. The rapidly increasing number of summer visitors, the adding of a large permanent increase to the population by the establishing of Keuka University, ensure its continued growth and prosperity. Combining, with the natural advantages and attractions, these many new enterprises, Lake Keuka is destined to surpass Chautauqua, her only recognized rival, and become the popular lake resort of New York State. During the season of 1907 it was estimated that nearly two hundred thousand people were carried over the water and viewed the scenery of the most beautiful of American lakes, and each succeeding season has found this body of water more popular.

At Keuka, the hotel kept by B. M. Young, is far famed as a resort for fishing parties. This is the hotel nearest the trout fishing grounds, and every season the house is crowded with enthusiastic disciples of Izaac Walton. The place is home-like and the cuisine is unsurpassed. There is no quieter or better conducted place on the Lake, where the formalities of fashionable life may be discarded and genuine rest and recreation found.



Lake Trout

One Morning s Catch in Lake Keuka, Opposite Keuka Hotel

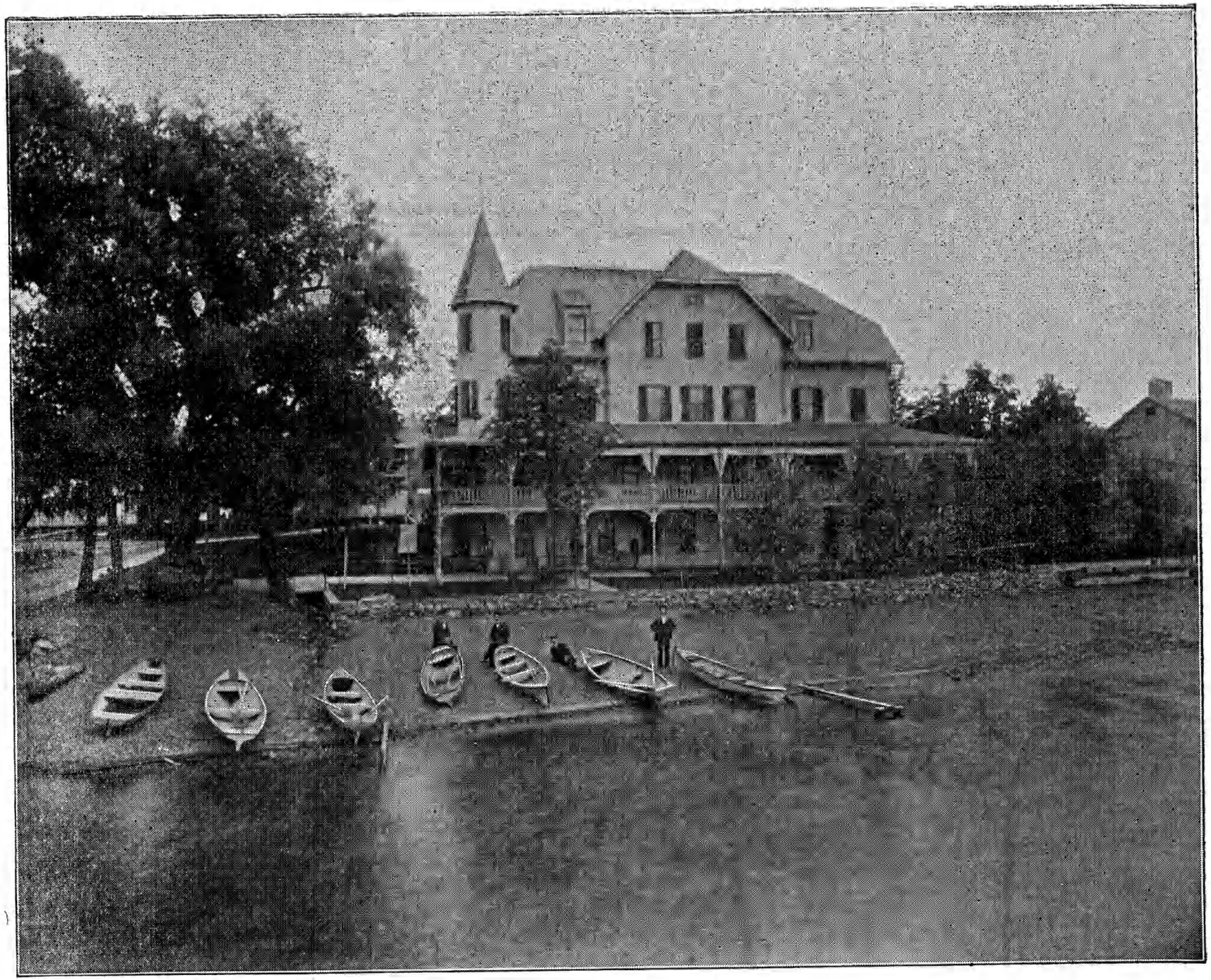
Cafe



IT'S RAILROAD FACILITIES

THE great Erie and Lackawanna railroad systems, which intersect the State, connect at Bath with the Bath & Hammondsport R. R., and a ride through the beautiful Pleasant Valley brings the traveler to Hammondsport, the head of Lake Keuka. The Bath & Hammondsport R. R., the outlet for a large portion of the vast grape shipments of the lake, is one of the best managed roads of the state; its connections are of such importance that the line is as well known as many roads of great length and its service is in every way first class. Through Penn Yan, at the foot of the lake, runs the Pennsylvania Division (now under the management of the New York Central) and the Northern Central, the Northern outlet of the Pennsylvania system, both of which railroads connect with the New York Central, the former at Geneva and Lyons, and the latter at Canandaigua. The Lehigh Valley route may also be taken from New York City, and is the most charming "daylight route" in the whole system of eastern lines of travel. Upon the arrival of every train over these various roads, close connections can be made with one of the large steamers which plow the blue waters of Lake Keuka.

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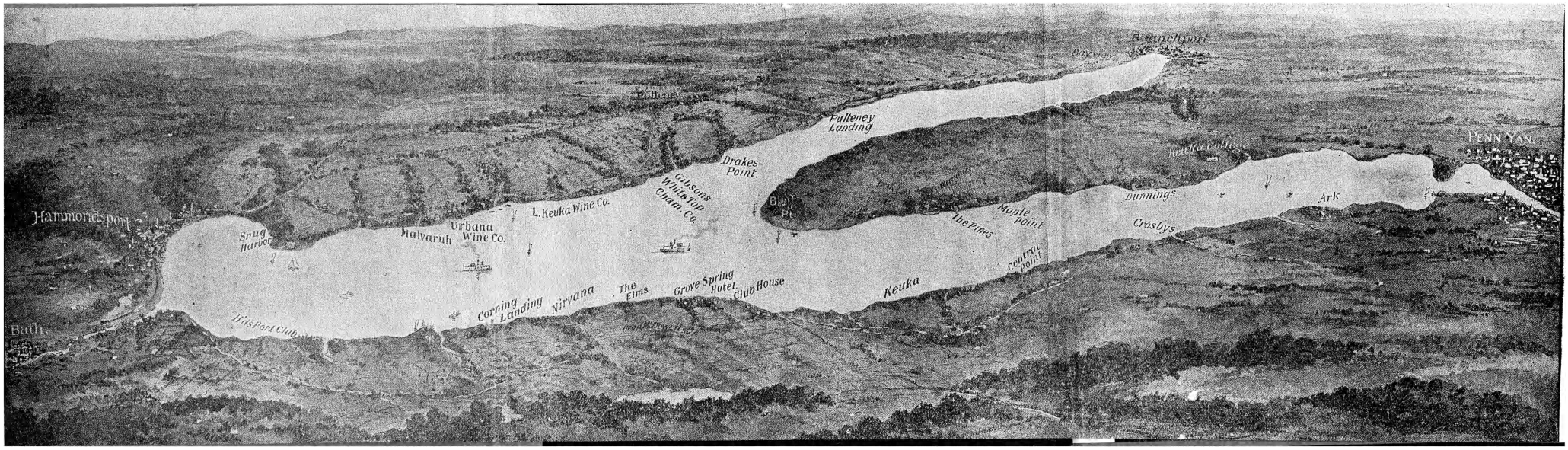


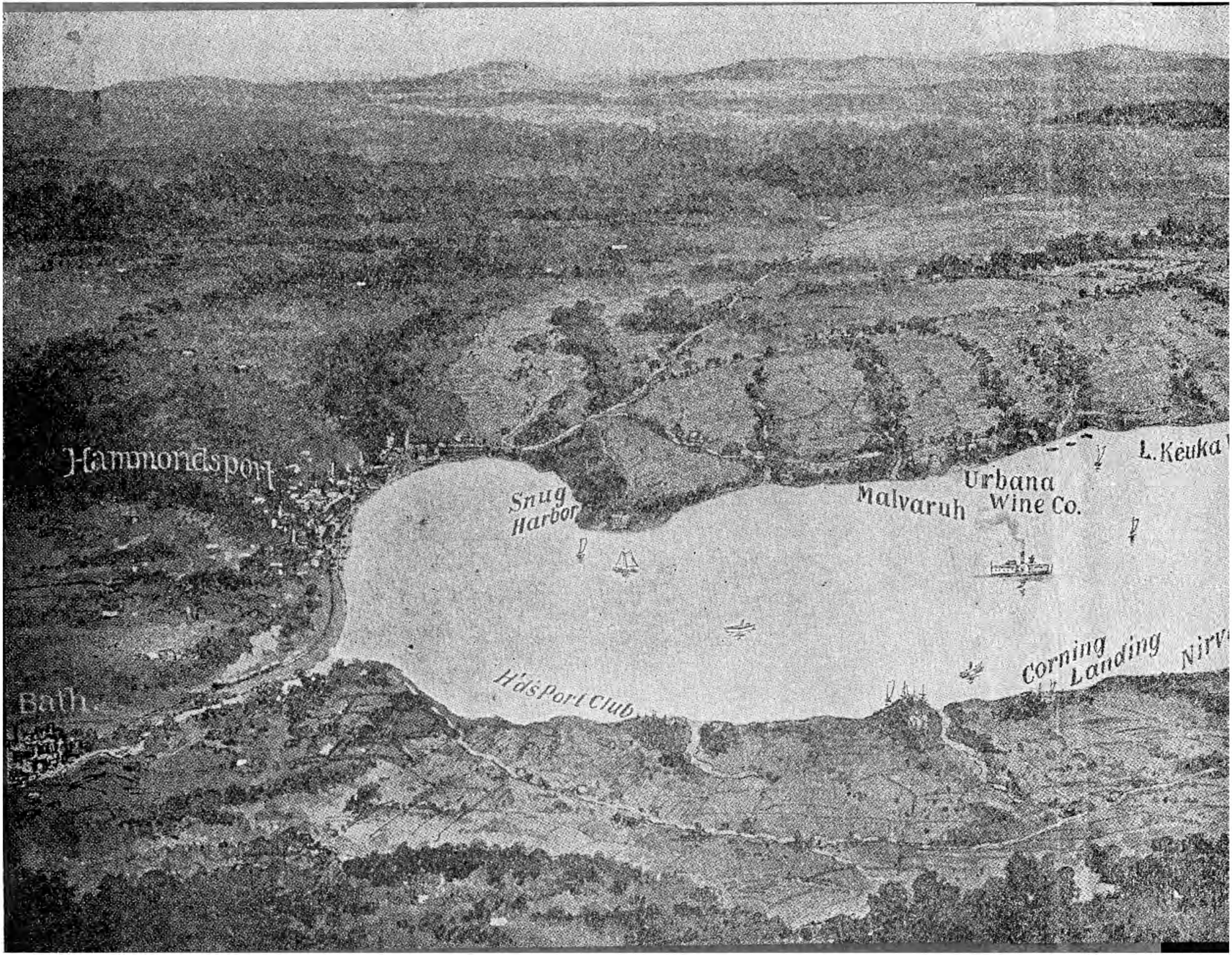
HEN the gallant Spanish explorer, Ponce de Leon, sought the fountain of eternal youth, popular tradition hath it, that he went southward, and among the cypress swamps and evergreens of Florida, lost his life in the vain pursuit. Had he turned his face away from the swamp lands of Florida and journeyed northward to the Empire State, he would not have looked in vain. Here, nestling among the vine-clad hills of Yates and Steuben counties, lies Lake Keuka, the most beautiful of the smaller lakes of America. In a country whose picturesqueness is far-famed, in the midst of scenery for which Western New York is noted, this gem of inland waters is rapidly increasing in fame and popularity. Surrounded on all sides by picturesque scenery, the quiet beauty of its waters and the salubrity of its atmosphere have gradually extended its name, until today Lake Keuka is recognized as a favorite among the most famous lake resorts in New York State. It is a land of health and recreation. No swamp land or malaria is to be found and no mosquitoes are bred in the dry, healthy air. Upon the waters of Lake Keuka the wearied denizen of the city can while away the long and delightful summer hours by sailing, rowing, fishing or bathing.

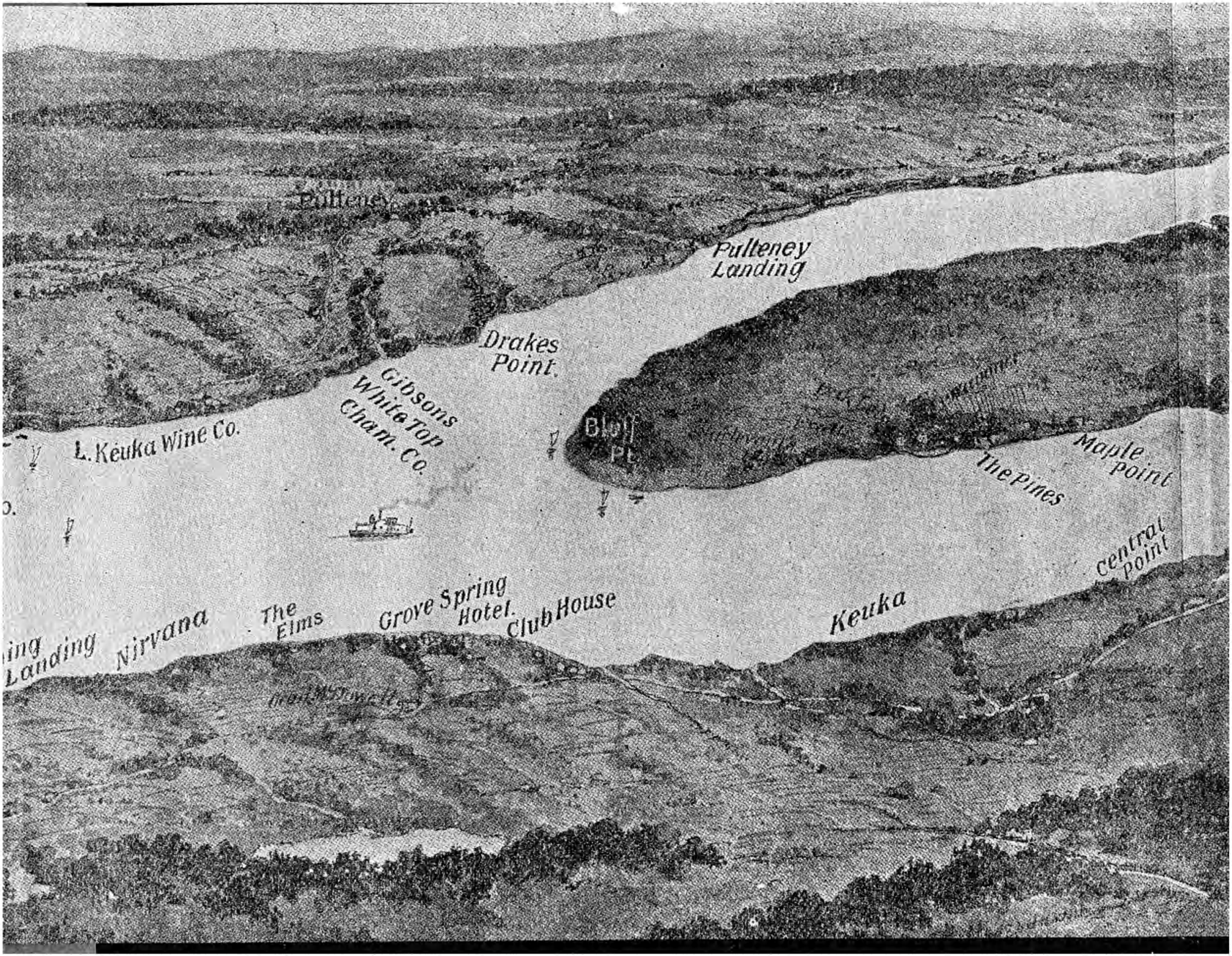
The Lake is twenty-two miles in length, and is divided about midway by a long, bold promontory, extending southward into its waters and terminating in Bluff Point, one of the notable landmarks of this section, from whose lofty summit seven counties can be seen. Lake Keuka is 780 feet above the level of the sea, and its shores, with lofty hills, rival those of Lake George in grandeur of scenery. In some portions they remind the traveler of the banks of the river Rhine, where the woody hills are dotted for miles with vineyards.

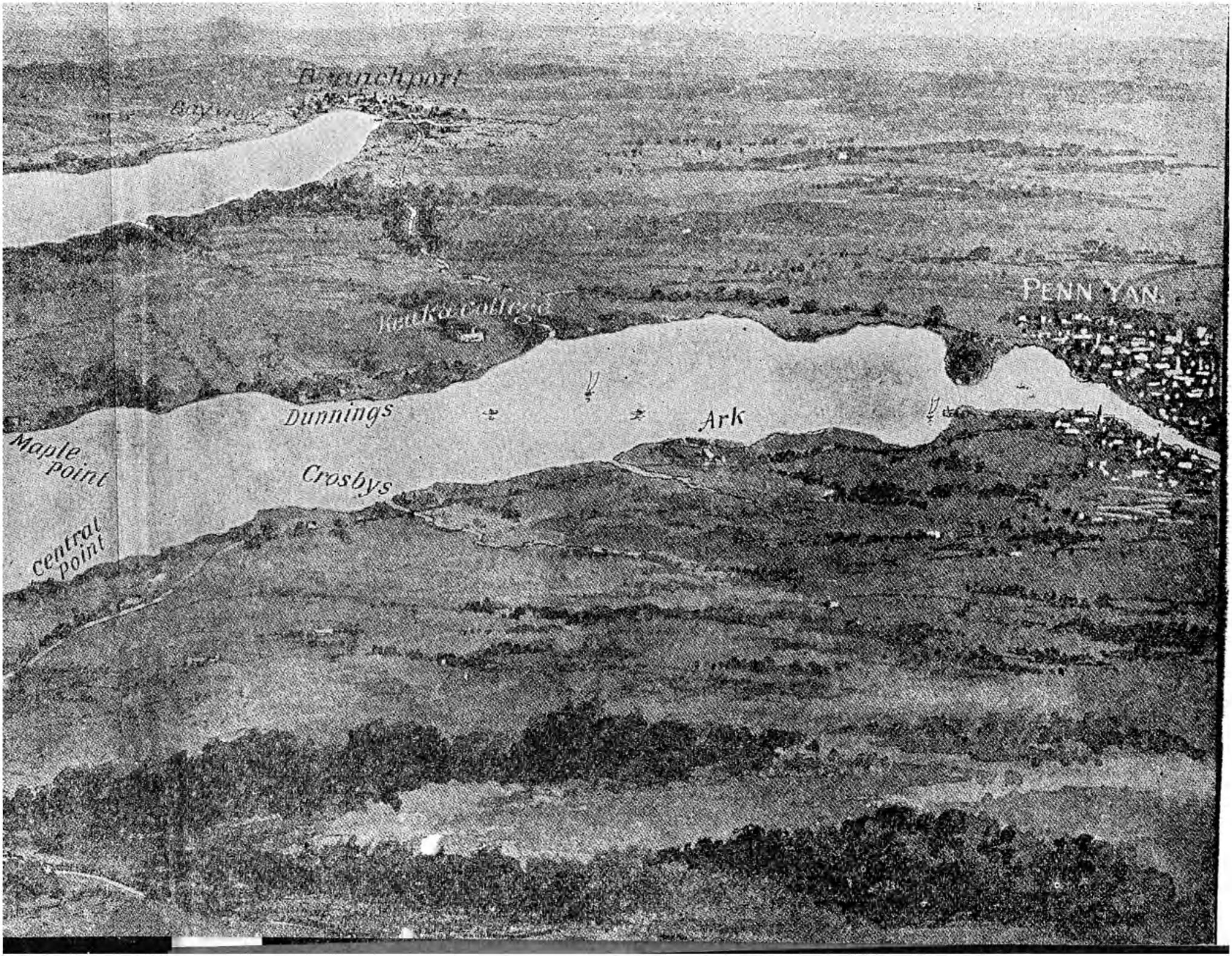
Directly opposite of Bluff Point is situated the KEUKA HOTEL, being midway between Penn Yan and Hammondsport. The good roads hereabout afford excellent motoring and driving, and the bathers will enjoy fine sport in the lake. Toboggan slides and bath-house for guests of the hotel.

Motor boats run in connection with the hotel, and will meet parties at any point on the Lake, at any hour, on notice being sent to B. M. Young, proprietor.


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Urbana Wine Co.
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The Pines
Maple Point
Crosbys
Central Point
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