

THE CANADA CUP RACES

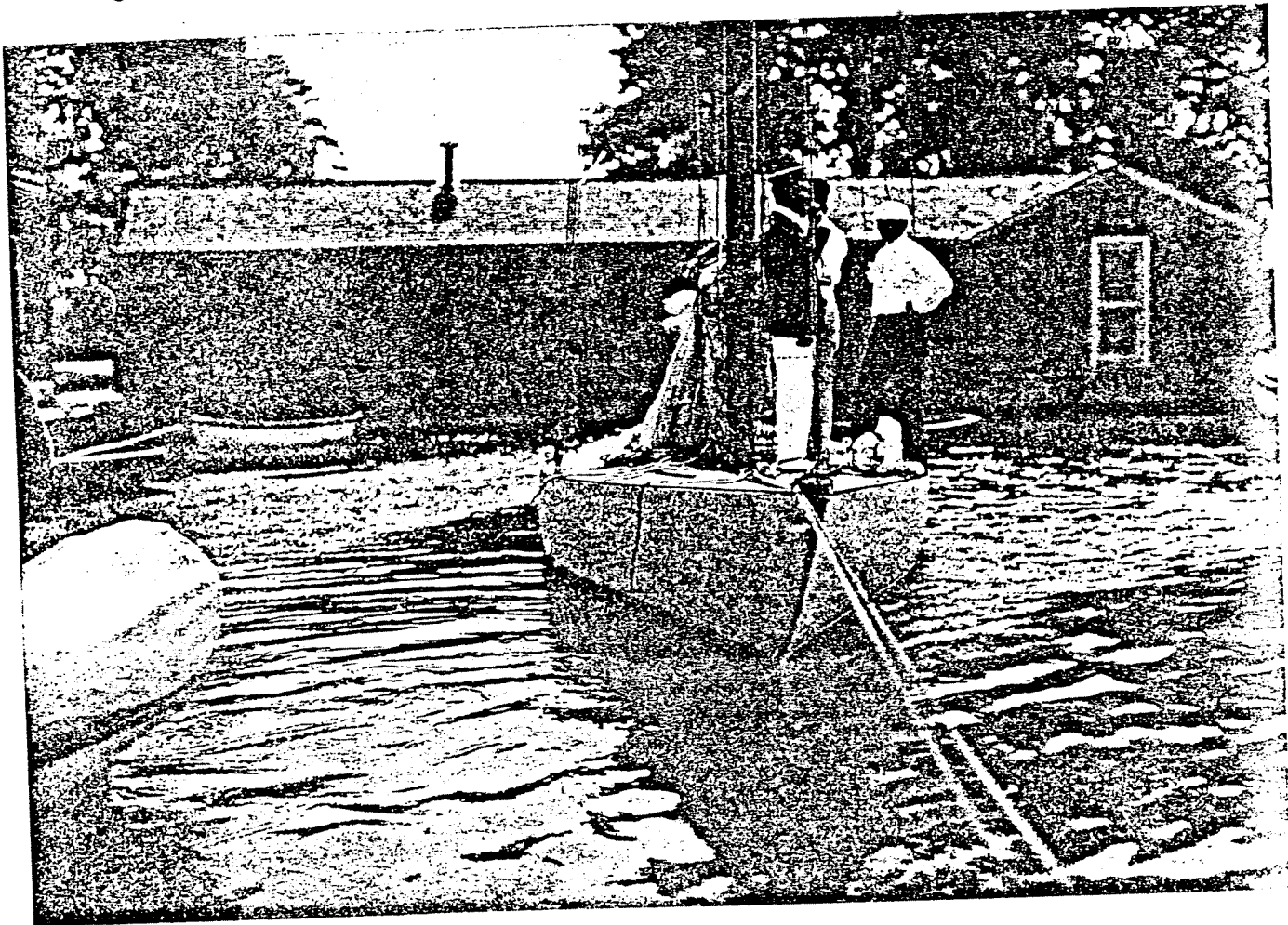
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THE city of Rochester, New York, stands back some miles from the shore of Lake Ontario, lying on both sides of the river Genesee. Its inhabitants have, therefore, in order to enjoy the lake breezes and bathing, built themselves a Summer place at the mouth of the stream, in a small village called Charlotte. This place on one side of the river is called Ontario Beach and on the other Summerville. The yacht club station is in the latter. The river at its mouth is about one hundred yards wide, entering the lake at right angles to its course. It is jettied and has plenty of water in it, both at the entrance and for quite a distance up. As is the case with most of our lake towns this is the only harbor, and is not the one to be chosen for yachts.

During the races the river was crowded with yachts, there being in fleet at least two hundred, large and

small. The majority of the larger boats came from Canada, but there were several from Lake Erie ports and several from farther to the Westward. These boats tied up along the jetties and banks on either side. There is considerable commerce in the port, it being the calling place of several of the lake lines.

Lake Ontario, like the other waters of its chain, is bounded on the American side by stretches of sandy beach, of a gradual shoaling character, and does not offer navigators many good natural ports, and as the North shore is distant some sixty miles it makes a poor place for yachting, but an excellent one for racing. Within a half-mile of the pier-heads is a clear course, which owing to the land being low, is swept at all times by breezes as true and steady as it is possible to get. There is no permanent current, but at times, owing



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