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LAKESIDE PARK 1905



Our photo this week shows the Lakeside Hotel which is the large stick style building to the right. The picture, taken in the 1890's, includes a water-tank about in the center. It would have been filled by the windmill which faintly shows to the extreme left. The system provided for gravity-fed water to rooms in the hotel. This complex was built in 1882 in the Town of Carlton by Bruce S. Hoag and was considered one of the finest resorts in Western New York at the time. Eventually the popularity of such resorts waned, making them unprofitable. The hotel was torn down over sixty years ago and the grounds subdivided into smaller lots for cottages.

In 1905 a little brochure which was put out by Mahlon M. Harms, the Lakeside Manager extols the wonderful features of the place. It states the following:

"Lakeside Park embraces all the advantages bestowed by nature to make it an ideal summer resort. It is situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, midway between Rochester, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y. thirty miles from Niagara Falls or Buffalo, on the R.W. & O. division of the New York Central Railroad.

"Lakeside Park contains sixty-eight acres, divided into natural forests and spacious lawns. This gives ample opportunity for baseball or tennis. It is located on a natural peninsula, bathing or fishing may be enjoyed in either lake or river. A well equipped livery stable is run in connection with the hotel. Plenty of facilities are offered for riding or driving. The drives and walks through the woods are all that could be desired. It is an ideal spot for ladies and children.

"The comfort of our guests is the first

consideration. No effort has been spared to make the hotel homelike and comfortable in every way. The hotel is unique in construction, yet thoroughly modern. The dining room is large and spacious and each guest room is comfortably furnished.

"Cottages are also connected with the hotel, giving the privacy of your own home for parties who prefer to be together and to entertain their friends. Each cottage is nicely furnished and supplied with running water.

"The culinary department is under the direction of a skilled chef, assuring our guests the best of meals and service. Its location near Buffalo and Rochester assures fresh meat at all times. Fresh vegetables are supplied from our own gardens.

"A first-class music hall with fully equipped stage is an attraction. The services of a first class orchestra give and opportunity for dancing both afternoon and evening. Occasional impromptu performances are often given by our guests which add to the enjoyment of a season at Lakeside Park.

"Three mail deliveries daily.

"Lakeside Park will be under the personal management of the owner and will be open for the season of 1905 on Wednesday, June 7th. No effort will be spared to insure the comfort and enjoyment of guests.

Regular rates, from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per week; transient rates, \$2.00 per day. Special rates given to families and parties remaining any length of time, also to clubs, etc.

"From Buffalo or Niagara Falls, take the R.W. & O. Division of the N.Y. Central R.R. to Waterport Station, where the hotel stage meets all trains; short drive to the lake."