FOREWORD

RARELY in one’s travels in this country does one find a county which like Manitowoc combines three prosperous industrial cities, a rich and beautiful farming country and such natural playgrounds as nature provided at Cedar Lake, English Lake, Pigeon Lake, Silver Lake, Maribel Caves and the Rapids on the Manitowoc river.

Manitowoc, you will note, is an Indian name and means “The Home of the Great Spirit”. About seventy-five years ago this county was the Indian’s “Garden of Eden”, a veritable paradise, with the majestic Manitowoc river flowing through the woodland. With the passing of the Indian came progress; forests were cleared, piers, docks, steamboats, railroads and electric roads came until Manitowoc the county seat has a population of 26,000, Two Rivers 10,100 and Kiel 1,800.

Manitowoc because of its wonderful harbor and geographical position is destined, upon completion of the St. Lawrence deep waterway, to play an important part in international commerce. Even now it is quite a common experience to see steamers coming up the river with cargoes from Norway and Sweden.

It is of paramount importance when arranging a motor trip into northern Wisconsin that you consider the most scenic route, the shortest route, the coolest route, the most pleasure in driving route, and that is Via Manitowoc and Kewaunee if bound for Sturgeon Bay and Via Manitowoc and Green Bay if bound for the northern part of the state. Good old cool lake Michigan is your constant companion on this route and if you happen to live in a city situated away from the lake you will appreciate and enjoy the scenery and the trip.

Except for a few miles which are well graveled, you will find concrete roads from Milwaukee to Green Bay Via Manitowoc. Route 17 is paved from Manitowoc to a point ten miles north of Two Rivers, and the balance of the way to Sturgeon Bay is well graveled.

As you breeze along the highways at fifty per, note the well kept farm homes and barns, observe please the wonderful herds of Holstein and Guernsey cows for which Manitowoc county is noted.

The scenery on the following pages must be seen to be appreciated, therefore we take this opportunity to extend to all readers of this booklet a cordial invitation to visit MANITOWOC.