

loss was keenly felt by the old-timers in the lake region. There was justified rejoicing at its restoration.

I have mentioned travelling down the east shore of Rattlesnake Island in a small boat. It is possible to come quite close to shore there, as the water runs off, but a few feet from the island, into some of the deepest spots in the lake. I recall coming up around the southeast point of Rattlesnake in Captain Charles E. Turtle's good boat "Reliance," and having Captain Turtle say, "There's 154 feet of water under you now." Inquiry disclosed that he had provided the boat for sounding operations in 1910, during the administration of Henry B. Quinby as Governor of New Hampshire. He stated that the greatest depth found then was 168 feet, at a point a few hundred feet southeast of the lower end of Rattlesnake Island. The deepest "hole" I know of in Winnipiesaukee is in the Weirs Bay, a few hundred feet northwest of Eagle Island, in which was the scene of a drowning accident some years ago, in which a diver was employed to locate the body of the victim. The diver went down nearly 300 feet, and described the lake bottom as containing a chasm with sheer ledges on either side. The edge of these ledges was about 70 feet under water, and the chasm was quite narrow with "shelves" of ledge extending out from the sides. My father has told me of soundings made there to a depth of over 320 feet. Do you think I'm trying to put over a "fast one"? Try line measurements yourself some calm day, and when your lead finds bottom at 80 feet, move your boat and line around a few feet and watch the lead drop another 50 or 75 feet when it, apparently, slips from one of the "shelves" that the diver described.

Depths of from 35 to 90 feet are most frequently found. Deep water perch and shad are usually caught in from 50 to 70 feet of water. Two of the boat race course buoys in Weirs Bay are in 68 feet. Some of the 1910 soundings are interesting. Depths of from 105 to 108 feet are found southeast of Steam-boat Island, while 100 feet is a common depth west of Mark Island toward Governor's. East of Diamond Island, out into "The Broads" the water averages from 90 to 100 feet. If you have gone past Lakeshore Park in a boat you know that its fine sand beach extends a long way out into the lake. Indeed, the lake bottom is sandy in composition for several hundred

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