



THE INSIDE of a lumberjack bunkhouse located in the Otsego Lake area in the 1880's.

## Government...

(Cont'd from P. 16) is now located. They bought land for the first Otsego Ski Club east of Gaylord. The city donated six acres of a city park for the hospital, and "baled" the Fair Association out of debt and restored the Fair Grounds to them after the Depression in the 1930's. An Industrial Park was established to lure new industries into the area.

In the early 1900's, this area became a great potato growing center. Buck and Bolton organized a wholesale potato business, shipping potatoes by the carload. This business flourished until the death of Mr. Bolton in 1915.

Gaylord became a city in 1922. In 1921 the main business streets were paved, and some years later, in the late 1930's or early 1940's, a sewage system was installed.

Winter sports became popular, especially downhill and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The city has had a skating rink at various times, the latest

one being sponsored by the Optimist Club.

Two new developments have meant a great deal to our community in recent years. A new Catholic Diocese was created with Gaylord as its center. We are the smallest city in the United States to be so designated. The Diocesan Offices are presently located on West Main Street, with the beautiful home for the resident bishop being located in Chalet Hills.

The search for oil has had a significant impact as well. While both of these new projects are county-wide, they have brought many new families and new activities to the city, much business, and a considerable amount of local employment.

Because of its rapid growth, many problems face this city. Teamwork in the present and the future, as in the past, will bring the answers.

(A condensation, in part, from the Unfinished History of Lumbering in Otsego County, by Frank J. Shipp.)

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or Cushion Our Forceful Shout...

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