

# THE CITY OF TORONTO



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**T**HIS fair city of ours, stretching along the blue waters of Lake Ontario, is not the largest city in our young Dominion, but even her more populous rival does not deny that she is the fairest and the most full of promise; and by common consent she is known all Canada over as the "Queen City of the West." Her progress has not been a slow and dreary pace; for her veins are full of vitality, and her heart fired with ambition. Some of the most enterprising spirits in Canada are ranked among her citizenship, and she counts among her business houses some of the greatest and most important trade institutions in the country. In all those factors that go to make a community prosperous and worthy, she will be found well supplied. No poisonous slums exist within her limits to harbor pestilence; her streets no longer lie under their old reproach, for many of them are paved and cleanly. Societies of every description of benevolent, moral and elevating aim, are busy among her citizens; her educational system is perfect as the age can give, and education has become the property of one and all. In art, too, she has much to show; and her late festival of choruses promises that in music she is destined to win a world-wide fame. The power of the pulpit in Toronto is great; and she emphatically is a church-going city. In walking her thoroughfares you find no empty houses; new buildings are being reared, and not in pairs, but frequently in whole streets. Consolidation and unification are going on by the incorporation, with the Queen City herself, of those thriving suburbs that girdle her loins with clusters of little communities—industrious, ambitious and intelligent.

## RAILWAYS

From the heart of the city diverge a number of railways drawing to their wheels the products of the fairest and most fruitful portion of Ontario. For all this territory she is the distributing point, sending to the farmer what he needs of her manufactures, and receiving from him the product of his field and farm. Our chief mercantile houses are known to stand upon steady foundations; our Banks are here sturdy and in full force; and literature finds here the centre. In short, this young Queen of the West is the delight of all who come within her gates; and one who has enjoyed her citizenship seldom cares to cast his lot in any other quarter. We shall now briefly, and in regular order, touch upon the chief attractions which we have to offer the tourist who is desirous of spending a brief period here.