



Cottesmore Hall, Cobourg, Ont., One of an Increasing Number of Suburban Mansions in Canada—Fig. 1

## The Gardens of Cottesmore Hall, Cobourg, Ont.

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NOT very far from the gardens of Bagnall Hall, Cobourg, a description of which appeared in the January number of *The Canadian Horticulturist*, lies the beautiful residence and gardens of Mr. Wallace H. Rowe, the president of the Pittsburgh Steel Company. All that the ingenuity of man could accomplish has been done to make this residence a palace, the grounds fairy-haunted glens, and the gardens veritable wonderlands. Bounded on the south by the old Kingston Road; on the west by Cottesmore Avenue and on the east by a meandering creek which flows from the Baltimore hills out into Lake Ontario, the whole vista is so pleasant that one has to be quite strong-willed to drag oneself away.

The Hall itself is built most substantially of cut Kingston stone, the frontage being one hundred and sixty-two feet. In figure one a good view of it is obtained. The bush hydrangea in the right foreground, the weeping ash and maples also show well in this cut, which gives the south west aspect. The front entrance from Kingston Road has massive hammered iron gates with heavy lamps, flanked by maples. It opens invitingly into an avenue of more maples that are in excellent keeping with the rest of the estate. These gates were made by the Canada Foundry Company, weigh quite a few tons, and cost several thousand dollars. Part of the finer work on them required two or three years to accomplish.

Most of the trees shown in the illustrations have been in the hands of the

dentist. All rottenness has been removed, and all holes filled. They look good enough to stand for centuries.

The driveway is made on the Telford Road system. The other paths are macadam on ten inches of crushed stone.

Figure two is the clay tennis court—originally the upper half of the vegetable garden—enclosed by a cedar hedge, and surrounded again by lilacs, high bush cranberries and bush honeysuckles. In

the background of this illustration and to the left are the stables, to the centre the poultry house; and to the right the tool house, while two beautiful English white hawthorns also show up well to the right of the willows. This photograph was taken from the nursery window in the rear of the house, and the view is due north.

In figure three we see part of the formal garden laid out in double Maltese



The Clay Tennis Court With Border of Shrubbery—Fig. 2