

the near future electricity will be utilized for still further adding to present facilities for reaching the outlying districts and suburbs, where buildings are rapidly rising and new streets are being opened up, so that every class of the citizens can, at a trifling expense, reach their homes for many miles round the city. In addition to these advantages a belt railway for a circuit of fifteen miles, with stations at close intervals, would complete the accommodations of our rapidly filling city, and, at the same time, enhance the value of property everywhere within this radius.

### **Toronto the Centre of Inland Navigation.**

Having spoken of Toronto as a railway centre, it would not be doing justice to her claims not to say something of her exceptionally advantageous position as a centre of water communication. To those who have never actually travelled on our lakes it is difficult to convey a correct idea of the vastness of these inland seas. To give figures would not be so illustrative of the immense extent as simply to state, what has often been done before, that Lake Superior would contain the whole of England. This being the upper in the great chain of lakes, and Ontario the lowest, whether for business or pleasure the traveller can take passage on a splendid steamer and make a trip westward for a thousand miles on fresh water, while he can go as far east as the Atlantic Ocean. Such are the facilities for water travel during the season of navigation that the pleasure seeker or tourist in Toronto may choose any length of voyage, to innumerable pleasure resorts, from one mile to one thousand, at a very moderate cost, and in the most comfortable manner. The magnificent steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., though not leaving the port of Toronto, may be reached by rail in a few hours, and the luxury of water travelling enjoyed to perfection.

It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when Toronto shall not only be the centre of inland navigation, but, by the enlargement of the canals, ocean vessels of sufficient