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the summer. The beautiful park furnishes a recreation ground for the city, which, in natural beauty, will bear comparison with anything of the kind in the world. Cricket, baseball, bowling, lacrosse, tennis and other sports are played on this park daily during the summer, while the Thames and McGregor rivers, which skirt the park on two sides, furnish excellent sport to those who find pleasure in aquatic pastimes. The fishing is excellent. In the winter season the summer sports are supplanted by skating and curling. Both these pastimes are enthusiastically followed by the citizens.

Both rivers are navigable for miles, the upper reaches of the Thames being surpassingly lovely in the summer season. A good boat livery is maintained in connection with the park.

Environment. The sub-peninsula of Ontario, in which Chatham holds a central position, has always enjoyed the reputation of being the garden of Ontario. The soil is phenomenally rich and is well adapted for the cultivation of grain, roots and fruits. No better pasturage can be found anywhere than on the border of Lake St. Clair. Butter, milk and other farm produce can readily be obtained fresh and sweet in Chatham at the very lowest prices. The southern part of Kent county, along the shore of Lake Erie, is famous for its fruits and market garden produce. The market at Chatham abounds in the choicest

fruits, fowl and vegetables. This is a feature which will attract residents of large cities who are suffering from stomach troubles and who have to exercise great care in their diet.

We have prepared a table, which is printed elsewhere, showing estimated cost of first-class board and living which can be secured in Chatham. It will pay you to examine this closely.

The boating, canoeing and fishing on the Thames river is an attractive feature to strangers. The river winds its irregular way to Lake St. Clair, banked on either side by beautiful farms and orchards. The sub-peninsula being almost entirely surrounded by water, the vegetation is unequalled and the panoramic view from the boat is almost tropical in its richness.

Chatham is only three-quarters of an hour's ride from Detroit. There are five railways running between Chatham and that city, with a system of time tables which enables a person to go down and back almost any hour of the day.

The steamer City of Chatham makes a round trip daily to Detroit by the river Thames, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River, the trip constituting one of the best outings imaginable for the pleasure seeker. On another page will be found the list of railways entering Chatham.

