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## RAMBLES ROUND TORONTO.



ANY pleasant holiday hours may be spent in and about Toronto's parks, gardens and conservatories by the horticultural enthusiast, and if he be a lover of uncultivated nature also, he will find much beauty and charm in the rolling and picturesque country that girdles the monotonously level site of the town on all its landward sides. Turning first to the eastern suburbs, we may note as a place of interest the grounds of Leslie Bros., the pioneer nurserymen of the Province. Toronto's employment of the horse chestnut as its principal tree for avenue planting, was due to the accident that Leslie Bros. had a large stock on hand, and were willing to furnish it at a lower rate than other trees. A glimpse of Queen Street Avenue or

Sherbourne Street at the end of May, when the trees are a mass of snowy spikes, will do much to reconcile one to the arrangement, though the stately American white elm or one or two varieties of the maple such as the sugar or the silver-leaved with their pleasing symmetrical shapes and their color effects are perhaps to be preferred for ornamental street planting. Further east lie the trim trial-grounds and extensive greenhouses, for palms, cut flowers and decorative plants, of the Steele, Briggs Seed Co., and Munro Park, where the Street Railway Co. as a speculation, is building a pavilion and making other improvements? Victoria Park is beyond this again. From Munro Park, winding ways lead up the wooded Norway heights and on through a picturesque old orchard to a grand old place, little known to the general public, but interesting to us for its trees. This is Blantyre Park, and the Gothic Mansion in the centre is where Archbishop Ryan seeks the quiet and repose of country life during the heat