

many years the benefit of low power rates which other municipalities have enjoyed only in recent years. Thus has Hamilton succeeded in growing into a city second to none in Canada as a manufacturing center and at the same time maintaining its reputation as a city beautiful. It nestles between the mountain and the bay on a strip of land varying in width from one and a half to three miles, its streets lined with stately trees, mostly maples, the green foliage dotted everywhere with well cared for brick houses. The blue waters of Hamilton Bay and Lake Ontario in the background when viewed from the mountain heights, the scene is one not easy for the artist to depict on canvas. One enjoys a panoramic view, the like of which is offered by few cities in America.

To the surprise of many, the higher plateau is found to stretch away to the South toward Lake Erie in smiling farms and orchards as far as the eye can reach. One million dollars' worth of fruit is shipped from this district each year, while 42 miles to the eastward the magnificent cataract pours over the same escarpment that bounds the valley in Hamilton, while to the west lies the beautiful Dundas Valley, into which the sun sinks in all its glorious majesty as each day draws to a close.

It is a scene rivalled only by the sunsets that have caused San Francisco to become known the world over as the "Golden Gate"; a nature picture which appeals to the finer senses and arouses the wonder and admiration of all who are privileged to gaze upon it. Where in a picture such as this is there a place for busy factories with their tall chimneys belching forth dense volumes of smoke to mar the beauties of nature and the works of man? That is the natural question for the uninitiated to ask. The answer is to be found in the location of the majority of the 500 diversified industries that have made Hamilton the industrial centre of Canada and one of the most prosperous manufacturing cities on the North American continent. The factories are fairly well confined to the north-eastern section of the city, far removed from the best residential section and in such a condition that the prevailing south-west wind blows the smoke and the gases from such of them as burn large quantities of coal out over the waters of the Bay and lake, where they can do no harm. Another factor in the elimination of the smoke nuisance with which so many industrial cities are cursed is, and has been, the cheapness of electric power for manufacturing purposes, making it unprofitable as well as undesirable for manufacturers to use coal save in a few exceptional cases.

Hamilton is the home of the first locomotive works in Canada; the sleeping car was invented and built here. The first cloth-covered casket, wagons, saws, plows and most of all, the threshing machine