

have paid much attention to parks, and trees, and shrubbery, and public grounds, in which particulars they are a-head of us. There are many pleasant places in all parts of the city, which render it very attractive. There are many elegant private residences; and in public buildings, with the exception of churches, Buffalo cannot 'make a show' alongside of Toronto. In addition to the St. Lawrence Hall, already described, there is the Osgoode Hall, a fine edifice, in which lawyers do mosty congregate. There are also others, and some fine churches, of which the Cathedral of the Roman Catholics stands at the head, for architectural beauty, of those which came under our observation. College Avenue is one of the most splendid places we ever saw anywhere; and the grounds attached to the Toronto College, to which the avenue leads, are spacious and well laid out.—By the way, the annual public recitations took place at this college on Wednesday, which was an occasion of much interest. The Governor-General, who takes an active interest in educational matters, was present, and conferred the prizes, in doing which he addressed the recipients in a very felicitous manner.—Up the lake, a short distance from the city, is the Lunatic Asylum for Canada West. It is a large building, or rather a series of buildings, of brick, and designed for the accommodation of some four hundred patients. There are now in it, we understand, about two hundred and forty. The harbour of Toronto is a natural one, formed by an island, or a Presqu' isle, sweeping around the bay a mile or so, and about two miles from the shore, thus forming one of the safest and most commodious harbours we ever saw—much resembling Erie, Pa. The water is of a good depth in all parts of the bay. The docks and wharves, however, are very deficient, and all along the bay there are no indications of very active commercial business. Steamboats of the British and American lines are constantly arriving and departing. The country round about Toronto is rich and productive, and highly cultivated: were it not so, so large a population could scarcely be sustained, as the lake business does not contribute a great deal to the building up and support of the city.* The provincial government has done much to promote agriculture, and the Agricultural Society of Upper Canada, which held its annual fair at Niagara, on the 15th and 16th of September, has also been a highly valuable instrument in producing a similar result. The people of Canada are pioneers in the construction of plank roads, from which Toronto has derived much benefit."

The following description of the Governor-General's residence is from the same paper:—

"Elmsley Villa, the residence of the Governor-General, is situated about a mile and a half from the bay, on Yonge-street. The grounds embrace twelve acres, and are the property of an English gentleman named Macaulay, and are rented by Lord Elgin. The residence is approached through an avenue, beautifully lined on either side with a forest of shrubbery and shade trees. The house is but an ordinary structure, being a two-story roughcast building—the rooms not very spacious, but ample enough, we suppose, for all practical purposes. The grounds, however, are delightfully laid out with winding ways, and 'shady groves and love-provoking bowens,' interspersed with smoothly mown lawns."

* With great deference to this statement, we think the narrator is here slightly in error. In corroboration of our opinion, we would beg to refer to the number and tonnage of the vessels owned in the city, and the amount of Customs duties received at the port of Toronto.

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