

Ontario Legislature which contains a collection of scarce tracts and old newspapers, the loss of which would be an irreparable calamity to future students of our country's history, but all the title deeds of land held from the Government in the Province of Ontario." In the City Hall, another old building, were stationed, in December, 1837, the two field pieces which, with one artilleryman, were the sole force retained by Sir Francis Bond Head, for the defence of Toronto. Osgoode Hall is one of the handsomest of the public buildings of Canada, and is the "Westminster Hall" and "Four Courts" of Ontario. Toronto has two theatres, the Grand Opera House and the Toronto Opera House—both capacious and handsome structures. In the artistic Horticultural Gardens is located, the Pavilion, a splendid building, of greater capacity than either of the theatres, and also used for entertainments. The General Hospital is a magnificent range of buildings, situated in well-kept ornamental grounds. The Provincial University is a Norman building, forming three sides of a quadrangle, and with the exception of Memorial Hall, in Harvard University, is acknowledged to be the finest university building in America. It is situated in some extremely pretty grounds adjoining Queen's Park. A magnificent panorama of city and lake may be enjoyed by the visitors from the tower. The President, Sir. D. Wilson, is known in Europe as the author of "Prehistoric Man." University, Trinity, and Knox Colleges, McMaster Hall, Upper Canada College, the Normal School, the Model School, the School of Arts, the Collegiate Institute, are all excellent institutions, and fulfilling their high vocations with gratifying results. There are also the Canadian Institute, and several Public Libraries.

The visitor must not leave Toronto without seeing the pretty game of Lacrosse played on the elegant grounds at Rosedale. All the youth and beauty of the city turn out to see the more important contests. Torontonians are enthusiastic lacrosse and baseball players, canoeists, and yachtsmen. Few sheets of water are better adapted for the latter sports and for fishing than "The Bay," the natural breakwater to which

is the Island Park, "Hanlan's Island. Of course all visitors crowd to Hanlan's hotel, built by the champion rower on the island he was born upon, to see his numerous trophies. The island is dotted with the most bewitching little residences all along its narrow length. In any part of it one can look first upon Lake Ontario and then upon the Bay, with only a few yards of sand separating the two. In the daytime the sands are dotted with brown-faced, bare-footed urchins engaged in the everlasting amusement of sand-digging. In the evening the tired business man comes over and sits under his own—r somebody else's—fig-tree,

The day now worn and woo'd to curtain'd rest
By evening's softly-murmured lullaby ;

and through the curling smoke of his cigar or pipe dreamily watches the myriads of white-winged craft that flit hither and thither, whilst anon he catches the strain of some familiar air that perchance carries his heart back to other lands and earlier days, and sends him to bed "calm as a child in dreamless slumber bound."

The Midland Lakes.

The Midland Division of the Grand Trunk Railway takes the tourist through some of the most picturesque and varied scenery—a pleasant and ever-changing panorama, while, at the same time, it is a perfect sportsman's paradise.

The Midland has four terminal stations, Toronto, Whitby—Port Hope and Belleville, and from all these the chief points of interest are easily and speedily reached. Toronto has already been amply described. Whitby, once a Seneca village, and early settled by the French, is thirty miles east, bordering on Lake Ontario. Port Hope, formerly the Ganeraski of the Indians, is one of the pleasantest of the lake side towns. It boasts of a capital harbour, and during the season of navigation, the steamer "Norseman" plies regularly between this place and Rochester, many sportsmen choosing this route to reach the famous hunting grounds of Midland Ontario. Belleville is an incorporated city, beautifully situated on