

lag the Garrison creek ravine drive, at the same time as the Rosedale ravine drive in the east are being made? True, there is no prospect of raising \$50,000, or even the half of that, by private subscription, for the purpose. But there is another way of raising far more money than that, for the making of the Garrison creek drive, so much that not only would it cost the city nothing in the end, but the city would besides clear a big profit on the whole transaction.

Let the city expropriate at least a hundred feet wide in the hollow, for the drive, and two hundred feet on each side all along. The heights that bound this ravine run, say from twenty-five to forty feet above the flat of the hollow, and would make really beautiful and attractive sites for private residences. Once a drive was made, or certain to be made, these sites would command a high price per foot front, as we may well admit if we think over just a little what the situation would be. There would be the opportunity of building residences fronting on the hollow, and looking down on as fine a drive as North America has or is likely to have, to show. The slopes would give the opportunity for ornamental gardening to an extent, and the look down upon a beautiful, fashionable drive would be lively and cheerful to a degree. And then, besides all this, there would be money in it for the city.

As we have before pointed out, we have a good connection between the eastern ravine drives and the western one already made, Carlton and College streets, to wit. These are not business streets but residence streets, and would answer well for driving on. For those who do not keep horses they offer the convenience to the street cars all the way, or soon will, as not very much is wanting to complete the connection. We would strongly urge upon western residents to be moving in the matter, so that they may have the Garrison creek hollow improvements finished as soon as those on the Rosedale ravines. The drainage, as far north as College street, is already a work accomplished, which counts for a good deal. By all means let a beginning be made in the west, as well as in the east. And remember that the Carlton and College streets connection must greatly enhance the value of both, and must greatly aid in making *both* accessible to the whole city.

PARKS AND DRIVES

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The letter of "Katepayer" in another column deals with a subject which every citizen of Toronto should have deeply at heart. The time has now arrived when, having established our city on a sound business footing, something should be done to make it not only pleasant to the eyes of its inhabitants, but attractive to the world at large. In no way can this be more effectually done, than by the laying out of parks and the construction of avenues and drives worthy of the name.

The project which Alderman Johnston has in view, and which he will bring to the notice of the Council this evening, is but a part of a larger scheme which has been mooted from time to time during the past few years, namely, the arrangement of a continuous series of parks and drives round about the city from Riverside park on the east, up the Don valley, through the Rosedale ravines, across to the Garrison creek ravine, down the latter to the city front, thence along the lake shore to High park, and east from the northern end of the latter to the Garrison creek ravine again. The only objection that has ever been urged to this scheme is the cost. Alderman Johnston's project, however, could be carried into effect at comparatively little expense if undertaken at once, and is well worthy of consideration apart from the more extensive plan. Should the latter be adopted at a later date, the possession of the Garrison creek ravine by the city would remove one of the greatest difficulties in the way. The growth of the city is so rapid, the vacant spaces within its limits are being so quickly filled up, and the value of land is increasing so largely, that this property will in a few years be held at a much higher figure than at present. Hence the necessity for prompt action. Little need be said as to the desirability of