

TORONTO BREATHING PLACES

NO MORE RENEWALS OF LOT LEASES ON THE ISLAND.

Improved Approaches and Rapid Transit Required at High Park. Will Convert Into a Recreation Resort for the Masses—Correspondence on the Proposal of Beautifying Toronto.

Editor World: The unprecedented duration of the recent heated term has brought forcibly before the public the absolute necessity of a sufficiently commodious pleasure and recreative resort for the masses, where fresh air and health-giving amusement may be had at a minimum of cost and easy of access from the more densely populated wards.

The Queen's Park, now little more than an ordinary square, is entirely inadequate for the requirements of our industrial people, hemmed in as it is by the University, Park, and other edifices, and other structures, bricks and mortar taking the place of wooded grove, the artificial usurping the natural beauty of the place, greatly curtailing its usefulness as a public park.

Stranger to say the entrance to this attractive spot has lately been closed by management, although thrown open to the public by the owners, for strictly speaking this part of the grounds has not yet been added to the park proper.

Notwithstanding, however, the attractiveness of this extensive piece of property and in view of the fact that it cost the city little or nothing, it having been donated to the corporation by the late Mr. J. G. Howard, makes it the more surprising nothing of any importance has been done to make it accessible to the general public. It seems incredible that some of our aldermen or councillors themselves have not taken this matter up.

It is true an electric car route has been decided on via Dundas, College-streets and High Park-avenue, but this merely lands the people at the northern limit of the Park and is intersected by a wide ravine, which will require expensive bridging before the central cart of the grounds can be reached, a serious barrier to this approach.

The only really practical and direct entrance is by Queen-street, almost in a straight line to Mr. Howard's original roadway recently widened and graded and leading by the shortest possible course to the Park heights and favorable playing grounds. The requirements of the citizens demand that some means of access be provided and at least one electric line carried direct to the centre of the park, and the one that offers the most efficient service will transfer privileges from all residential centres to the construction of Queen-street extension is simply one of grading, and the required few feet of private property is by no means a serious obstacle. It might be mentioned in this connection that the proposed lake drive would intercept Queen-street at this point, and the old Howard gateway the principal approach to the park.

Should a commission of citizens be appointed to assist the aldermen in carrying out the suggested embellishment of the city, the park improvement and lake drive should be one of the first matters to engage their attention.

They could also take into consideration the projected marginal drive around the Grenadier water, similar to the beautiful Schuyler kill carriage way, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

ISLAND PARK LEASES.

Editor World: I understand that a number of the leases of Island lots are about to expire soon. Whether soon or later, I wish to awaken the attention of the citizens at large to the advisability of not renewing the terms. Every lease as it falls in should be dropped, no new leases should be made. The whole island should be a park. Every citizen should have the right to visit and enjoy the benefits of the island without having to contest private rights or be annoyed with private interests. The park routes are no equivalent for the deprivation of the citizens. A citizen should be at liberty to settle down at any point on the island for his eating for the day and enjoy the advantages with his family. Two or three well-regulated houses for refreshments would be necessary. In a word, make the island the park it should be for the benefit of all. It is doubtful if any other city on the continent would throw away such a public advantage.

THE DRUGGISTS' DEBATE.

They Too Are Down Upon Cutters and Intruders.

The Provincial Pharmaceutical Association held its final session yesterday, Mr. William Murchison, the president, in the chair. "Local organization," by R. S. Muir of Fort Elgin, was the first paper read, and was a strong plea for such institutions as highly useful and beneficial to the trade. A general discussion followed, many drug-gists giving examples from their personal experience and conferring on the best ways of meeting contingencies.

"Pharmacy Past, Present and Future," was read by Mr. Roberts of Parkhill, and was a history of the past and a consideration of the various encroachments by large drug-goods firms and the effect of the amendments to the Pharmacy Act was sustained. The convention adjourned at 5 p. m.

James Cullen, Post's Island, N.F., writes: "I have been watching the progress of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil since its introduction, and with much pleasure state that my anticipations of its success have been fully realized, it having cured me of rheumatism and stiffness of joints; while not a few of my rheumatic neighbors (one old lady in particular) pronounce it to be the best article of its kind that has ever been brought before the public. Your medicine does not require any longer a sponsor, but if you wish me to act as such, I shall be only too happy to have my name connected with your prosperous child."

There will be a Y.M.C.A. camp meeting and conference held at Geneva Park, Orillia, commencing Thursday next, Aug. 11, and continuing until Monday, Aug. 15. A number of the prominent association workers in Toronto will be present, including Messrs. J. A. Gairdner, R. B. Gordon, Theron Gibson, H. W. Frost, Rev. Dr. McTavish, Robert Kilgour and William McCulloch.

Rev. Dr. F. S. Benson, the consistent Baptist minister from Chicago, will open the Y.M.C.A. course here on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4.

This evening at 8 o'clock, at the young man's meeting, Mr. Charles Jackson of London, Eng., will deliver a short Gospel address, and to-morrow evening at 8.30 the Rev. William Johnston of Aberdeen, Scotland, will give an address to young men on the subject, "Message for Being a Christian."

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