

Heretofore rural Montreal has been comparatively a sealed book to Montrealers because the highway was the only means available to reach its solitudes. Every citizen of Montreal does not own a horse nor has he the time to indulge in long drives, and none of us enjoy the blinding dust of a country highway.

To have desecrated the adjacent rural paradise with the dust, the cinders and the screeching of the steam railway would have been sacrilege; but railway there had to be.



ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

Where the steam railway, with its objectionable locomotives, would have meant complete ruination to the natural beauties of the verdure-clad country, the electric railway has been introduced, giving perfect communication between the very heart of the city and some of the most remote and most lovely parts of the surrounding country. The country has virtually been brought to the city, and the magician that has accomplished it all is the Montreal Park and Island Railway.

So far this rapidly extended and carefully planned system is in an incomplete state of development. Each season sees at least one new line of the system completed,