

SUBURBAN TOURS.

Few cities in Canada are more richly endowed with beautiful environment than Toronto, or where within the space of a few hours one may travel through scenes of varied natural beauty, and so many places of charm and interest.

The stranger seems to realize this more than the native Torontonian. A few hours, on a hot and sultry afternoon or evening, spent in a cool and rapidly moving electric car, is all that is required. The three principal trips which yield the greatest amount of enjoyment, which afford the best opportunities for recreation and recuperation, are over the lines of the Toronto & York Radial Railway. Rarely indeed does even the most casual visitor to Toronto leave without taking these delightful trips.

An effort will be made to briefly summarize their leading features in the following order :

METROPOLITAN DIV. T. & Y. R. R.

Destination—Toronto to Jackson's Point, on Lake Simcoe, passing through Deer Park, North Toronto, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Queensville, Keswick, Roach's Point and Jackson's Point, a total distance of 52 miles

For those who are at all interested in historical events, the entire journey over this line, almost, possesses more than passing interest. All along this highway in the year 1837, many were the incidents happening during the contest for responsible government between the Government forces and those of William Lyon Mackenzie, who, afterwards became the first Mayor of Toronto, in the year of its incorporation as a city. The first point of general interest after the car leaves the Toronto terminus is Reservoir Park, which also contains the principal reservoir of the Toronto Water Works system—located on Summerhill avenue, to the east. What is regarded as the most notable point on Yonge street, the great highway traversed by this line, is Gallows Hill; it is the first eminence ascended. On the brow of this elevation, on the east side of the street, within spacious grounds, and about 100 feet east of the road, there stands a celebrated elm tree, measuring 27 feet in circumference. From this tree, so it has been told, two of Mackenzie's followers were executed by hanging. Another story has it, however, that a supposed suicide, never identified, was found hung from this tree, by a farmer driving under it one night on his way home from the city. Early in the past century the highway was slightly west of where it is now, and was considerably narrower, with high banks on either side.