

folk have got telephones, too, a subscription of £5 a year enabling them to converse at their will, without any limitation on the number of "calls," with friends in towns and villages miles away, as well as with their neighbours over the country-side. But the need of this extra means of communication is not so urgent here, as the roads are comparatively good, and, above all, a large number of the farmers have the electric tramway within easy reach, enabling them to get about the country and into town both quickly and cheaply.

Of private parties and public entertainments there is no lack. St. Catharines has its theatre, and as it is on the route of a main railway line and close to the United States, American touring companies find it easy and convenient to give performances in the Garden City of Canada.



The country schools provide first-class instruction.

At the little cinematograph theatres which have sprung up in the last few years all over Canada, a programme of "moving pictures" and varieties—or "vaudeville"—can be witnessed for 10 cents (5d.). Church concerts are frequent; and a capital military band plays every Thursday night in the park throughout the summer. Every town and village is well supplied with churches; and the fine public library at St. Catharines is free to all comers.

You would hardly expect any farmer, in Canada or in the Motherland, to knock off work in the middle of hay-making or harvest; yet at almost any other time, even in the busy summer, I have found the Canadian farmer ready for a little recreation, which may even go the length of a picnic, on occasion.

If he enjoys looking on while others play, he has quite exceptional opportunities of enjoyment in this district. Port Dalhousie, at the mouth of the canal, and Niagara-on-the-Lake, at the mouth of the Niagara River, are among the most famous sporting centres of the Dominion.

Niagara is the scene of contests for the Lawn Tennis Championships. Port Dalhousie is the Henley of Canada, and really surpasses our Henley-on-Thames in the advantages it offers to the oarsmen. The lower reach of the canal provides a straight course of a mile and a half where the water is never too rough for rowing, and from the high banks a perfect view of the racing crews can be had