

Toronto and Lorne Park Summer Resort Co.

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This Company was organized for the purpose of buying, improving and operating Lorne Park as a Summer Resort.

GENERAL FEATURES OF THE PARK

The superior advantages possessed by Lorne Park as a Summer Resort are year by year becoming more generally known and appreciated. It is most conveniently situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, about 17 miles south west of Toronto, and may be reached by railway, steamboat or carriage. While specially adapted for those whose business in the city demands their daily attention, its healthfulness and picturesque surroundings render it a most desirable retreat for all who may wish to enjoy a restful and charming summer home.

The domain of the Company has recently been considerably extended toward the north east, and this delightful resort now embraces about 90 acres, more than half of which has been reserved for terraces, avenues, pleasure grounds and woodland rambles, the residue being laid out into cottage lots. The Park is thickly wooded, a large proportion of the trees being Norway pines, which are valuable for their health-giving properties.

The water approach to the Park is striking, the cliffs fronting the lake being at some points fully 40 feet in height. The ground rises gently higher and higher until the Lake Shore Road is reached. Most of the intervening area is table land, but there are two ravines almost encircling the Park, and in these are being laid out pretty drives and walks. The soil, consisting of a sandy loam, is porous and dries quickly after the heaviest fall of rain.

From the first exploration and survey of the Park by the promoters, the enthusiasm has steadily increased, and those who visit it from time to time, or sojourn there for the summer, express their highest admiration of the place, both for its healthfulness and beauty.

Nowhere in this vicinity can there be found a more delightful combination of forest and lawn, lake scenery and landscape. There are secluded groves and beautiful walks in all directions throughout the Park, and nearly everywhere an enchanting glimpse of the blue waters of Ontario opens upon the vision, including a distant view of our "Queen City," with its numerous church spires and stately buildings. On a moonlight night, when the silvery waters are illumined, the tranquil beauty of the scene is entrancing.