



The Soldiers' Monument, Victoria Park

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While Nature has indeed been kind to the London of Canada—unsparing in her gifts of fertile soil, of rich verdure and grateful foliage—man has done his part towards making the city the place of beauty it is to-day. Early comers to London from the old land began right by planting for the future, and many gardens and shade trees in existence to-day are tributes to the taste and energy of those who have long since gone hence. Nor is the population of to-day one whit behind that of years ago in this particular. On the opening of a new street, even before the sidewalks are laid, the people lose no time in planting maples, and it is difficult to find in London to-day a treeless street. Is it any wonder, then, that London is known far and wide as the "Forest City"? The surveyors who mapped out London were wise in their day and generation.