
“Every reasonable effort is being and will be made to further the cause of good citizenship represented in properly supervised healthy outdoor games and exercises, and to this end the parks of the city are being fully utilized. We have now established thirty-two baseball diamonds, thirty-five football fields, sixty-five tennis courts, six bowling greens, three lacrosse fields, and two quouting grounds, and this winter are operating thirty-four skating rinks, thirty-one hockey rinks, and five toboggan slides. The annual outlay upon these classes of sport totals \$31,000.

“The supervised playground movement, while still in its infancy in our city, is being rapidly developed, and an idea of its growth may be had from the fact that while in 1909 our expenditure upon playground maintenance amounted to only \$1,134, the outlay for this purpose during last year was nearly \$18,000. It is proposed during the present year to establish seven additional supervised playgrounds in various parks, which will give a total of fourteen play-centres distributed throughout the city.

“The establishment of a system of boulevards and parkways is an important feature of our park development, the initial steps towards which have been taken in the building of a considerable section of the lake front boulevard, and the completion of the first section of the Humber river boulevard. Plans for the construction of forty-two miles of this system are in course of preparation, and with such of this work carried on from year to year as our resources will permit, and with our needs in the future acquisition of parks, squares and playgrounds and their development carried out as planned, Toronto should, in a comparatively short time, be possessed of a splendid parks system.”

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