

Canada's Comeliest City,

Sun-Kissed Smiling Toronto.

EXTRACTS of a Report by MR. BECKLES
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TORONTO—pearl of cities! of matchless women and pallid men—of buxom streets and dainty architecture—at once the most English and the most American of Canadian cities.

Toronto is the most beautiful city in North America. It is as artistic as Boston without Boston's compression; it is as clean and open as Philadelphia without Philadelphia's diffusion. Its public and private buildings—its “sky scrapers” have an architectural unity which Chicago and New York cannot boast; and Toronto has done what no other city of 200,000 inhabitants has done—more than doubled its population in ten years.

Yet Toronto is a gay city. I know no other word to express it. It bears no marks of wear, of use, of crime, of passion, of poverty. It is a city without slums and without noise. Toronto contains one church for every eight hundred of her inhabitants, which I am given to understand is a greater percentage of churches than any other city in the world possesses.

At seven o'clock on Saturday night the saloons and bar-rooms close—and yet no riot ensues. “Robbing the poor man of his beer” is no shibboleth in a place where rich and poor alike drink water.

Toronto is the centre, commercially, religiously, and educationally, as well as politically, of the opulent province of Ontario.

The women of Toronto are the prettiest and best dressed