



FROM THE CITADEL'S SUMMIT.

time, case of attack from the sea. These fortifications pierce the shore round the point; but the rest of the ground than it in a state of nature, covered with trees, mostly evergreen. Although owning the ground, the British Government, with that generosity which ever distinguishes it, entered into an agreement with the city by which, at a merely nominal rental, just enough to make the bargain legal, its use as a park and pleasure ground is conceded to the city for 999 years—a term sufficiently long to satisfy the present generation, and some thirty generations to follow, at the end of which time the lease can be renewed. It has been converted into a magnificent park, containing 186 acres, and constitutes a breathing spot and health and pleasure resort sufficiently large in itself to satisfy the wants of our present population, without reference to the other beautiful and convenient pleasure grounds with which Halifax is amply endowed, and which are elsewhere referred to in the *CARNIVAL ECHO*.

Ex-Mayor Mackintosh, in his able and exhaustive general review of affairs of the city government while holding office in 1885, thus referred to Point Pleasant Park: "There are nearly six miles of carriage drives in perfect order, besides some miles of foot-paths winding all over the park. On the west it is bounded by the beautiful waters of the North-West Arm, and on the east by the harbor of Halifax. Point Pleasant, the extreme south boundary, faces the mouth of the harbor, having the Atlantic ocean in full view. Nature has been prodigal in endowing this beautiful park with many spots of extreme loveliness, and although Art has done but little to improve on Nature, the blending of the work of both has resulted in giving to our city what few small communities possess. Two years ago a legacy of

\$5,000, bequeathed by the late William P. West to be used for some purpose in improving the park, was appropriated to the erection of two iron summer houses or pavilions, which greatly add to the beauty of the localities where they are placed, besides affording shade and rest to those who frequent these delightful spots. Sir William Young, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, has for years kindly superintended the work of keeping in order and improving the drives, footpaths, groves, etc., and the present creditable condition of the park is largely owing to his supervision and care. When South Park Street (which is now in process of extension) is opened into the park, it is the intention of Sir William to cause to be erected a handsome pair of iron gates at this the main entrance." Since this was written, Sir William Young, who was an enthusiastic admirer of the beauties of this park, and was largely instrumental in its improvement, has been gathered to his fathers, but his intention with respect to the gates was carried out, and they are there to testify to his generosity and public spirit.

It is an impossible task to describe in detail the bewitching hues of scenery that everywhere surprise and delight the eye as one drives over the smooth and solid roads that wind around and intersect this park in every direction, or as one rambles along the labyrinth of footpaths that disclose inviting nooks and dells in almost boundless profusion. Suffice it to say that no one who visits Halifax should neglect to "do the park." A couple of hours' driving in an open barouche, which may be obtained at the expense of a couple of dollars, will yield an amount of enjoyment out of all proportion to the expense. The pleasing aroma of the evergreen woods is mingled with the bracing airs of the Atlantic, and one feels braced up and invigorated, while the

everlasting rays of a July or August sun may be beating upon his head. Yet Point Pleasant Park is only one of the many health and pleasure resorts which this old city of Halifax "down by the sounding sea" offers to the wearied denizens of the sun-baked inland or less favored seaboard cities of the continent. Carnival visitors will cherish the most pleasing recollections of their drives and walks through this delightful park, with its lovely woods, picturesque drives and health-giving atmosphere.

#### EVENING CONCERTS IN THE GARDENS.

Among the countless attractions of Carnival Week are the two evening promenade concerts in the Public Gardens, which visitors will not fail to take advantage of. The fascinations of these concerts are well known by every Haligonian. Several bands of accomplished musicians occupy positions in various parts of the gardens and discourse choice programmes, while the public promenade the illuminated walks or occupy rustic seats drinking in the sweet music and bracing evening air. A grand display of fireworks lasts from the opening to the close, introducing the latest novel inventions in pyrotechnics. While the central parts of the grounds, where the vast crowds congregate, are brilliantly illuminated, the managers are careful to leave in darkness or semi-darkness numerous shady groves to which fond couples may escape to enjoy themselves in their own delightful fashion. These shaded and secluded spots are numerous enough to accommodate a large portion of the patrons, and with these the concerts are highly popular.