

ing of the new city limits and the annexing and up building of Portland, Indiantown, etc., to afford homes for the out-driven people. This has been the story of all growing cities. Old London and new London compare as one with forty; New York once reached to Canal Street, then to Bond, next to 85th, then to 210th, ten miles from the point, and now perhaps to Albany; Philadelphia began on four square miles, then nine, then twenty-three, and now one hundred and twenty-seven.

As might be expected, railroads have grown and magnified with the growth and importance of the port. There are now two shore lines—one east, one west; a Salmon River and Miramichi country line; the great double track Interecolonial, with its branches, and three through trunk lines to the northern and western portions of the Dominion.

Only three hours to Bathurst, instead of eight as fifty years ago; only ten to Quebec, instead of twenty-two; only fourteen to Montreal, instead of twenty-eight; only seventeen to Ottawa, instead of forty. And by the Suspension Bridge, with its double track, the St. John River has been compelled these forty-five years to keep its grip from the throat of through travel.

You remember the moist and balmy fogs of other days. Well, we still enjoy that luxury in this 20th century; except that nowadays our immense and numerous factories with their almost countless smoking chimneys and steaming pipes, our harbor full of steam shipping, and our seventeen times more house fires and chimneys, vie with old ocean, and we never lack for a breath of almost every flavor of smoke and fog you can name. If in your old age you should pay a visit to the place of your nativity, you can take your choice of dainty and sparkling adulterations of atmosphere.

Our manufactures are immense as compared with those of former days, when the cotton mills were so new here. Now we turn out in a week more than the produce of a whole year then. Where then St. John loaded a car, we now load a whole train; a single vessel then, a whole fleet now, with our exports.

Then we had an embryo park or two, incomplete and unformed; now we have three magnificent parks of large extent, and several smaller ones of most inviting character, all readily reached by our population on holiday and all occasions.

In those days we had no college or university for lad or lass. The public schools and two or three private institutions absorbed