
EXCELLENT PROGRESS IN TORONTO.

After a good deal of agitation the Toronto Playgrounds' Association was formally organized at a meeting held in the City Hall, on June 2nd, 1908. What has been accomplished since then was admirably set forth by Mayor Hocken in his inaugural address to the City Council on January 11, 1914:

“The position of Toronto with respect to the encouragement of outdoor



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recreation is second to no city of like size in America.” Such was Mayor Hocken’s declaration in his Inaugural Message.

“During the past four years,” he said, “we have expended the sum of \$1,472,978 in the purchase of park lands and playgrounds, increasing our holdings in that period from 1,546 acres to 1,845 acres, and to-day these lands are valued at \$13,000,000. There is still pressing need of more park lands in the east, north and northwest portions of the city, but this need being fully recognized, it is intended that at an early date these districts shall be amply provided for in this regard.”