

Normal School, 8 Collegiate Institutes, 2 Industrial Schools, 1 Technical School, 7 Ladies' Schools, 1 Residential Boys' College and several excellent Business Colleges. The public and separate schools and the technical school are absolutely free, and the Toronto public school system is regarded as the most perfect in America. Education in Toronto is within the reach of all and is of a very high type. The public school system leads naturally to the collegiate and thence to the university, and while free education is obtainable up to a point sufficient for any branch of commercial life, the higher branches may also be studied at comparatively small expense.

In the matter of commercial education, Toronto as an important business centre is very well supplied with private schools which train young people for ordinary office appointments as stenographers and bookkeepers. For higher grade work leading to the examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the examinations for commercial specialists prescribed by the Education Department of the province, the institutions commonly known as "Shaw's Schools," including the Central Business College and the Shaw Correspondence School are worthy of special mention. These schools are well known throughout the Dominion and are recognized as the leaders in Canadian commercial education. Under the Board of Education for the city, commercial classes are conducted in the larger public schools, and in the high school of commerce and finance, for which a new building costing \$500,000 is now in course of erection.

Last year medical inspection was introduced into the public schools, and has given the best results.

Playground schools are operated in ten centres of the city. An open air school has been opened in Victoria Park for weak children. Supplies of all kinds are furnished free to the pupils.

Toronto - - A Mecca of Tourists

Each year sees an increase in the tourist traffic of Toronto and in the number of conventions held within its borders. Even yet, however, the almost limitless attractions of the city and country behind it are but partly known. The Muskoka Lakes, famous both for beauty and sport, are each summer the haunt of thousands from Canada and the United States. The Georgian Bay, with its 30,000 islands, is now rivaling Muskoka in popular esteem, while Kawartha Lakes district, with its magnificent bass and maskinonge fishing, is each season becoming a greater favorite. These are only three out of many such resorts that Ontario possesses and which can easily be reached from Toronto. The vast regions of New Ontario contain thousands of miles of lakes, forests and streams, whose resources for sport and pleasure have not yet been even touched. To the tourist from other cities, Toronto itself is a delightful visiting place, replete in beauty and opportunities for enjoyment. Its situation gives it an equable and healthy climate; its excellent street railway service affords great convenience for sight-seeing, and its hotel accommodations are both extensive and moderate in cost. It has been called the "Convention City," and the thousands who have visited it on such occasions, bear cordial testimony to the hospitality of its people and the multitude of its attractions.

Toronto is one city on the American continent where the tourist is not victimized by the hotel keepers, or charged exorbitant prices for the service rendered. The Queen's Hotel, located on Front Street near York, is exclusive, and for more than half a century has been preeminently the leading house of Toronto and one of the most noted in the Dominion. Here have been entertained the royalty and nobility on their visits to Canada. The Queen's is situated in beautiful grounds and overlooks the bay and Lake Ontario. It is but a short distance from the railroad depots and steamboat wharves.

The Walker House, known as the "House of Plenty," has many features which combine to make the remodelled hotel one of the very best in the Dominion. The spirit of harmony in the general management and conduct of each department is its prevailing characteristic. It is situated at the corner of Front and York Streets, with a beautiful outlook across Toronto Bay, Toronto Island and Lake Ontario. Recent improvements have been made and equipments installed totalling \$100,000.00. The proprietors of the Walker House give striking evidence of their unbounded confidence in the future development of Toronto, and are determined to keep in the front rank of progress.

The Prince George, which also ranks among the foremost hotels in Canada, is located at the corner of King and York Streets, in the heart of the business and shopping centre of the city, and in close proximity to the Union Station and all the navigation wharves.