



A SECTION OF TORONTO BAY.

TORONTO.



IN the compilation of this booklet no attempt has been made to produce a publication with literary pretensions, or to write a history showing the growth of Toronto. But while the "facts and figures" that are given may lack embellishment, it is believed that they will prove fascinating, revealing as they do the remarkable progress which has attended the expansion of a modern city.

Toronto was incorporated in the year 1834, when it had a population of nine thousand. It has rapidly taken its place among the leading cities on the American continent, and its population is now approaching half a million.

Favorably situated on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, with woodlands and picturesque ravines, it has become known as "The City of Beautiful Homes," but its rapid expansion is chiefly due to its importance as a manufacturing and commercial centre.

It is able to draw electricity from the Niagara Falls for power and lighting purposes, has magnificent harbour accommodation, and is served by three transcontinental railways. With these facilities it has become a manufacturing and distributing centre for the whole Dominion.

The statistics which are given in the following pages indicating the area of the city, its population, assessment, bank clearings, building growth and manufacturing opportunities