

VALLEYFIELD, CANADA



ALLEYFIELD nestles at the foot of Lake St. Francis, one of the lakes through which the River St. Lawrence passes. Almost within sound of the roar of the water passing down the Rapids of this mighty River lies the picturesque little City of Valleyfield, only a little more than a mile distant from the rapids, where the troubled waters rush downwards between the many picturesque little islands, forming a veritable fairyland. Here, on Saturday afternoons, may be seen picnic parties rejoicing in the cool shade, the music of the waters and the charming prospect. Sportsmen seldom return empty-handed, for the waters abound with fish.

Reclining beneath the trees and lulled to sleep by the music of the waters, it is easy to forget that a mile or so away are the largest cotton mills in Canada.

The object of the following pages is to set before those, into whose hands they may chance to fall, the rare advantages to be found in Valleyfield, by Weavers and others engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods.

To estimate accurately these advantages, it is necessary not only to enquire as to the wages which may be earned, but also to understand what those wages will buy, and the reader will then conclude that few places equal Valleyfield.

It frequently happens that very high wages are associated with a correspondingly high cost of living, or with an unhealthy climate, or with a dangerous occupation. This is not the case in Valleyfield, where the wages are good, whilst the cost of living (for the quality of living enjoyed) is low. The climate of Canada is acknowledged to be one of the healthiest, having more sunshine and clearer skies than can be found in Lancashire and Scotland.