

POINT PLEASANT PARK, HALIFAX.

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ONE of the most beautiful spots in all Nova Scotia (and her sons and daughters think there are many beautiful spots in the province), is Point Pleasant Park, of Halifax, better known as "South Park." It comprises



FIG. 220. "There Are Miles of Splendid Drives."

somewhat over two hundred acres within its borders and occupies the extreme end of the peninsula upon which the city of Halifax is built. The land is owned by the Imperial Government, but in 1875 was leased to the City of Halifax for a period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, at the not unreasonable rental of one shilling per year.

The key note of the park is naturalness, and one is surprised and delighted on leaving the street car and walking the comparatively short distance necessary to reach the Park to find how completely his surroundings have changed. From the hustle and hurry of the city he has passed to the quiet and restfulness of the country. And what a beautiful country. It is the original,

virgin forest, with only enough change to accommodate those who wish to see and enjoy its beauties.

The prevailing trees are the conifers, spruces and pines and hemlocks, but there are also many birches and poplars in certain parts, growing naturally, besides several kinds, especially maples, which have been planted by those in charge. And among and beneath the trees are quantities of native shrubs of all kinds, and more beautiful than all else, the native ferns of Nova Scotia. Add to this a profusion of wild flowers in their seasons and one has a variety of charms such as is not often met with.

There are miles of splendid drives which take one to every part of the park: now skirting the shore and giving one a view of the water with the ships coming and going, and all the beauties and attractions of the sea; then passing through some thick woods where one feels as though he were miles from any human habitation; or again sweep-



FIG. 222. "Now Skirting the Shore and Giving One a View of the Water."