

color, somewhat bordering on red. A growing plant before us also showed the leaves to have a rich velvety appearance, and to be darker than the white variety. So much so, that it was quite easy to distinguish them, when growing side by side. The tree makes a close upright growth, another characteristic of its own.

Whether the bunches of scarlet

berries will follow after the flowers have dropped, we are unable to say, but we see no reason to the contrary.

That this is undoubtedly a grand acquisition to the list of ornamental flowering trees, no one will doubt after seeing it in bloom. Can anyone imagine a more beautiful or unique group on the lawn, than the Red Flowered, the White Flowered and the Weeping Dogwood.'

A RAMBLE IN VICTORIA PARK AND VICINITY.

THE term of Lord Dufferin's rule, as Governor-General of Canada, will long be had in grateful remembrance by that large and constantly increasing number of excursionists from both sides of the line, who, tired with the press of business cares whether of farm, orchard or office, seek much needed rest and recreation without incurring extravagant expenditure. It was in the autumn of 1878 that the suggestion concerning an International Park was made by Lord Dufferin to Governor Robinson, of New York, and in May 1888, that the Victoria Niagara Falls Park was opened to visitors; that on the American side having been opened some three years previously.

To any one who has not visited this park since its emancipation from private greed, the sense of relief, with which one can now view this world-renowned cataract and its surroundings, is most gratifying. From the

Clifton House right away past the Horse-shoe Falls, for a distance of two and a half miles, an area of some one hundred and fifty acres has been improved and beautified by the park commissioners, in a manner which reflects credit upon their taste and good judgment. An effort has been made to restore to the whole surroundings, as much as possible, their natural beauty; and to this end all unsightly buildings have been removed, and the dusty roadway by the riverside replaced by a narrow walk, bordered with grass and trees, and here and there a rustic seat, and a drinking fountain. The rustic entrance is most appropriate in design, and the boundary fences are made of almost invisible gas piping; thus there is little to obstruct or to offend even the cultivated eye of the critical observer.

THE FLORA

of this locality is very rich, and the