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It would be difficult to find throughout Canada more picturesque, and at the same time perfectly advantageous sites for villas, than towards the edge of the mountain above Hamilton, both to the right and left of Barton Lodge. Probably, in a very few years, on the ground over which we wandered amid the wildest forest scenery, country-houses, and villas, and crescents, and even rows and streets, will stand thickly clustered together.

The great drawback to Hamilton and its immediate neighbourhood, is the Dundas Lake and its marshy shore. From the shallowness of the water, and the quantity of decayed vegetable matter it contains, the vapours arising from it in the spring and autumn bring certain æææ on their noxious wings. Truly the plague comes on their wings; for not only near the marsh, but to a considerable distance along the plain under the foot of the mountain and up the deep gullies I have described, the wind at times blows the vapour, and as certainly as it does so, those living within its influence suffer from the æææ. A family I visited, whose house was situated in a most picturesque position, a little way down the side of the ravine, and but a few feet only from the highest part of the mountain, suffered sadly from a draught of air constantly bringing up through the pass the vapours of the lake, which yet lay two hundred feet below them. Had their house been built a hundred yards to the right of where it stands, they would have probably escaped the visitation. However, I should think that no more healthy sites for dwellings can be found in any part of Canada than those overlooking Burlington Bay. I did not hear that the ground on which Hamilton itself stands is considered unhealthy, though in the summer the heat is very considerable. When the wind blows over the