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## WESTMOUNT :: THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

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In this park is situated a fine modern library, housed in a handsome building of terra cotta and brick. This library originated in rather a curious way. In 1897, when building operations cost much less than now, the city came into a sum of \$15,000, which was awarded it as damages in a lawsuit against a certain gas company. The municipal authorities carefully considered how best to invest this money so as to benefit the entire community, and ultimately it was decided to use it in the erection of a public library. The pretty library building in the park is evidence of the foresight and wisdom with which this excellent suggestion was carried out. The library for the past sixteen years has been under the capable and devoted supervision of Miss Saxe, who now has four able assistants.

In the main library there are 18,000 volumes for circulation and 500 for reference. In the special juvenile department there are over 3,500 volumes. The reading room contains 82 of the world's best periodicals. The library is free to all living in Westmount or owning property there, while the reading room is free to every visitor, regardless of residence.

Other institutions in Westmount include a fine Y.M.C.A. building, with all modern equipment, including a swimming pool. There is also a most active lawn bowling club, whose grounds form a picturesque centre of attraction every evening in summer, and there are, of course, various other sport clubs.

### *Model School System*

THE school system of Westmount is perhaps the finest in the Dominion, and there is none better on the continent. The children find here the most modern system of education from the kindergarten to the High School. From the latter they may matriculate for the University. The school buildings are big, airy, fireproof, commodious structures, replete with every convenience for the comfort, health and safety of the scholars. There are five Protestant schools, and two Catholic. The school staffs are most able and loyal, and the scholars make a showing in their examinations every year of which the city is justly proud.

### *The Public Utilities*

IN regard to public utilities, Westmount is well served. It has a rapid street car service on both the upper and lower levels, one line giving the easiest access to Mount Royal of any, and all affording quick service to or from Montreal. It has a fine supply of pure, filtered water, and it also has its own municipal lighting plant. Moreover, the streets