



LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM THE "SPECTATOR" BUILDING.

wires from end to end of the line during eighteen hours out of every twenty-four. During the year 1900 the H. G. & B. carried 258,830 passengers and 6,624 tons and 278,980 packages of fruit in the express cars, in addition to 224 steam car-loads of fruit delivered to other companies in refrigerator cars, to be taken to Winnipeg and other distant points. The company's total traffic for the year was 232,576 car miles. The business of the road for 1900, compared with 1895, shows an increase of fully 56 per cent.

#### THE GARDEN OF CANADA.

No inconsiderable portion of the trade of Hamilton is derived from the fertile fields of the Niagara peninsula, which has become justly celebrated as the "Garden of Canada." This is essentially a fruit-growing district and the peaches and grapes that it produces are not surpassed in size, quality or flavor by any the world grows. It is estimated that fully \$150,000 worth of fruit—exclusive of apples—is absorbed by Hamilton alone in one season, and that the total yield is worth fully \$400,000 annually, with the apples probably \$1,000,000. The country between Hamilton and Niagara—a distance of 42 miles—is one long succession of orchards and nurseries. The natural beauty of the scenery is enhanced by elegant dwellings, farm houses and buildings that indicate a very general condition of pros-



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perity. Each season of the year has its own peculiar attractions. The long vista of trees in blossom in the spring time, stretching as far as eye can see, relieved by the bright green of the newly budding trees on heights that rise from the beach of Lake Ontario, with the glinting sunshine sparkling in the ripples of its waters, makes the beholder feel that he has reached Paradise at last. As the green fruit succeeds the flower and its sun-kissed cheeks become suffused with blushes that seem to speak of conscious loveliness, until the perfection of its luscious symmetry is reached in full maturity, while the brown tints of autumn succeed the bright glow of summer, the soil is veritably satiated with plenty, and the throngs of busy harvesters gather the precious fruit that is to gladden the hearts of countless multitudes in distant places. Winter follows with its ice and snow that give the scene an appearance akin to arctic regions and seem to belie the thought that the fields thus hidden are but receiving renewed fertility to produce the semi-tropical crop of corn and tomatoes that will follow with the succeeding summer.

Strangers visiting Hamilton are accorded the most generous hospitality and numerous public bodies and conventions are welcomed to the city by the Mayor and the Aldermen in the name of the people every year. The fact that so many railroads join hands, as it were, over the head of the Lake makes this an ideal convention city, equally accessible to visitors from the United States and all parts of Canada.

#### THE JOCKEY CLUB.

Hamilton is one of the four places comprised in the Canadian Racing Circuit and its meetings form some of the most important events in the social life of the city. The affairs of the club are directed by men of national reputation. They are: Samuel Barker, M.P., president; William Hendrie, Jr., first vice-president; F. C. Bruce, M.P., second vice-president; Major J. S. Hendrie (Mayor of Hamilton), and R. S. Morris, John M. Harris, A. B. Osborne, P. D. Cramer, F. J. Monck, directors; T. B. Martin, secretary-treasurer.

The Hamilton Jockey Club's race track is situated on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, 60 miles from Buffalo and within one hour's travel by rail from Toronto. During the races trains run almost hourly from these points, the railroads granting the rate of a single fare for the round trip. Electric cars run from the city to the track gates and the hotel on the club's premises offers rest and refreshment at reasonable rates. There is excellent accommodation for horses, which can be shipped through by steamer from Toronto or by rail, and in the latter case are landed direct at the track gates. The spring meeting of 1901 is fixed for June 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Twenty-six purses are offered, ranging in value from \$250 to \$650. The rules of the New York Jockey Club (1900) prevail and the secretary's address is "Spectator" building, Hamilton.



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