

ISLAND COVE, NEAR HALIFAX

tions in and around the city, so that, from the seaward at least, it is today probably impregnable.

Moreover, Halifax has for years been the summer rendezvous of the British North Atlantic fleet, and the presence in the harbor of a half dozen or more great warships, together with a regiment or two of soldiers on land, means much to the social life of the city.

It is a city where the god of war stands hand in hand with commerce,

"Yet in her parks the children laugh and play, With bluest eyes and Saxon hair of flax; And maids and matrons go their quiet way Among the homes of Halifax."

To-day it is Canadian soldiers who stalk about "with heads erect, and straight their scarlet backs," for the Mother Country has lately turned over to the young Dominion the responsibility of policing its far-flung territory.

The picturesque city offers an almost endless program of outdoor and indoor enjoyments. There are many public buildings and memorials to be visited, including the Province Building, in which the Provincial Legislature meets, and in which there is an excellent library and a fine collection of portraits.

The Public Gardens, where the military band plays Saturday afternoons, and where illuminated concerts are frequently given, is a pronounced triumph of the landscape gardener's art and well

worthy the superlatives that are bestowed on it.

Likewise, the splendid park at Point Pleasant, on the seaward side of the city, well deserves the encomiums that have been paid it. It is a lovely and romantic forest reservation, its shores washed by the cool and clear waters of the Atlantic, and where one may leisurely tread the "foot-



HALIFAX HARBOR, FROM DARTMOUTH