

silence and a sense of remoteness from the restless world of labor and business that will make it difficult to realize that he is not many miles distant from the sights and sounds of civilization.

While strangers go into raptures over the attractions of our public parks and pleasure grounds, there are very many citizens of Toronto who are but little acquainted with the picturesque and romantic scenes at their own doors. Occasional outings may have given them some slight acquaintance with those more accessible or generally frequented, but there are many beautiful localities which are entirely unknown to them. They do not as yet fully realize how easily and cheaply many places which formerly required a tedious journey to reach them can now be visited owing to the extension and improvement of the street railway system. It no longer requires half a day to make a trip to High Park, Victoria Park or the more distant of our suburban resorts. There is no doubt that if the public generally knew how readily some of the suburban attractions could be reached, many more people than now avail themselves of the advantages of fresh air and rural scenery would spend their leisure hours amid these healthy and delightful surroundings. There are hundreds of well-to-do people who know comparatively little of the charming and diversified landscapes lying within half an hour's ride of their own doors, who will take long trips into the country to distant resorts, often involving fatigue, expense and discomfort to spend a short time among scenes not nearly so attractive as those at home which they leave unvisited. The object of this publication is to give the public a better idea of the many beautiful and easily accessible spots in the immediate neighborhood which can be reached by the street railway system.

Probably the main reason why the suburban parks and open spaces are not better known and more frequented by the general public, is that hitherto there has been no public and inexpensive means of access to them upon the only day of the week when the vast majority have leisure and opportunity for an outing. Sabbatarianism pushed to an unreasonable extreme by