

Toronto...

A Great Summer Resort.



TORONTO has a history and a past, undoubtedly. Over two hundred years ago, in the early days of French rule, Toronto is mentioned in their old records. In 1719 the French established a trading post and fort here, naming the settlement Fort Rouillé.

Seven years later this fort was dismantled and abandoned by the French, owing to lack of sufficient military protection for those very troublous times. In May, 1793, Lieutenant-Colonel John Graves Simcoe, appointed Governor of Upper Canada during the previous year, arrived from England and established the town of York, landing at a spot near the mouth of the Don River. In 1834 the town was incorporated as a city, resuming its old Indian name Toronto. This title

signified "a place of meeting" for the French and Indian voyageurs and wandering native tribes.

But it is of the present time that this work deals.

Modern Toronto! gay, bustling, mirth-loving Toronto! A beautiful city, with wide, clean streets, massive down-town warehouses of hewn stone and brick, palatial stores thronged with armies of shoppers. Uptown, the residential thoroughfares, each with its bright border of greensward, lined with avenues of luxuriant shade trees, the leafy horsechestnut and sturdy maple (Canada's dear emblem), flanked on either side by the mansions of the wealthy, or the cottage of the artisan. Such a city is Toronto, with a background of low, billowy hills, skirted east and west by beautifully laid out parks, pretty rivers and streams, and situated on a splendid harbor. Across the harbor lies the "Island," beyond and around heave and glisten the clear, cool waters of Lake Ontario. Over all, the bright blue dome of an Italian sky completes a picture as fair as one will find on this continent. No wonder is it that this city is year by year increasing in favor as a most fitting place for holding monster conventions, as an objective point for large excursions, and as an ideal abiding place during the summer season.