

city is one of great capabilities, and that, should it be its good fortune to become, through the proposed railway system, the outlet of the riches of the West, together with the gold, iron, and coal mines of the Province, a great future is before it, whilst it is already one of the richest cities in North America of its size.

Amongst its numerous public buildings is the Province Building, situated in the centre of the city, built of free stone, 140 feet long, 70 feet wide, and 42 feet in height; contains all the Provincial Offices, Legislative Library, Council Chamber, and House of Assembly. The new Court House, situated in Spring Garden Road—a large, handsome freestone building—containing the several Law Courts, Prothonotary's Office, &c. Dalhousie College, new Club House, Banks, Insurance Offices, and mercantile houses, built of free stone, would do honor to any city in Europe, and cannot be surpassed for architectural beauty by any city of the same size on the continent of America.

Halifax is able to offer a very varied list of amusements, viz., the Temperance Hall, devoted to lectures throughout the winter, Exhibitions of Panoramas, Concerts, and Public Meetings.

Mason's Hall—Its spacious rooms are used for public balls during the season, bazaars and public meetings, as well as by the fraternity.

The Lyceum, devoted to dramatic representations. The Horticultural Gardens are thrown open to the public twice a week, when visitors are regaled with the delightful music of Military and Naval Bands. Bazaars, fetes, with evening entertainments and fire-works, afford a constant and pleasing change of programme. During the winter months the new Skating Rink, being lit with gas, and the visitors enlivened with the music of Military Bands, affords the ladies and gentlemen of Halifax an opportunity of enjoying, in all weathers, the pleasing and healthful exercise of skating.

Leahy's and Rhind's Gardens, north-west corner of the Common, and Harris's Hot-house, near the Dockyard, are worthy of a visit; whilst Downs's Aviary, on the N. W. Arm, forms a most charming retreat. The exhibition contains specimens of Natural History, preserved as well as alive, from all parts of the world. Frequent excursions up the Basin and the waters of the N. W. Arm serve to afford strangers, as well as citizens, a constant round of recreation, both summer and winter.

THE HARBOR.—The magnificent and picturesque Harbor of Halifax is so spacious and land-locked that a thousand vessels might ride in it in safety. It is accessible at all seasons of the year, and is to be prized for the facility of its entrance, general situation, and proximity