




CANADIAN SUMMER RESORT GUIDE.

TORONTO.



THE reputation of the "Queen City" as a popular summer resort is so well established that it would be superfluous to dwell overmuch on its many claims on the tourist or to expatiate on its varied attractions and advantages. Suffice it to say that every succeeding summer witnesses an ever increasing flow of visitors from all parts of the United States. Few cities, if any, possess such a variety of attractions and means of enjoyment as Toronto. It is a beautiful city, with wide, clean streets, massive down-town warehouses of hewn stone and brick, palatial stores thronged with armies of shoppers, handsome club houses—aquatic, athletic and social—stately churches and imposing public edifices. Uptown, the residential thoroughfares, each with its bright border of green sward, lined with avenues of luxuriant shade trees, the leafy horse-chestnut and sturdy maple (Canada's dear emblem), flanked on either side by the mansions of the wealthy, or the cottages 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.

PARKS AND PLEASURE RESORTS.

The City of Toronto covers a space of over 16 square miles. Within the city limits there is an area of over 11,000 acres of public parks and gardens. The lake frontage of the city proper is 8 miles in extent. On the eastern confines are Scarborough Heights, Kew Beach, Bahny Beach and Manro Park. Bordering on the western limits are High Park, Humber River and Long Branch. These places are all reached by street car. Seven miles west of Long Branch lies Lorne Park. Grimsby Park is 36 miles south-west from Toronto. These are reached by boat or Grand Trunk Railway. Toronto's street railway system is probably the best and cheapest on the continent;