

Electricity turns night into day. Silent and swift-gliding elevators convey their passengers from floor to floor, and all combine to render the hotel unparalleled, whilst the conducting of its internal economy has been raised by the personal supervision of its proprietor to the dignity of a fine art ; and, seemingly, the very mention of his name appears to insure to the visitor the satisfaction of every gastronomic want, proclaiming for the table of the Rossin an enviable renown among all who have participated in its delights, and the visitor to Toronto remembers with feelings of pleasure in aftertime the acquaintance made with the affable and ever pleasant host of the bustling, social Rossin, and its economical charges.

The Normal School is the centre of the public school system of the Province, and the system pursued will afford gratification to those having time to inspect its workings, and who are interested in the education of the masses as a means for the advancement of Christian civilization. The Botanical Gardens surrounding it are kept in fine order, and the conservatories display a choice assortment of flora and fauna. In the Art Gallery is an excellent collection of paintings and statuary. The offices of the Minister of Education, and the Depository of Books, etc., are located in the building. The Hon. Minister, G. W. Ross, of Strathroy, formerly M.P., is at present actively engaged in evolving a practical system of imparting useful knowledge to the rising generation, as nearly perfect as any on the continent, and which will amply repay the time expended in perusal.

But leaving the city, we take the N. and N. W. R., a system extending in its ramifications some 500 miles, and rush through a delightful suburban country, its meadows rich in hay and growing crops, the inviting shade of its woodlands seemingly offering to the traveller quietness, repose, and peace ; passing its fields almost ripe with golden grain, we reach the cosy villages of Aurora and Bradford, catching a glimpse of Lake Simcoe, at Belle Ewart, and arrive at Allandale, some 63 miles from Toronto, at which place refreshments can be had, served in a style and comfort unequalled on this continent. The junction of the Muskoka, Penetanguishine and Meaford branches of the N. R. R. occurring here, a refreshment station became a necessity, and Mr. S. S. Meeking certainly takes a pride in the reputation he has already established for his station. From this point the view is delightful ; a stretch of clear water, a little more than a mile in width, extends some nine miles to the main body of Lake Simcoe, whilst directly opposite we see at a glance the entire town of