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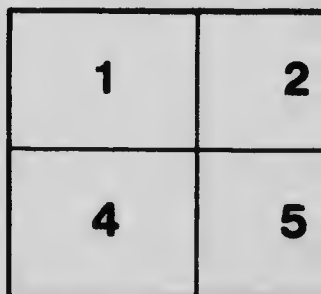
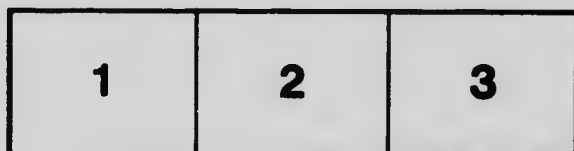
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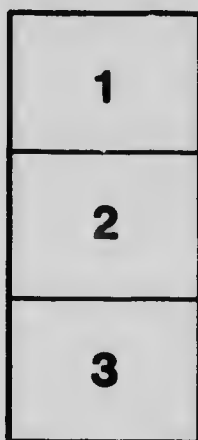
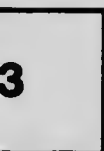
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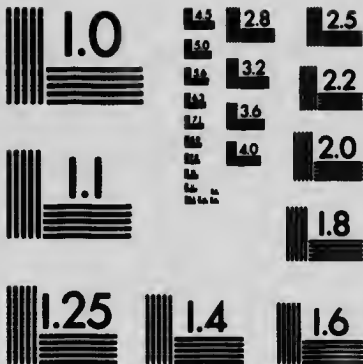
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	<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b> on the <b>Metropolitan Railway</b>	
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**A**FTER leaving the C. P. R. Crossing, North Toronto, the first interesting place is Reservoir Park, so named from the fact that the principal Reservoir of the Toronto Water Works is located here—on Summerhill Avenue to the east. This miniature lake covers nine acres, and is floored and walled with stone.

The first notable point on Yonge Street, the great highway traversed by the Metropolitan is Gallows



Hill, it is the first eminence ascended after leaving the C. P. R. Crossing at North Toronto. In December, 1837, the Government forces and those of William Lyon Mackenzie had an indecisive skirmish near here. On the brow of the elevation on east side of the street is the residence and beautiful grounds of Mr. E. H. Jackes, "The Elms," where, about 100 feet east of the road, stands a celebrated elm tree measuring 27 feet in circumference, the trunk branching into two parts a little above the ground. One story is that at the time of the uprising two of Mackenzie's followers were executed on this tree. Early in the past century the highway was a little west of where it is now, and was considerably narrower, with high banks on either side. The other story relative to its being so designated is that a supposed suicide, never identified, was

found hung from this tree by a farmer driving under it one night on his way home from the city.

DEER PARK is a delightful suburb with handsome residences, as the land rises abruptly a grand view is to be obtained from the brow of the fore mentioned hill. To the east of Yonge Street, on St. Clair Avenue, is a commodious red brick Public School House.

South of the gates of St. Michael's Cemetery are located the greenhouses and nurseries of E. Grain-



Scene on Metropolitan Railway

ger & Co. This firm retain several men who attend to the care of cemetery plots. Their establishment is up to date in every way. They import trees, plants, seeds and bulbs and have extensive apiaries in connection.

St. Michael's Cemetery on the west side of the road, with its numerous monuments and headstones, is the Roman Catholic burying ground.

Directly opposite St. Michael's are the large and extensive premises of the Van Zant Granite and Marble Works. This firm have produced many of the fine monuments to be seen in all of the city cemeteries, and on account of their excellent location adjacent to St. Michael's and Mt. Pleasant, are enabled to produce their work promptly.

Christ Church, a dark frame structure, is next passed, beautifully situated on the left, at the forks of the road.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, situated on the east side of Yonge Street, is the largest and most beautiful cemetery in Canada, comprising over 230

acres. Its prettily laid out walks, artistically arranged flower beds, carefully attended graves, wooded ravines, large ponds and silvery waterfalls, ranks this city of the departed among the most interesting points in the vicinity of the metropolis.

DAVISVILLE, a pretty suburban village. To the east is another fine large public school, while to the west a splendid view is obtained of the Upper Canada College, the property of the Ontario Government.

EGLINTON, an exceedingly beautiful village, received its name from a descendant of the house of



Scene on Metropolitan Railway

Eglinton of Scotland, Alexander Montgomery, who settled here in 1802. His son John was the occupant of the hotel known as Montgomery's until immediately before the outbreak here in '37, when he removed to his farm, which was beautifully situated on slightly elevated ground a little to the west. Linfoot, or Lingfoot, was the landlord here at the time of the rising. This locality, like many other districts, has been the site ages ago of aboriginal settlements.

On Eglinton, in December, 1837, the attention of all Canada was centered. Here was spilt the first blood in Upper Canada in the struggle for Responsible Government. The machinations of the Family Compact, which might almost be said to have controlled the Legislative Assembly, culminated in an uprising here under the leadership of William Lyon Mackenzie. Those who took the side of the Government were known as Loyalists, while those who were opposed to it, or rather to the laws as they were administered at this period, called themselves Patriots, by the opposite party they were known as rebels.

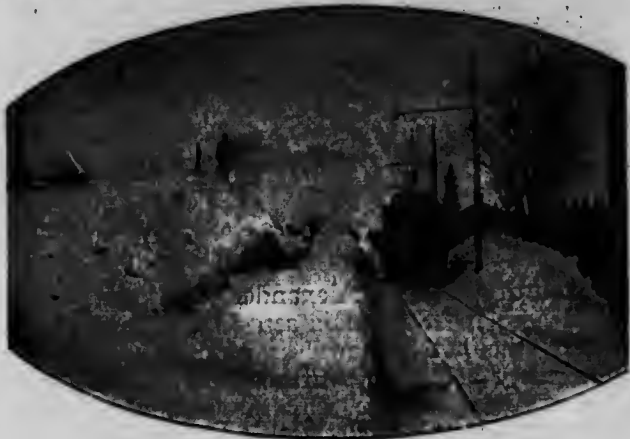
Until very recently a frame house stood on Yonge

Street near Victoria Avenue, with an aperture caused by a cannon ball fired by the Government forces 65 years ago, and not long since arms and accoutrements were dug up in this locality. To demonstrate the great elevation here above the city, a brick in the northeast wall of the Oulcott house, within reach of the hand, bears an inscription to the effect that it is on a level with the top of the spire of St. James' Cathedral.

Glen Grove Park, formerly the home of the Beatty family, and for some years a pleasure park controlled by the railway.

Bedford Park, an enchanting residential suburb, as the car speeds along a well-wooded country, is observable to the east.

**YORK MILLS** (sometimes called Hogg's Hollow) nestles in a great hollow, receiving its nickname from James Hogg, who established flour mills here. The western branch of the Don is crossed here by a



fine iron bridge. Here is located a sub-station of the Metropolitan Power House at Bond Lake.

Yonge Street formerly made a detour to the east, striking the highway again at a point farther north than St. John's Church, which is beautifully situated on an eminence in plain view from the car. On this site was established one of the first rectories in Upper Canada. Canon Osler, recently deceased, was rector here for a great many years. The raised embankment now traversed by the railway was constructed in 1835. In 1878 there were immense freshets all over Ontario, the bridge here being destroyed and the banks washed down.

**LANSING.** Approaching this village are to be seen the huge barns and handsome residences of Mr. Bales and his son, who carry on one of the

largest dairy farms in Canada. On a fine level stretch of ground to the west is a structure of the pagoda style of architecture which reminds one of the land of One Lung. This was erected by one Shephard, the landlord of the Inn which bore his name, standing where the Golden Lion Hotel is now, at Lansing. He had a penchant for carving, a magnificent representation of the king of beasts which did duty over the verandah of the Inn being an example of his handiwork. Which lion and hotel were burnt some years ago. Immediately to the south of the hotel stood for seventy-five years a mud driving shed which has only recently been levelled.

**WILLOWDALE.** Here resided David Gibson, a prominent figure in the affairs of 1837. His house was burned by order of Sir Francis Bond Head after the skirmish at Montgomery's. On the right side of the road is the Willowdale Methodist Church, and to the eastward was a great camp ground in the early part of last century, where the noble red men from Lakes Simcoe and Scugog congregated for the purpose of worship.



Winter Snow Drift Blockade

**FINCH'S CORNERS** is the next stop. Numerous orchards are passed along the route, apples being the principal fruit cultivated.

**NEWTONBROOK** was at one time named Montgomeryville, after John Montgomery.

**STEEL'S.** The hotel here is kept by a son of the landlord who in the middle of the last century managed the hostelry at Bond Lake. About 1½ miles east of here, at Duncan's farm, between the 2nd and 3rd concessions, Matthews was captured, who with Lount was executed in 1838.

At the switch on the railway a little to the north of Steel's a magnificent panorama of the country to the east is before the passenger. With the naked

eye on a clear day, elevated ground east of Chalk Lake, which is 30 miles distant, is plainly discernible, and the view is pronounced by tourists one of the finest on the continent.

**THORNHILL.** The village was so named in honor of Mr. B. Thorne, who arrived here from Dorsetshire, England, in 1820, and built a residence on the bluff overlooking the east branch of the Don, which is crossed at this point. The early settlers of Thornhill were principally English.

**LANGSTAFF.** Just north of here is the celebrated Russell Farm, owned and managed by James and William Russell. This farm is the home of one of the largest herds of thoroughbred Durham cattle in Canada.

**RICHMOND HILL** is picturesquely situated on an elevation over 600 feet above the level of Lake On-



Scene near York Mills on Metropolitan Railway

tario. From the tower of the Presbyterian Church may be obtained a pleasing view of a wide range of scenery, the elevated position of the village renders it free from Miasma and Malaria, the village has a population of about 700 inhabitants and was incorporated in 1873. It has four handsome Churches, High and Public Schools, two fine hotels, halls for Agricultural, Masonic and Temperance purposes, various lodges and societies, a public reading room and a library of over 4,000 volumes, a newspaper, "The Liberal," a well-equipped Fire Brigade and an efficient Brass Band. Its sanitary

conditions are excellent, its sidewalks concrete, and its streets beautiful with Canada's national tree, "the Maple." The village of Richmond Hill was first settled by U. E. Loyalists, French Refugees and Government land purchasers. It was first known as Miles' Hill, after Abner Miles, a York hotel keeper, who later became the owner of 1,000 acres in this locality, then known as Mount Pleasant. The present name was suggested when last century was in its teens, by Mr. Benjamin Barnard, its first public school teacher. Among the memorials of the village at the north end on the east side about twenty feet from the street there is still standing the residence from which Colonel Moodie rode to his death in 1837.

Mr. P. G. Savage is Reeve of the municipality, and in his business capacity acts as the local representative of the Confederation Life Association of Toronto.

The oldest Postmaster in Canada, both in point of years as well as service, is still on duty here, hale and hearty in spite of his eighty odd years, in the person of Mr. M. Teefy. He has discharged the duties of Postmaster here continuously for over 53 years.

Resuming the journey northward the well tilled land with comfortable ivy-covered domiciles, commodious barns and silos demonstrate the fact that this is a farming district second to none in the Province.





To the west, between Richmond Hill and Maple was located at one time the Patterson Implement Manufactory. There were also mink preserves on a small scale in the same proximity, these animals being raised for their fur.

ELGIN MILLS P.O. Mr. M. Naughton is the Postmaster. Here is located a large tannery carried on by James and Andrew Newton, the former being a Justice of the Peace. On the west side of the road with the chimney still standing are the ruins of Dixon's grist mill, burned about the middle of last century.

A short distance further north, about 200 yards west of the road, with an orchard in front, stands the house where Kinnear and his housekeeper were foully murdered on July 27th, 1843.

As the next point, JEFFERSON, is approached, the traveller is struck by the great elevation of the country hereabouts, the North Toronto Reservoir away to the southwest may be easily seen. The car is now rapidly approaching the Mecca of the pleasure seeker, passing close to the large car sheds and the coal house with its chute running down to the Company's magnificent power house, the passenger gets a glimpse of BOND LAKE nestling in a wooded dell to the right, one of the most beautiful sheets of water in Ontario. Connecting with the arrival



Metropolitan Ry., Power House, Bond Lake.

of the Metropolitan Railway cars the Schomberg & Aurora Railway train is in waiting nearby. A

few hundred yards further on and the entrance to the Park is reached. To one side of the road on



the left is an historic spot. Here, previous to the building of the Northern Railway in the middle of the past century, Thomas Steele dispensed hospitality to the Governors, Army Officers and other transients to and from on Yonge Street, the great highway between Toronto, then known as "Muddy York," and Penetanguishene, an important point in those days. William Bond, the first owner of the Lake and the surrounding land, drew his patent from the Government in 1798.

Another ancient domicile to the right of the entrance to the Park is a trim little log house which was erected by Sir John Beverly Robinson, who in the early part of the last century owned Bond Lake and the surrounding land, comprising about 400 acres.

**BOND LAKE PARK.**—Midway between Richmond Hill and Aurora, is Bond Lake Park, comprising about 200 acres, prettily situated on rising ground—the elevation here being 720 feet above the level of Lake Ontario—and a beautiful inland lake 55 acres in extent, the waters of which are cool and clear, and sheltered on every side. Within the park, which at night is brilliantly illuminated, are many beautifully wooded trees, such as cedar, spruce, maple, pine and other varieties; a splendidly shaded promenade, a magnificent dancing pavilion, numerous swings and rain shelters scattered throughout.

In the pavilion is a booth for the sale of fruit, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, tea, coffee, cigars, etc. The park and lake are certainly among the most enchanting spots of Ontario, and for Sunday school picnics or other excursion parties is an ideal place, particularly for the little ones, who may rove around to their hearts content.

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Interior View of Metropolitan Ry. Car

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OAK RIDGES forms the height of land between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay. Rain falling here runs towards both bodies of water on either side of the Ridges. The tourist is now among the famed Highlands of York County, a rugged, picturesque part of the country, which presents many interesting features. There are many lakes and ponds scattered all through this region. On the 2nd concession of Whitechurch here is the Estate of Mr. Henry Quetten St. George, who in his lifetime was almost the only representative of the old French Royalist Settlement in this neighborhood.

Pinnacle. So named from the fact that it is the most elevated point of the Oak Ridges. It is about 800 feet above the level of Lake Ontario.

Aurora Cemetery on the east side of the road is next passed, and Aurora, G.T.R. Crossing, next.

AURORA, formerly called Machell's Corners, situated on a small branch of the Holland River. There are several manufactories, including Implement Works, Flour Mills, a Shoe Factory and a Tannery.



Interior View of Power House, Metropolitan Ry.

It has a High School and the finest Public School between Toronto and Barrie. The Public Library Board, having about 2,500 volumes, own the Mechanics' Hall, with seating capacity of 600.

It has an English Church, Methodist, Presbyterian and Disciples Churches. The town is possessed of its own water works.

Holland River is next crossed three times within a short distance. The river receives its name from Major Holland, who was Surveyor General of the Province of Quebec before Upper Canada became a separate Province.

Quaker Meeting House. About half a mile south of Mulock's Corners is the Quaker Meeting House, a frame structure on the west side of the road.

Mulock's Corners. Here is the palatial residence of Postmaster General Mulock, with its Walnut Grove and rustic fences very pleasing to the eye.

The Industrial Home for the County of York is to be seen about half a mile to the north of Mulock's Corners; it is a red brick structure with 50 acres of ground.

The railway leaves Yonge Street at Mulock's Corners and runs for a little distance in a north easter-

ly direction, curving again to the north just before Newmarket is reached.

NEWMARKET, situated on the east branch of the Holland River, is a town of historical interest. The foundation of its prosperity was laid by Elisha Beaman, who came here from New York State in 1806 and established mills and stores. The town was one of the centres of agitation against the Family Compact previous to and in the year 1837. It has a High, Public and Separate School. The New Royal Hotel, of which Mr. A. W. Evans is proprietor, is a really excellent house, being up to date and far ahead of the ordinary out-of-town hotel. It is electric lighted and has running water, is tastefully furnished and provides an excellent table. A bus meets all trains.

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	P. M....	2 25	3 40	4 40	6 40	7 55	
Town Line, Witchurch Jefferson P. O. Con. Road, Lot 55 Elgin Mills P. O.							
<b>Lv. RICHMOND HILL.</b>	A. M....	7 00	8 10	9 55	11 55		
	P. M....	2 40	3 55	4 55	6 55	8 10	
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<b>Lv. THORNHILL P.O.</b>	A. M....	7 15	8 20	10 05			
	P. M....	12 05	2 50	4 05	5 05	7 05	8 20
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<b>Ar. TORONTO.</b>	A. M....	7 45	9 00	10 45			
(C.P.R. CROSSING)	P. M....	12 45	3 30	4 45	5 45	7 45	9 00

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## TIME TABLE

## GO'VG NORTH

	A. M.	P. M.
<b>Lv. TORONTO</b>	7 20	5 45
Via Metropolitan Ry.		
<b>Lv. BOND LAKE JOT.</b>	8 30	6 50
Yonge St.		
<b>Ar. SCHOMMERS</b>	9 00	7 45

## GOING SOUTH

<b>Lv. SCHOMMERS</b>	7	5 45
<b>Lv. BOND LAKE JOT.</b>	8 00	6 45
Via Metropolitan Ry.		
<b>Ar. TORONTO</b>	00	9 00

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