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The natural situation of Halifax is exceedingly fine. The *city*, properly speaking, comprises the whole of a peninsula formed by the harbor, on the east, and by a river-like inlet from the harbor, called the North-West Arm, on the south south-west. The harbor, after narrowing very much as we proceed northward, suddenly expands into Bedford Basin, which bounds the peninsula on the north. This peninsula extends four and a half miles in extreme length—that is, from Point Pleasant to the Basin. The width across the middle, and which is pretty nearly its average width is two miles. The width of the isthmus, from the head of the North-West Arm to the nearest point on Bedford Basin is about one mile and a half. The arm of the sea, from which branch off the inlets and expansions already mentioned, is called Chebucto Bay.

Nature seems to have done everything that could be wished to make this peninsula of Halifax the site of a magnificent city. The whole of the area already described is available for building purposes, comfortable streets, parks, pleasure grounds, &c., on a regular plan at a less cost than usually has to be incurred in the laying out and building of a town. For a distance of ten miles, following the sinuosities of the shore, its borders, with the exception of about a quarter of a mile at Point Pleasant, where a shoal and a ledge make out seaward, are washed by what navigators call "good water." The

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whole of that distance, with the exception named, is available for wharves, piers, and quays, with sufficient depth of water to admit vessels close in shore, and with good "holding ground" in front.

The more compactly built portion of the city—the town proper—lies along the eastern side of this peninsula, and consequently on the western shore of the harbour. It is built, for the most part, on the slope of a hill, the summit of which is surmounted by Fort George or the Citadel. The best view of the town is when seen from the opposite, or Dartmouth, shore; but the prospect from Citadel Hill is one which no visitor should fail to see. We will suppose him there upon the ramparts, or outside the works, at an angle of one of the bastions. Clustering almost beneath his feet, and spreading out more visibly on his either hand, north and south, is the town. Beyond it lies what is often, and probably with truth, called "the finest harbor in the world." Set in it, like a gem, is the green, mound-like George's Island, crowned by Fort Charlotte. These waters—blue as ever the Mediterranean was—stretch away to the right, or south-west, laving for miles the shores of McNab's Island, with its forest-clad hills and breezy downs; gleaming through the dark pine tops of the luxuriant Tower Woods; mirroring the pretty village of Falkland, which seems to clamber up the steep hill side from the lofty summit of which frowns York Redoubt; now playfully rippling and now rolling in, curling and foaming waves, over Point Pleasant ledges and the more distant Thrum Cap shoal; until off Sambro, about nine miles distant, it becomes one with the broad Atlantic. On the other hand, to the northward, this

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sheet of water contracts in width, forming what are called *The Narrows*, the shores of which are beautifully variegated with groves, green fields, and pretty clusters of houses. Pursuing the view still farther in that direction, we may catch a glimpse of Bedford Basin over the shoulders of the hills which form the northern part of the peninsula. Turn to the rear or westward, and Halifax Common spreads out from the base of Citadel hill, an expanse which is, every year, being more extensively planted and otherwise improved, and will soon be a charming public park. This—more properly the *North Common*—comprises, together with the Public Gardens, an extent of about ninety acres. Of this area the Public Gardens comprise over fourteen acres. They are kept in first rate order, contain ponds and fountains, and a croquet lawn, and, although comparatively new, are already a delightful public promenade and a great boon to the citizens of Halifax. Beyond this Common there extends west, north and south a great and nearly level plateau, which will, doubtless, at no distant day, be the heart of the town as well as of the city, of Halifax. Already the work of building has been vigorously commenced in that section of the peninsula. The view in that direction is bound by precipitous wooded hills, beyond the deep gulch, at the bottom of which the waters of the North-West Arm cannot be seen from this point of view. Turning your eyes once more in the direction of the harbour, we see on its farther shore the pretty and thriving town of Dartmouth, built down to the water's edge and backed by bold, wood-crowned hills, the slope of which is dotted with tasteful villas, and through one of the depressions of which we may catch a glimpse of the picturesque

Dartmouth lakes. Indeed, in whatever direction the eye is turned from the point of view we have selected, it is met with a prospect of rare beauty.

As favorite resorts for promenaders, the first place must be given to the *Public Gardens* and the adjoining *North Common*, which have already been briefly described. For many years past, it has been customary for a military band to play in these Gardens on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the Summer and Autumn, at which time they are usually visited by crowds of the *elite* of the city. They are also the favorite place for holding evening, open air concerts, which have been very popular in Halifax of late years.

The *Tower Woods*, in the immediate vicinity of Point Pleasant, the extreme southern point of the city, is another favorite resort of the Haligonians, old and young—for those who go abroad in their carriages or on horseback, as well as for the pedestrians. This ground, comprising about one hundred and sixty acres, is crown land, retained as such, under the control of the War Department, for defensive works—four forts and batteries and a martello tower, from which last the woods have been named. About 1874, however, the Imperial Government conceded the occupation of these grounds to the citizens of Halifax, as a Public Park for which they were admirably adapted, being for the most part covered by the primeval forest. Since that concession, great improvements have been made in them, but without materially deteriorating from the beauties of their natural wildness. They now comprise a real labyrinth of well constructed carriage drives, bridle roads, and footpaths. The rambler in these Tower Woods may see, at almost



every step, some new charm in their native wildness — groves of stately pines, dense copses, sunny glades, shady dells, picturesque ponds, natural rock work, and beds of ferns and wild flowers, make up a beautiful diversity. This will be further varied by what is an unusual concomitant of park scenery—by his frequently, out of what seemed the depths of the forest, catching glimpses of the harbor or North-West Arm, with a white sail, or a panting steamer, passing in the distance; or by his suddenly and, if a stranger, most unexpectedly stepping out of the dusk woods upon some rock eminence, where he has a broad view of the ocean itself; or stranger still, if he did not know the history of the ground, by finding himself confronted, at the end of some vista of greenery, by the frowning Prince of Wales Tower, or some massive and heavily armed battery. The people of Halifax are very proud, and with good cause, of this park; and they have good reason to congratulate themselves upon its easily acquired possession.

A few words may here be said of the Drives in the environs of Halifax. One can scarcely drive out, upon any road in the vicinity, without meeting with much to charm the eye. For instance, that from Halifax, up the west side of the Basin to Bedford, ten miles distant; around the head and along the western side of the North-West Arm; from Dartmouth to Bedford by the east side of the Basin; Dartmouth to Waverley, or Montague gold mines; from the same place to the South-East Passage; any of these repay the tourist.

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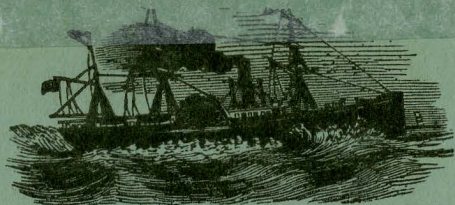
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