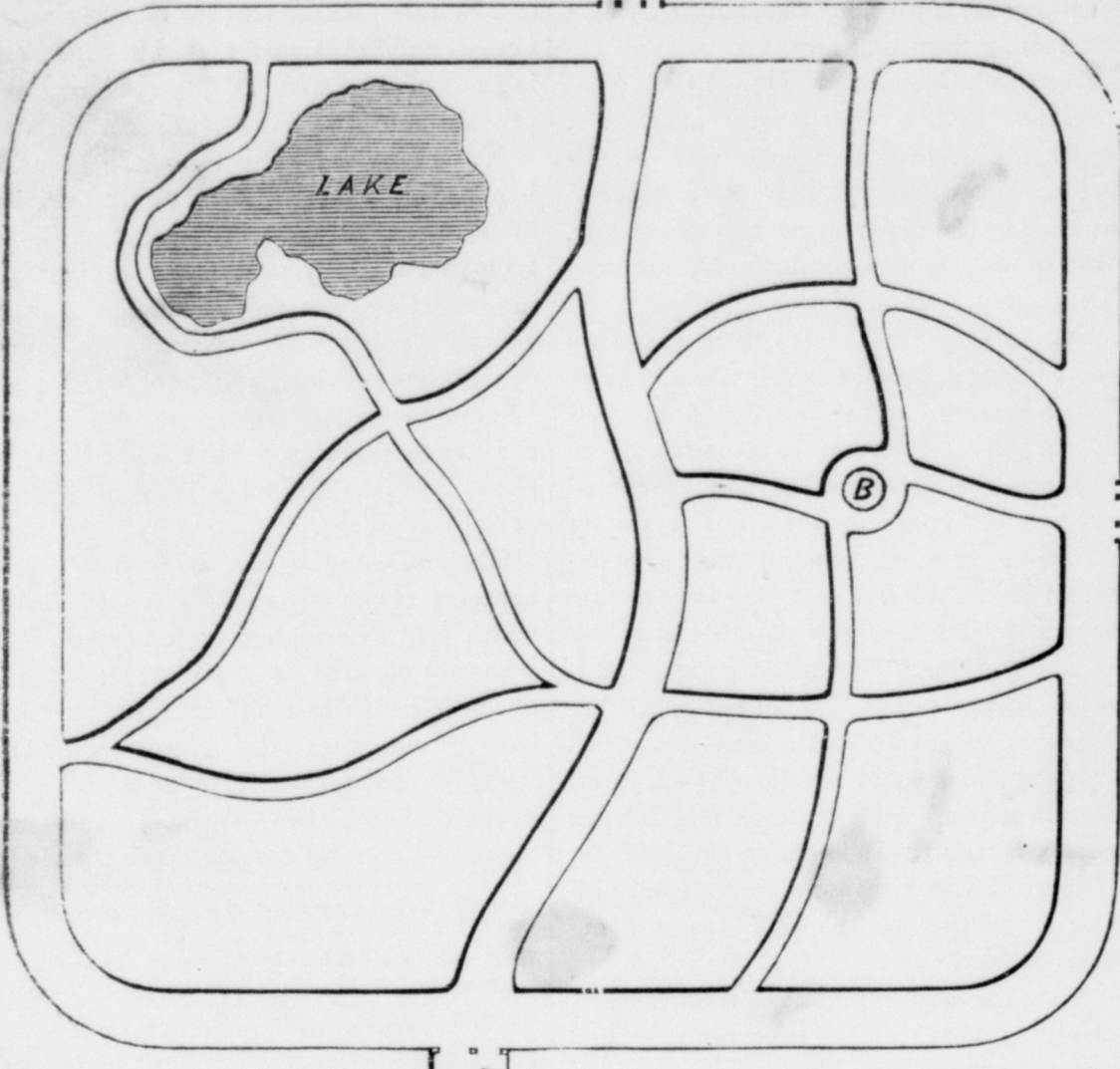


FREDERICTON'S NEW PARK.

A Faint Outline of the Gift of Mr. E. H. Wilmot, with a Portrait of That Generous Citizen.

Give foals their gold and knives their power; Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall; Who sows a field or trains a flower; Or plants a tree is more than all.

Mr. Wilmot has done well by placing the laying out and management of the Park in the hands of a gentleman so competent and kindly remembered in St. John, by the older inhabitants, as the originator of the King and Queen square improvements.



AN OUTLINE PLAN OF THE NEW "WILMOT PARK," FREDERICTON. Designed by Mr. G. E. Fenety, under the auspices of Mr. E. H. Wilmot.

scarcely fit to cross over. By-and-by the common council got awakened to a sense of their duty, and it was during the Mayoralties of Lachlan Donaldson, and W. O. Smith, Esqrs., that those squares were brought into harmony with the better taste of those of our citizens who had gone abroad and saw how such things as public squares and parks were prized.

The above plan is a mere outline of what is contemplated, and the details when worked out will represent a far handsomer picture than can be furnished by a mere drawing. In fact, nature has already done so much for this beautiful spot, that it only requires good taste and judicious handling to render it what it is destined to become.

only twenty acres (about five times the size of King square); but quite large enough for the next fifty years—it is the beauty there is in this size that makes it so imposing.

Very few of the residents of Fredericton of the present day have ever been on this ground, because it has been under lock and key since the great crowds were there 34 years ago (not many left now) on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's visit, but since the walls of Jericho have been struck down, people who visit the place are amazed at its fine scenic effect; a new Eldorado has been suddenly sprung upon them. Then how is it that the place should have remained in abeyance so long? The

mot Park will become a most beautiful spot. We understand the Park will be opened to the public (without parade or ceremony of any kind) so soon as the roads are completed, some time in August. But the work of embellishing and improving will occupy several years, in fact this is a work to be kept going continually.

As apropos to these remarks it may be here stated—that during the time of the Prince's visit, the late Hon. Senator O'Dell made a proposition to the city council to surrender these Park lands to the city, upon certain conditions, one of which that he should be exempted from taxation for all time (including not only this section, but whatever other property (such as the Grove) he had in Fredericton. Now this Park section (proposed to be given up) has never been valued by the assessors at over \$6,000, the one-fifth of which is the taxable amount levied, and that is \$1,200.

Well then, suppose the City had agreed to accept this Park in 1860, according to the proposition made by Mr. O'D., how would the account have stood? That gentleman's taxes, if we mistake not, were \$180 a year covering all his property—therefore deduct the \$60 a year from the \$180 and the City would have been the loser to the extent of \$120 a year. But this was not all. The proposition was hampered by such other extraordinary conditions that it would have been impossible for any body of men to look at, much less accept them. This explanation is called for at the present time, because there are parties still in Fredericton, who now say "what a pity the City did not accept of Mr. O'Dell's offer when it was made 30 years ago," but when they say this they seem to have no knowledge of the circumstances of the case.

But this may be said in conclusion. Had not Mr. Wilmot exhibited the noble and very generous spirit with which he is imbued, the land in question, we feel safe in saying would never have been sold,—it looked so much like it,—as the whole broadside of that fine district from Smythe street up to St. Andrew's Road, seemed destined for ever to remain under the blight as it were of Irish absenteeism. True the lower part is partitioned off into building lots; but, Lord bless you, where are the people to purchase; at the rate these lots have been selling, it would have taken a thousand years to realize the sum Mr. Wilmot has paid for the whole holus bolus! The above may seem like an extravagant utterance. But we are writing in the presence of absolute facts, from which we deduce our reasoning. Are there not building lots laid out all over the back part of the city—the Campbell property, the Lansdowne property, the Shore property—and all in the town, as it were, centrally situated for building purposes?

It was a fortunate thing for the owners that Mr. Wilmot turned his attention in the direction he did, with the view of benefiting his fellow citizens. The act does not only bespeak great nobleness of soul, but it sets an example to others (especially in St. John) far wealthier than Mr. Wilmot is supposed to be. How easy it would be for some three or four persons, one might name, to club together and give St. John a park—open up that magnificent spot, known as Lily Lake, by running a road from Reed's castle and carrying it around the lake, and so on among the hills and valleys.

The people of Fredericton must forever hold their noble benefactor in grateful remembrance. A man to voluntarily lay out \$10,000 for the good of the small town of Fredericton (7,000 inhabitants) bespeaks an act so sublime that it stands far above the hustling greatness of political office holders and aspirants, however high, in most cases through ambition, selfishness, craft, and not, as the rule, orains or probity. "Long live the name of Edward Wilmot as a shining light for the admiration of posterity," is the title we would inscribe upon the banners of his native city.

Since writing the above we learn that Mr. Fenety has secured the professional services of that well known, capable professional civil engineer, A. G. Beckwith, Esq., to assist him in laying out the roads and making the necessary curves in the Park.

It might also be observed here that the toughs of the neighborhood have for so long a time been allowed to run riot in and about the Park, especially on the Sabbath, that it will be necessary to break this gang up, through the aid of a special police for the purpose. As soon, therefore, as the work advances, it will be necessary to look after its protection.

Suicide Among German Children. A curious return has been made concerning some 289 instances of suicide by school children in the German Empire during six years. The interest of the return centres in the motives assigned for these extra-

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