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## FREDERICTON'S NEW PARK.

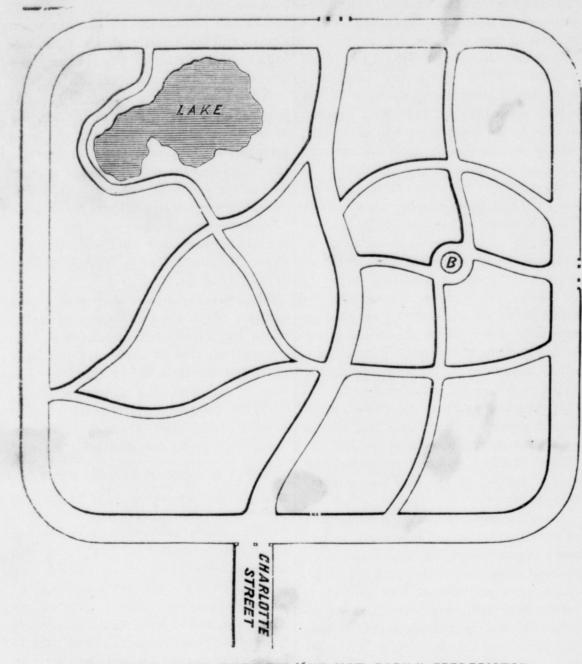
A Faint Outline of the Gift of Mr. E. H. Wilmot, with a Portrait of That Generous Citizen.

Give fools their gold and knaves their power; Let fortuue's bubbles rise and fall; 4 E Who sows a field or trains a flower, Or plants a tree is more than all. FIGFor he who blesses most is blest, And God and man shill own his worth. Who toils to leave as his bequest An added beauty to the earth. WHITT = ER.

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. down, people who visit the place are Until Mr. Fenety in his Journal agitated amaz d at its fine scenic effect; a new year after year for improving the city, as Eldorade has been suddenly sprung upon we read in the Globe about a year since, w hose it. "

] 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 aud key since the great crowds were there S4 years ago (not many left now) on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit, but since the walls of Jericho have been struck 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. Now as the rate of taxation in Fredericton for the last year or two has been a little less than \$5.00 on the \$100 real estate (we might call it \$5), this Park property tax returned to the city treasury \$60 a year and yet Mr. O'Dell always paid this amoun under protest, meaning thereby, we suppose, that the land was not worth even \$6,000 (we are alluding to the Wilmot Park), although Mr. Wilmot paid for the very same land the other day, \$7,250-while the price at first asked when applied for was \$8,000! 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 nicely." \$180 a year covering all his propertytherefore 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 con-

ditions that it would have been impossible tor any body of men to look at, much less salaries. 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.

ordinary acts. The largest proportion appear to have been attributable to fear of punishment. This might have been expected; nor is it altogether surprising that such extreme terror should be chiefly exhibited among pupils of the elementary schools. The fact that 20 per cent. of the cases fall into this particular class should, however, afford food for reflection.

#### NO SMOKING ALLOWED.

How Mark Twain Had His Own Way, Like His Own "Reformer."

When I went to Chicago, relates a traveller, Mark Twain was a passenger on the same train, and as all the world knows, he is a persistent joker, and, I may add a persistent smoker. He entered a carriage, and proceeded to calmly fill his pipe. "You mustn't smoke here," icily re-

marked an old gentleman opposite, when Mark gently produced a huge box of fusees, of the kind known in the United States as "chokers"-they are so long, strong, and sulphurous.

"I know that," drawled Mark, lighting a fusee. "I'm not smoking, ani I?" and he allowed the long fusee slowly to exhaust itself. When it had expired he lit another and another, and the carriage reeked with the odor of brimstone.

"Why do you light those abominable things?" demanded the man.

"Because I can't smoke. I must do something to amuse myself on these long jonrneys," and he scratched another fusee. The old man began to splutter and cough, and then opened a window.

"My dear sir," he at length said, "smoke, for Heaven's sake, smoke! Anything is preferable to the stench of those matches. "A thousand thanks," placidly replied Mark, putting away the obnoxious box. "The odor of fine Turkish tobacco is infinitely to be preferred to the smell of sulphur, and now we shall get along very

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AN OUTLINE PLANIOF THE NEW "WILMOT PARK," FREDERICTON. Designed by Mr. G. E. Fenety, under the auspices of Mr. E. H. Wi !mot.

common council got awakened to a sense | Perhaps so. However it would not have of their duty, and it was during the Mayor. | been accessible for another generation or alties of Lachlan Donaldson, and W. O. | two, had not a gentleman living in Freder-Smith, Esqrs., that those squares were brought into harmony with the better taste of those of our citizens who had gone abroad | mystery. and saw how such things as public squares and parks were prized. But the incipiency of old sectional feeling has once more cropthe whole thing in St. John, is due to the gentleman in whom Mr. Wilmot has placed such confidence for the laying fout and conducting the improvements required ; and the work will be well and economically Grove" should have been chosen. Those done.

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. There still remain the ruins of the old celebrated Prince of Wales fountain, considered at the time, among the older inhabitants, to be the eighth wonder of the world, until the Prince turned the lever and let on the water, when lo and behold -don't mention it ! But the old historic spot is still to be seen, and we believe it is Mr. Wilmot's intention, after the roads are all laid out, to resuscitate this fountain lake, after a modern style, and get his supply of water from the waterworks, whose pipes extend up to, or within, the neighborhood. There will also be erected, as our plan shows, a pavilion or band stand, where music may be provided at times, during the fine summer weather. The drive round the roads and through the centre one, all blending at certain angles, will be tully a mile and a half, perhaps longer; but, of course, the roads have all yet to be made. For the present, howseason or next, for roadmaking is the work of time and is never finished.

scarcely fit to cross over. By-and-bye the | wonder is that it should now be obtained. icton at once opened the sesame with a golden key, and this explains the whole

> Since the land has been obtained the ped ont,--that is between "up and down town." The downies think the Park is too far off, (just at the head of the town, three quarters of a mile,) and that the "O'Dell folks seem to forget that several attempts

> had already been made for the purchase of



EDWARD H. WILMOT, Esq., The very Generous Donor of the Park.

this place for large amounts, but without success-while now the whole place has out" many of the trees have 'run been ruthlessly destroyed, its beauty all gone-and the market gives it verv little value now. This then an answer to those who don't ever, the avenues will be outlined, ditched | seem to know any better. Perhaps it was at the sides, and finished either this in consideration of lazy people, among other things, that induced Mr. Wilmot to purchase the Park up town, in order that It is the intention next fall, to plant elms on they might be induced to stretch their both sides of the roadway, and wherever limbs by taking a pleasant walk out there else required-also shrubbery in suitable occasionally for the benefit of their health, becoming places-and place benches for and to aid a sluggish digestion? At all persons to rest themselves, on various events the choice made is most admirable. parts of the grounds. There will be three Roads are being made-30 feet broadto run around the Park, a distance of large gates leading into the Park. One at Charlotte street entrance, one in the centre about three quarters of a mile. One diopening on to the Government House rectly through the centre from Smythe road, and one on the upper lane leading to street entrance to the O'Dell lane, over the O'Dell homestead. In short when this half a mile, and other roads, altogether af-Park is carried out in all its fulness, its | tording a carriage drive of over two miles, owners may challenge competition with besides numerous paths for bicycles and any others in the Dominion, (not except- foot passengers. Several of these roads ing the far famed Horticultural gardens in | are already shaded by lofty elms and Halifax) for its rural grandeur, fine sur- | spruce, giving indications of old roads, roundings, water priveleges, grand old having been made by the early owners of trees, already showing as large as any in the property. It is in contemplation, we the Province, and in short for all that a understand, to plant upwards of 400 elms Park should be. Of course we do not in the fall around the new roads, wherever speak of size in this connection, which is required. So that in a few years this Wil- in the motives assigned for these extra-

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 saving 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. Andrews' 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 citythe 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 benefitting 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.

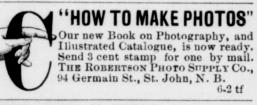
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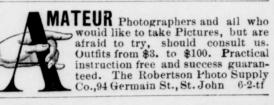
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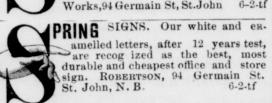
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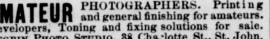


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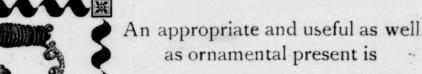
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