Beauty Spots
of our City

Melbourne Australia

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HE views in the following pages are portion of the various Gardens and Parks contiguous to the City, of which six thousand acres have been permanently reserved in the Greater Melbourne area.

Being only a few minutes' walk from the centre of the City they are very accessible, and consequently largely patronised and much admired, especially when the various displays of flowers are in bloom, affording thousands of visitors a delightful hour.

The Botanical Gardens, which embrace one hundred acres, are situated on the River Yarra, and adjoin Federal Government House and grounds. These Gardens are considered to be amongst the finest in the British Empire, and present an example of the adaptation to the climate of tropical and subtropical trees and shrubs, with their beautiful foliage and fragrant flowers, whilst the many walks, abounding in graceful foliage, lead through gullies of fern trees, where one can wander for hours mid ever-changing scenes.

The Queen Victoria Gardens, which are at the Southern approach to the City, near Princes Bridge, and adjacent to Alexandra Avenue, are another fine example of the landscape gardener's art. The Queen Victoria Memorial, also the Janet Lady Clarke Memorial, occupy prominent positions.

In the midst of the Carlton Gardens is the Exhibition Building, surrounded with shaded lawns and flower beds, which afford a welcome break in the crowded City.

The historic Flagstaff Gardens, which was the signalling station on the arrival of shipping in the early days of the State, are on an eminence from which a wide stretch of Port Phillip Bay may be seen. A monument indicates the resting-place of some of the early settlers.

Royal Parade, which constitutes the Northern approach to the City, is in the neighbourhood of the University, Princes Park, and the Zoological Gardens. Along each side of this parade is planted a fine collection of trees.

The well-shaded lawns of the Treasury Gardens, also the Fitzroy Gardens, situated as they are in the immediate vicinity of closely-occupied districts, are amongst the more popular of the City's frequented resorts.

In the lay-out and upkeep of these "Beauty Spots of Melbourne," great expense has necessarily been incurred by the Government and public bodies concerned, and, besides affording most attractive opportunities for healthful recreation and pastime, are an adornment to our majestic City, which has very aptly been designated "The Queen City of the South."
The Southern approach to the City, showing Snowden Gardens adjoining Princes Bridge.
Princes Bridge, over which a very large traffic passes to and from the Southern Suburbs. Federal Government House is seen in the near distance.
View of Lake in Botanical Gardens, with Federal Government House in the background.
View from one of the Lawns in the Botanical Gardens; the City in the distance.
Looking towards Melbourne from Alexandra Avenue, showing Anderson Street Bridge.
View of section of Lake in Queen Victoria Gardens.
View in Treasury Gardens, showing Lily Pond and Japanese Gardens; State Public Offices in background.
View in Fitzroy Gardens, with Commonwealth Treasury in background.
Avenue in Fitzroy Gardens, with St. Patrick's Cathedral in distance.
Avenue in Fitzroy Gardens, with State Public Offices in near distance.
One of the Avenues of Trees in Carlton Gardens.
View of Lake in Carlton Gardens.
View in Carlton Gardens, with dome of Exhibition Building in background.
View in Flagstaff Gardens, from the highest point of which Port Phillip Bay can be seen.
Royal Parade, the Northern approach to the City, with the University Grounds on the left.