


## PREFACE.



The very favourable reception accorded to the first edition of the Cape Town Guide has induced the publishers to re-issue it with such additional information as might prove useful to Visitors, and others, who wish to become thoroughly acquainted with Cape Town and its suburbs. Several illustrations of scenery and buildings have been added, and the book has been brought "up-to-date" as much as possible.

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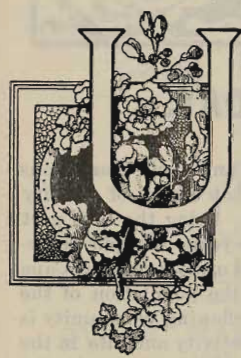
## CAPE TOWN OF TO-DAY.


Since the discovery of the Transvaal Gold Fields and their marvellous development, Cape Town although far removed from that centre of activity has indirectly benefited by the prosperity of the Rand. Being the first port of call for English steamers it has undergone of late years a rapid transformation. Many Europeans have come to the Cape, and many settled at Cape Town in preference to going further afield. Gradually the population of the city has assumed larger proportions, and its now overflowing community is spreading through Table Valley and forming centres of activity and life in the charming suburbs. The high rent obtainable for private dwellings is also evidence of the constant demand for houses, although building proceeds apace in all directions. This development of population is naturally reflected in the business quarters of the city, where we now see innumerable establishments of architectural beauty and extensive proportions, most of the principal thoroughfares being graced with buildings five and six stories high which in themselves indicate the prevalence of keen competition for trade. This is particularly noticeable as regards the hotels, remarkable improvements having been made during the last three years.

Another marked indication of progress is the advance of the "Castle" and "Union" Steamship Companies, the strength of whose fleets have recently been augmented by several magnificent vessels of increased cargo and passenger accommodation. These reach Cape Town after a voyage of fourteen or fifteen days, and as they bring the very latest novelties and inventions from Europe, the city is brought into close touch with the great centres of the globe. There exists at present a municipal activity that is highly creditable to ratepayers and Town Council alike. The health of the city has all along been jeopardised by a primitive and inadequate system of drainage, and its eradication is the corporation's most serious work. A comprehensive scheme is in hand, which is expected to remove the reproach so often levelled at the town's defects in this direction. Other schemes deal with lighting the city by electricity, increasing the water supply, and other important undertakings are in progress. The electric tramways now running to all parts of the suburbs are a great boon to the travelling public. In the direction of that thriving suburb, Sea Point, a line of railway has been promoted with good results, and at an early date a cycling track and sports ground will be opened on Green Point Common. On every side there is evidence of a new era of enterprise in the City of Cape Town which augurs well for its future prosperity. Moreover, it has the advantage of being the most populous town in the Colony; it is the nearest port to England; it is the seat of Government; it is surrounded by most beautiful scenery; and it is possessed of a suburb and health-giving climate. Thus it has many advantages over other less favoured towns in South Africa. Much might be added to this brief review, but considering the plethora of information given under detailed heads, it is unnecessary to add to these remarks.




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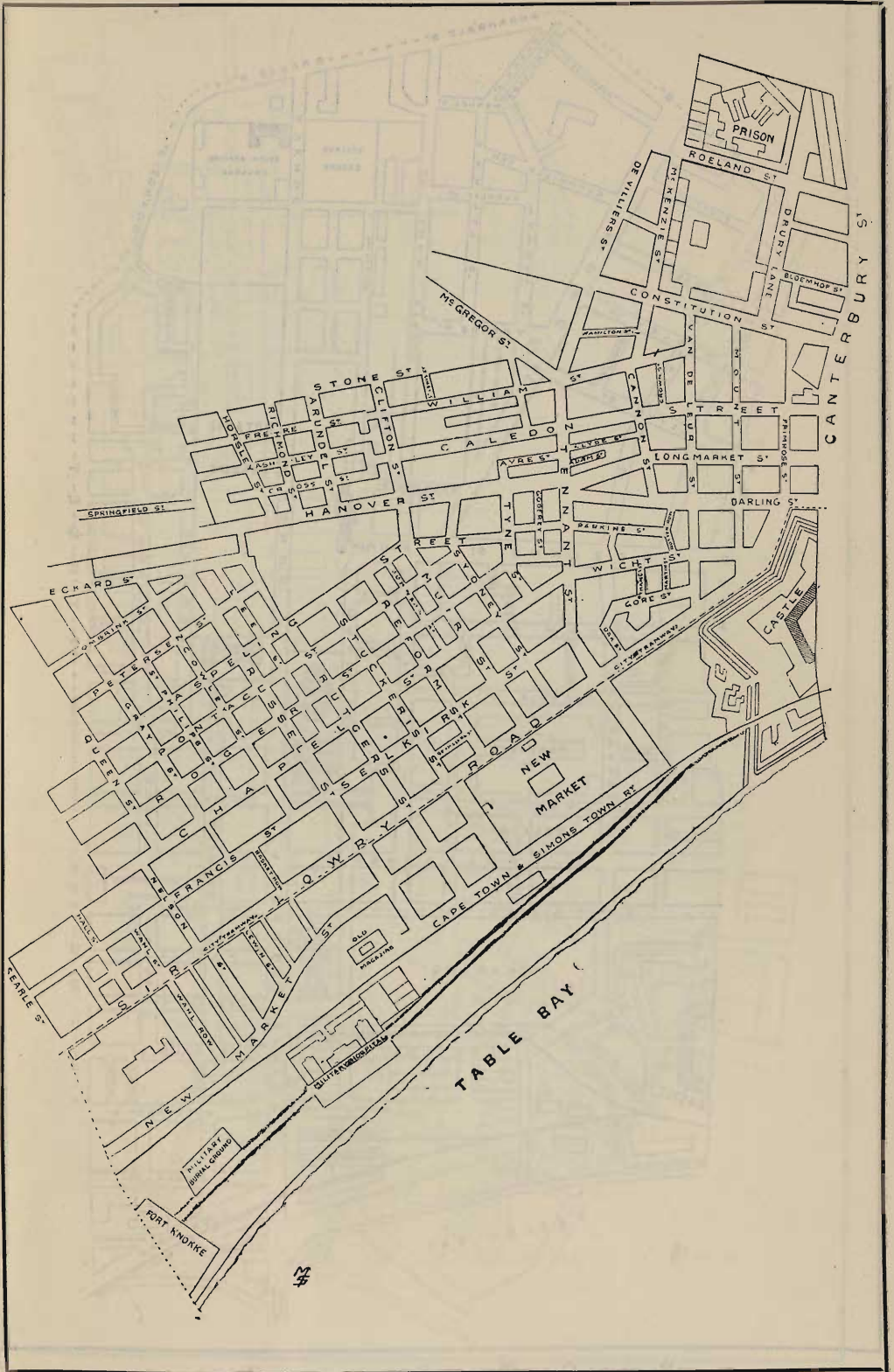
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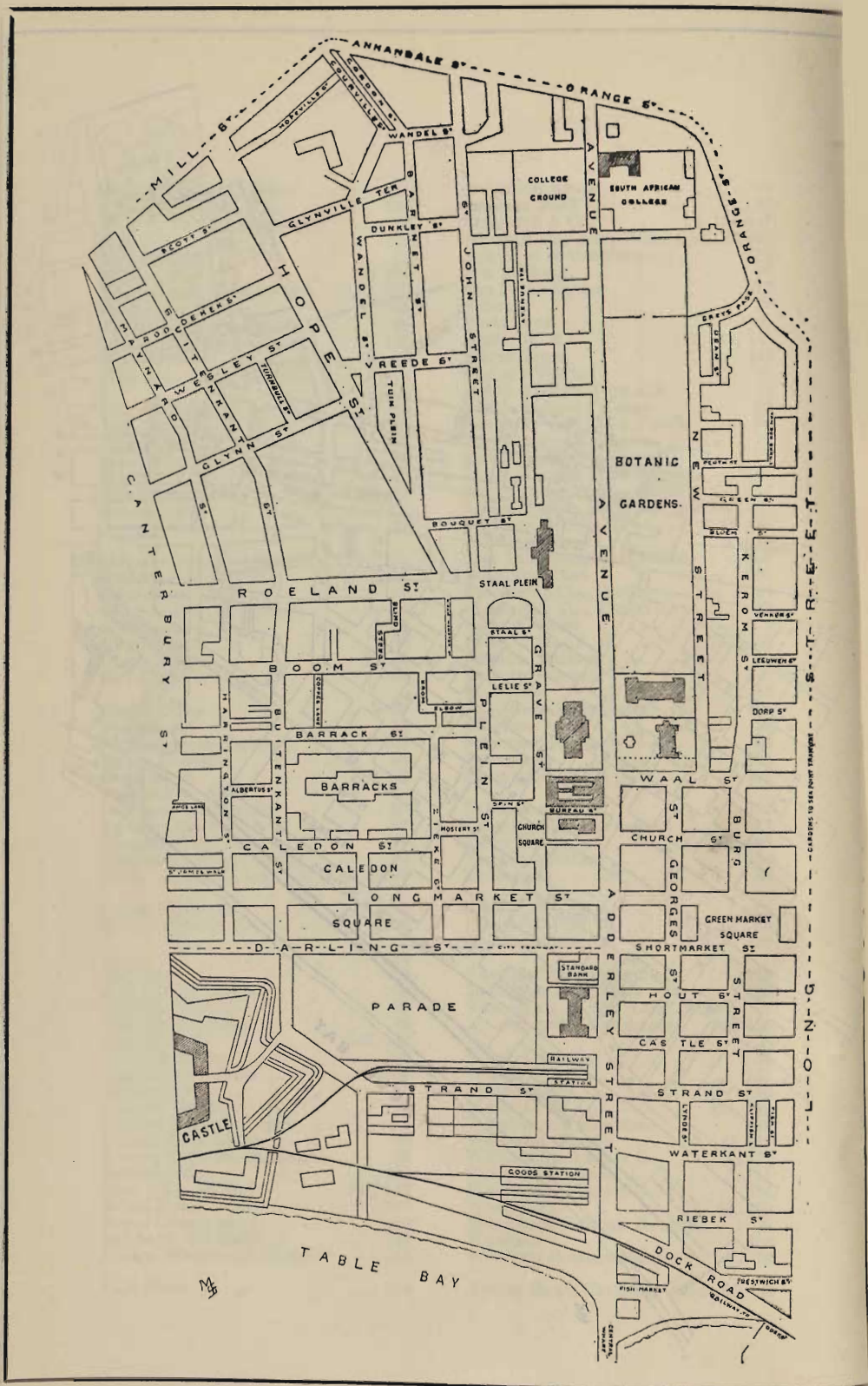
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