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Report Emphazizes Rapid Growth Of Recreation Facilities In Illinois in Last Ten Years

Cities of Illinois have more than tripled the number of playgrounds and recreation centers during the last ten years, bettering the record for the entire United States by 14 per cent, according to questionnaire returns, compiled by the Playground and Recreation association of America.

From a total of seventy-nine playgrounds in 1913, private and municipal effort has increased these facilities to 276 safe health and character-building havens for young people, children and adults.

Few in 1913
 "In 1913 only fourteen cities reported playground systems," the report said. "Today twenty-three cities have progressive recreation programs and three others—Springfield, River Forest and Alton—voted to create playground systems at the elections April 1. A large number of other cities are voting on similar measures at coming elections."

"Much credit for this development is given by these recreation systems to the assistance of the Playground and Recreation association of America, which, since 1906, has been helping United States communities secure these civic advantages."

"That there is still much work of this nature to be done in Illinois, however, is pointed out by the association, for while the state record to date has been good, there are still sixty-five cities of 5,000 population or over in the state which do not have playground and recreation facilities."

Total Expenditure
 "The total expenditure for recreation by cities in this state was \$2,113,215.81—almost double the New York state expenditure, which was \$1,074,959.19. In addition, Illinois cities subscribed \$2,233,355.52 in bonds for recreation purposes, thirteen times the bond issues for the same purpose in New York state."

"The Illinois cities reporting community recreation leadership and those which have recently voted to establish recreation systems are: Springfield, River Forest, Beardstown, Centralia, East Moline, Herrin, Joliet, Maywood, Murphysboro, Oak Park, Peoria, Rockford, Urbana, Alton, Aurora, Berwyn, Chicago, East St. Louis, Jacksonville, Lake Forest, Moline, North Chicago, Pana, Robinson, Rock Island, and Winnetka."

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"Business is business," the Old Man said,
 "It's warfare where everything goes,
 Where every act that pays is fair
 And all whom you meet are foes.
 It's a battle of wits, a heartless rush—
 It's a tearing, wearing fight;
 It's a trick of the strong to win from the weak,
 With never a thought of the right."
 And he schemed, and he fought, and he pushed men aside,
 While the world in contempt looked on;
 It buried him deep 'neath the wealth that he claimed
 And covered his name with scorn.
 "Business is business," the Young Man said,
 "A game in which all may play;
 Where every move must accord with the rules
 And no one his fellow betray.
 It's wholesome and clean, and full of good-will,
 It's an urging, surging game,
 It's a mission to serve in your day and age,
 And a guerdon to honor your name."
 And he sought and he bought, and he brought from afar,
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