

## MONTREAL TO OTTAWA.

Take the train to Lachine, which leaves the Bonaventure street Depot every morning (Sundays excepted) at seven o'clock, and there step on board the steamer PRINCE OF WALES, (Capt. H. W. Shepherd,) or 5 p.m. train to connect with steamer PRINCESS, (Captain McGowan) sail up the river. By this last route we have a better opportunity of seeing the beautiful scenery of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, as they first meet. It is a bright morning and the sun glances slantingly along the majestic waters, tinging with golden light the tips of the wavelets as they rise, one after the other, to greet his rays. A faint mist like a delicate veil, spreads over the bosom of the river, on which one or two islets repose, as childhood sleeps on its mother's bosom, yet it does not conceal the enchanting beauty of the scene, but adds grace and loveliness to the charms, which it vainly strives to hide. It is soon dissolved, and the light breeze which has sprung up, carries it all away.

Away we go, stemming the current, until in due time, we reach Ste. Anne's, where are a succession of rapids which we avoid by going through a lock. More islets are here, round which the Ottawa bubbles and struggles in its course, while the pretty village of Ste. Anne's reposes in quiet beauty upon the bank. This village is considered the starting point for the Ottawa River, by all orthodox *voyageurs*, as the last church on the island of Montreal is situated here, and is, moreover, dedicated to their tutelary saint, from whom also the village takes its name. Emerging from the canal, again we enter the Ottawa, having left the St. Lawrence far astern, and after sailing about two miles we find the shores recede on either hand, to about eight miles wide, and this recession continues for a distance of ten miles, for we are in the Lake of the Two Mountains, so called from two mountains on the north side rising four to five hundred feet from the water. The river

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