

unexplored. Canadians need scarcely wander from home in search of scenes worthy of their highest admiration ; for no part of the world is richer in scenery of natural beauty calculated to please the eye and excite the senses than their own land.

When the contemplated Gatineau Valley Colonization Railway shall have been completed to the River Desert, many scenes of hitherto unrevealed beauty, and mines of wealth of astonishing richness and extent will be brought to light.

Around the City of Ottawa on all sides is an exceedingly rich and fertile Agricultural Country. The townships of Nepean, Gloucester, Osgoode, Goulbourn, March, Huntly, Fitzroy, North Gower and Beckwith, from the agricultural products of which the Ottawa markets are supplied, are proverbial for containing within their borders as large an acreage of fine, fertile soil as any in the Province of Ontario. The steady and unchanging excellence of the Ottawa markets has enabled the farmers in the townships mentioned to become independent and easy in their circumstances. The markets of the city are abundantly supplied with the various necessities of life, which meet with a remunerative and ready sale. In consequence of the attention for some years past given to market-gardening a large daily supply of fruits and vegetables in season is brought in for sale.

Butchers' meat of every description, of the best quality, can always be found in each of the city markets ; and fish, both imported and native, is *constantly* kept on hand.

Ottawa is now a great railway centre. With its natural advantages, its favorable surroundings, its metropolitan character, its increasing commercial importance and gigantic lumber trade, it must ultimately grow, progress and expand to an extent not dreamed of by the most sanguine and prophetic but a few years ago.

Under the impetus which must naturally be given to trade, agriculture, commerce and manufactures by the many railroads converging here, it may be reasonably assumed that, within a few years, this city shall have expanded and increased in wealth and importance to such an extent as fully to justify the foresight and