

RIDEAU CANAL.

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EVERY man to his business ; and this being mine in Canada, of course I am more at home on this than on any other subject. It claimed the greater part of my attention while in the country, and by confining me to it, prevented me from exploring much, which I should otherwise have done ; yet, by this very confinement, I was better enabled to examine things minutely ; and the statements about to be given, will form safe data for various deductions, which may be applied to the whole of North America.

The two great rivers of Canada, viz. the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, meet at the Island of Montreal ; the former forming the south boundary, the latter flowing through the interior of Canada, and dividing the Upper and Lower Provinces. There are great rapids on both rivers ;