

ROUTE DOWN THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Toronto, the second most important city in Canada. This city presents a much finer appearance from the lake than when approached by railway. Toronto boasts of a large number of fine buildings and elegant churches, as well as of extensive and tasteful blocks of business stores; and the beauty of their appearance is much enhanced by the large number of trees, and the quantity of shrubbery that adorns many of its streets. King street, its principal thoroughfare, is two miles long, and is lined on both sides with handsome stores and public buildings.

Leaving Toronto, the first town of any particular note, on the Canadian side, is

PORT WILKINSON, 29 miles below. This is the chief town in Ontario County, and contains near 4,000 inhabitants. It is a station on the Grand Trunk Railway, and is a stopping-place for steamers from Toronto to Rochester, etc.

OSHAWA, 4 miles below, is a fine town of 3,000 inhabitants, on the Grand Trunk Railroad, and communicating with the interior towns by lines of stages. A great quantity of flour is shipped from here.

BOWMANVILLE, 10 miles below, lies a little back of the lake, to which it is connected by *Darlington Harbour*. In 1850, the place was incorporated a village, since which period its growth has been very rapid. The town has excellent water power within and around it. The country around is unsurpassed for fertility and salubrity by any in Canada. It has a population of about 5,000.

PORT HOPE is about 20 miles below Bowmanville, and, like it, is a station on the Grand Trunk Railroad. It is also connected by railway with Lindsay, 40 miles, and with Peterborough, 29 miles distant. Steamers also ply between this place and several towns lying north, on Lake Sturgeon. Port Hope is built on an acclivity, the summit of which is capped with beach and pine, and clothed with villas, embowered among the trees. The principal street runs from the harbour to the top of the hill, and is lined with elegant stores, beautiful dwellings and commodious hotels. The Town Hall and Montreal Bank form prominent objects to a spectator placed upon the quay. And the graceful

above, old Fort Niagara, at the mouth of the river, and which possesses a fine natural harbour, open at all seasons of the year. The river is here about half a mile in width, across which a ferry plies to the village of Niagara, on the Canadian side.

FORT NIAGARA.—In passing into the lake, this old relic of former times is especially noticeable. As early as 1679, this spot was inclosed by La Salle, the explorer of the Mississippi. In 1725, a pallisade fort was constructed by the French. In 1759, it was taken by the British, who, in 1796, gave it into the hands of the Americans. In 1813, it was taken again by the British, and recaptured by the Americans in 1815. There is no doubt that the dungeons of this old fort have been the scenes of horrible suffering and of crime, from the times of the old Indian and French wars, up to the days of the Revolution. In its close and impregnable dungeons, the light of day never shone; and here, doubtless, many a poor prisoner has been compelled to undergo the "torture," in addition to his other nameless sufferings.

As, after entering the lake, no place of much importance is reached for some hours, the tourist should embrace this opportunity of getting a good view of the scenes he is about leaving. On a clear day, a fine view is presented of Brock's Monument, and the grand heights of Queenstown, 9 or 10 miles distant, which rise nearly 500 feet above the waters of the lake.

After passing several small settlements, we reach

CHARLOTTE, OF PORT GENESÉE, at the mouth of the River Genesee, port of entry for Rochester, 7 miles distant, and 87 miles from Niagara. This town possesses a safe harbour, being protected by two long piers, on one of which is located a lighthouse. A number of steamers run daily from here to several of the principal places on both sides of the lake.

THE FALLS OF GENESÉE.—These beautiful falls, second only to Niagara, are objects worthy of notice. The banks of the Genesee, just above Charlotte, rise from 50 to 150 feet in height. The river is navigable as far as Carthage, which may be called a suburb of Rochester. From this

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