

In November, 1812, Com. Chauncy, of the United States Navy, with a small squadron chased the *Royal George* from the Ducks through the Upper Gap into Kingston harbor, where he exchanged a few shots with the batteries, and then sailed for Sackett's Harbor, having captured several schooners in the chase. At the commencement of the war of 1812 Kingston had but a small garrison and no fortifications, but, during the war, received considerable addition to its strength. The 71st Highlanders are at present stationed here.

About one mile and a half to the west, fronting the bay, is the Provincial Penitentiary. It is composed of several immense limestone buildings, and is surrounded by a high stone wall, on which are placed sentries with loaded arms, to prevent the escape of the prisoners. There are extensive Shoemaking and Tailoring establishments on the premises, as well as an extensive Foundry.

There are two Colleges—Queen's College (Presbyterian) and Regiopolis (Roman Catholic); three Episcopal Churches, one Kirk of Scotland, two Free Churches (one Scotch and one Irish), two Methodist, one Congregationalist, one Baptist and two Roman Catholic Churches. There are four newspapers—viz., *Chronicle & News*, *British Whig*, *Herald* and *Argus*, the two first daily, and two last weekly. The principal Hotels are the British American, Kent, City Hotel, Cornelius Stinson's, and National Hotel.

Kingston is distant from Hamilton, 225 miles; Toronto, 180; Darlington, 137; Port Hope, 117; Cobourg, 110.

*Downwards.*—Kingston is distant from Gananoque, 20 miles; Yonge, 43; Brockville, 52; Maitland, 57; Prescott, 64; Edwardsburg, 73; Matilda, 79; Morrisburg, 87; East Williamsburg, 95; Osnabruck, 102; Dickinson's Landing, 104; Moulinette, 110; Cornwall, 116; Lancaster, 132; Coteau Landing, 152; Coteau du Lac, 155; Cedars, 161; Lachine, 189; Montreal, 198.

The Mail Line from Kingston to Montreal is composed of the steamers *Ottawa* (Capt. Putnam), *Lord Elgin* (Capt. Farlinger), *St. Lawrence* (Capt. Howard). This line leaves daily for Montreal at half-past 5, A.M., touching at Gananoque, Brockville, Maitland, Prescott, Edwardsburg, Matilda, Morrisburg, East Williamsburg, Osnabruck, Dickinson's Landing, Moulinette, Cornwall, Lancaster, Coteau Landing and Coteau du Lac, and arrives in Montreal about seven or eight o'clock the same evening.

The Royal Mail Steamers leave Kingston for Toronto and Hamilton daily (Sundays excepted), at 3, P.M., or on the arrival of the Montreal Mail Boat, calling at Cobourg, Port Hope and Darlington. This line leaves as follows:—*Passport*, Capt. Henry Twohy, Monday and Thursday; *Magnet*, Capt. Jas. Sutherland, Tuesday and Friday; *Princess Royal*, Capt. Jas. Dick, Wednesday and Saturday.