

lumber of every description, including laths and shingles, sash, doors, blinds, and planed boards.

Within the limits of the city the chief attractions are the

GOVERNMENT GROUNDS,

AND THE

PARLIAMENT AND DEPARTMENTAL BUILDINGS.

Situated on a lofty hill overlooking the Ottawa River, these grounds for beauty of situation are unsurpassed, if equalled, in America.

“THE LOVER’S WALK,”

about half a mile in length, around the face of the cliff, shaded by trees of great beauty, is one of the most delightful retreats imaginable; and the Parliament and Departmental buildings, east and west, are marvels of architectural grace and perfection. The general style of architecture of these buildings is a modified 12th century Gothic. The principal material used in their construction is a hard, cream-coloured sandstone, from the adjacent Township of Nepean. The dressings, stairs, gables, pinnacles, &c., are of Ohio free-stone, whilst a pleasing variety is given to the whole by the relieving arches of red Potsdam sandstone, over the window and door openings. The roofs are of Vermont slate, of a dark colour, variagated by light green bands. The marble was obtained at Arnprior, and the timber used, excepting the oak, at various localities in the Ottawa Valley. These magnificent piles of architecture cost between five and six millions of dollars.

In the central building are the SENATE CHAMBER and HOUSE OF COMMONS, both beautifully finished inside. The roof of glass above each, through which the light is admitted, is supported by numerous marble columns, of elegant design and high polish. The grounds around the Parliament Buildings are artistically and elegantly laid out, and constantly maintained in a flourishing condition by steady attention, and the judicious use of an unfailling supply of water.