

principal commercial town. Its surroundings are full of varied and historical associations. The drives in the vicinity are most refreshing, and the scenery beautiful. Latterly it has become quite a fashionable summer resort. A large new hotel, located in a beautiful grove on the banks of the river, affords ample accommodation to visitors. On the American side of the river is

#### FORT NIAGARA,

Which has many historical associations, but which we have not space to touch upon. The English General Prideaux fell here in the battle of 24th July, 1759, and the French garrison afterwards surrendered to Sir Wm. Johnson. Leaving Niagara, about four hours's sail brings the traveller to

#### TORONTO,

The principal City of the Province of Ontario. It is situated on Toronto Bay, a beautiful sheet of water, four miles in length by two miles in width. *Toronto*, signifies in the Indian language, *a place of meeting*.

In 1823, it contained but 4,000 inhabitants; now, it has a population of about 75,000. Although not picturesque, it is most agreeably situated; the view from the western entrance to the harbor, and from the island, is varied and striking; the spires and cupolas afford a most agreeable diversity to the distant outlines of the City, and mark it as a place of wealth and enterprise. The long lines of houses, and the rectangular blocks of buildings, intersected by streets running towards the four cardinal points of the compass, with here and there a handsome church or an elegant edifice, strike the eye of the stranger with an agreeable surprise.

Young in years, it has none of the associations which render Quebec almost classical; but it is as proud of its beautiful bay and aquatic sports, as Quebec is of its ancient walls and citadel.

Among the places of interest are—

The Queens Park, the College Avenue, University Buildings,