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brought into being, which linked the Chaudiere Falls with the Rideau Falls ~~to~~ the central portion of ^{King} ~~which~~ thoroughfare, to the north, became ^{in time} ~~the future~~ site of our Houses of Parliament. Since then, this space has become increasingly appropriated for and occupied by Government buildings, or buildings for the most part serving some public purpose. ^{More recent years have} witnessed the further development of this magnificent thoroughfare by other splendid buildings on either side, such as the Chateau Laurier, the Bank of Montreal, the United States Legation, ^{the Research Building,} ~~while~~ the present moment is witnessing the erection of another magnificent Legation building by the Government of France; while, beyond, lie Government House and the ^{apartment houses} residence of the United States Minister. This thoroughfare has become, ~~therefore~~, of more than national ^{importance} ~~significance~~. It has attained international prominence. It is eminently suitable, therefore, that on such a thoroughfare the Bank of Canada should find its permanent home.

Changes now being made

From where we are assembled today, we are able to witness the character of the momentous changes which are taking place in the architectural development of the city. Much of what remains of the old Bytown of the past is giving place to the Capital of a new nation - a nation and a Capital destined to be numbered among the great nations and great Capitals of the world.