

QUEBEC.

Quebec was founded in 1608, by Champlain, who was also its first governor.

It is the stronghold of military power in British North America and Capital of the Province, is situated on a rock-bound promontory formed by the confluence of the river St. Charles and St. Lawrence, 180 miles below Montreal. It is very strongly fortified, completely commanding the navigation, and by military authorities is declared impregnable. The city is reputed to have derived its name from the words "Quel Bec" the exclamation of its adventurous discoverers when first its sight broke on their astonished view.

Quebec has a very grand and imposing though somewhat confused appearance, quite in keeping with the broken, bold magnificence of the surrounding country, which for natural grandeur is generally allowed to be unexcelled.

During the summer Quebec is largely visited by strangers, specially Americans; who take much interest in viewing the many historical scenes and objects connected with it.

In wealth, population and importance, Quebec ranks next after Montreal in the Dominion, and as a seaport town third, or after Halifax, N. S. and St. John, N. B.

She carries on a considerable trade with the surrounding country and with the ports and fisheries below, but her principal business is shipbuilding and lumber trade.

She annually launches a good number of vessels of varying tonnage, from 1000 to 2000 tons or more.

The building of the Gosford Railway and the construction of the North Shore and Levis and Kenebec railways, will prove of incalculable benefit to Quebec, and add much to her commercial prosperity.