

dreams than this, for it is said that the farm on which the City now stands was sold 37 years ago for Eighty pounds Currency, and surely the ratio between that sum and its present value, is as marvellous a fact as anything we can dream of for Ottawa's future, when the Ottawa and Huron Canal shall have been completed, and when Ottawa may boast of being not only the Legislative Capital, but the chief seat of the Manufactures of the Dominion.

THE SCENERY OF OTTAWA.

Ottawa City lies on the right bank or south shore of the Ottawa River, and may be said to extend from the Chaudière Falls to Rockcliffe, a distance of about three miles. Nothing can be more striking than the *tableau* presented by this Ottawa River frontage of the City as viewed from the River or from the low shore of the opposite bank.

The whole length presents a succession of bold promontories or bluffs, many of them rising perpendicularly 250 feet from the water's edge, clothed with a perpetual green of bushy cedar and pine, and separated from each other by small bays.

ROCKCLIFFE.

Ascending the river the first of these promontories which presents itself is known by the name of Rockcliffe, the property of Dr. Hunter, its frontage extends about a quarter of a mile, and through its whole length on the side of the cliff runs a magnificent Terrace or Alley, sufficiently wide for a Carriage Road, and so thickly shaded throughout by tall pine trees and cedar bushes as to be impervious alike to the fierce summer sun and the chilly blasts of winter. The view obtained here of the opposite shore, wherever an opening can be found, is perhaps more beautiful (as it is more extensive) than from any of the other promontories, the eye here embraces not only the pastoral landscape of grassy slopes and cultivated fields, backed by the distant mountains of Lower Canada, but a clear view sixteen miles down the Ottawa River.

THE RIDEAU FALLS.

The next striking object met with is the Rideau River tumbling perpendicularly into the Ottawa River on either side of a low flat island making two distinct falls of about 40 feet high.