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## THE CITIES OF CANADA.

### BROCKVILLE.

BROCKVILLE, the subject of our illustration in the present number, is agreeably situated on the north bank of the St. Lawrence, some 60 miles east of Kingston.

The country is here broken into a pleasing variety of successive ridges, running parallel with the river, and on the first of these is built the principal street, with the Court House, Jail, &c., rising immediately behind. "The town," says Smith's Canada, "was laid out in 1802, and in 1817 it was stated to contain 64 dwelling-houses and stores; at that time the Court House was described as an elegant brick building." The population, by the last census, is stated to be 3,400, and one member is returned by the town to Parliament. At the extreme right of the engraving, on the top of the hill, is the Church of England, from its position the most prominent object in the view. A little behind stands the Presbyterian; and almost hid from sight amongst the trees, is the Congregational. Directly in the centre, and occupying a very conspicuous place in our sketch, is the new Court House, a very handsome building of blue limestone; a little to the right, again, is the Methodist, and to the left the unfinished tower of the Free Kirk is just discernible. These build-

ings are all handsome and substantial structures, as are also the Catholic and Baptist places of worship. The market is very easily distinguished in an open space or square; and strange to remark, it is of wood, a material, we should have imagined, would not have been selected for such a building, where an abundance of excellent stone is so easily procurable.

The Block House appears directly in the foreground, in front of the town. It was built during the rebellion of 1837, on the site where formerly stood the Cholera Hospital.

"Brockville," to borrow the words of the writer of a very spirited sketch in the "Maple Leaf," "though far from being the most important in size and population in our Province, yet cannot fail to be an object of interest. The association with the memory of him who fell in the arms of victory on the heights of Queenston, whilst it adds a feature to its attractions, renders it an enduring monument of his fame." Happily, however, these are not the times when grey-haired veterans, leaning on their rusty swords, refresh each other's memories with recollections of well-fought fields. The dove of peace hovers over our western waters, and our watchwords are Freedom, Concord, Industry, and Man. Nor is Brockville without evidences of the blessings which attend this change, or of the monu-