Kingston is the capital of the united counties of Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington, and sends one member to Parliament. Its present Representative, Hon. John A. Macdonald, Attorney General for Canada West, has represented the city for many years. It was for some time the capital of the United Provinces, under the administrations of Lord Sydenham, Sir Charles Bagot, and Sir Charles Metcalfe. The removal of the Government offices caused a serious depression for some years in the growth and prosperity of the city, but happily the citizens now depend more upon self-exertion. The result is seen in the many new and splendid buildings in different parts of the city, and the extensive manufactories of different kinds that have sprung up within the last few years.

Kingston being situated at the junction of lake and river navigation, and being the outlet of the productions of the fertile Bay of Quinte, and also connecting with the city of Ottawa and intermediate country by the Rideau Canal, naturally enjoys a considerable shipping and commercial trade. Till the opening of the Rome and Cape Vincent Railroad in 1853, the forwarding trade was the principal business; since that time the facilities of transport from the seaboard will probably afford an impetus to more purely commercial business. In 1854, during the season of navigation, the inward and outward tonnage, by steam and sail vessels, was as follows:

0 , 0	INWARD.				OUTWARD.			
	1st Quarter.		2d QUARTER.		1st QUAR'R.		2d QUARTER.	
	Steam. Sail. 64,862 29,754 644 198	277,252 356	1,289	$6,430 \\ 643$	3,754	277,252	1,289	710,752 2,535
Do. ou	ward tonnage for tward do. d	or 1854 lo. do				34	6,595	66
	er of steam ves	sels enter	red du	ring 18	54		1,0	00
Total	number of steam	m vessels	entere	d and cl	leared o	luring 18		99
	er of sailing ve do.						. 2	68 68
Total	number sailing	vessels	ntered	and cl	eared o	luring 18		36