

ARTICLE IV.

OTTAWA THE CAPITAL.

THE fall of 1826 and that of 1867 bear a strong contrast to each other, as regards Ottawa. While in the former period we saw it a wilderness, in the latter we find it the capital, not only of the Province but of the "Dominion of Canada," with a population of over twenty thousand. When the question of placing the Seat of Government at Ottawa was first brought up in parliament, the spectators in the gallery will remember the speech of a Canadian statesman, who said: "I tell you candidly, gentlemen, you might as well send the Seat of Government to Labrador." Few would have believed that the present capital could have been so favored as it has. Yet, strange to say, there were not wanting those who, as far back as 1827, predicted that it would be what it is to-day; and Sir John Franklin and Colonel By were the prognosticators. The former gentleman declared it