

of his second visit, that he and Colonel By lost themselves for a time in the woods where Ottawa city now stands, but which then were trackless. The men to be employed in the Rideau Canal works would, of course, want supplies; and, to secure these, the first thing Colonel By did, was to build the 'Union' bridge from Hull, on the north side, to the southern bank of the Ottawa. This was done at the same time that the route for the canal was surveyed, and the search was made for quarries of stone wherewith to erect the necessary buildings. In 1827, the Colonel first determined to form a town on the south side of the river, and took energetic steps to do so. He made contracts for building himself a house of stone (the first built in the neighbourhood), two ordnance stores, barracks, and a hospital. The usual statements concerning the land bought by Colonel By are so erroneous, that we may digress to give the true ones. Mr. John Burries received from Lord Dalhousie a free grant of the land on which the principal part of Ottawa is built. Not liking the labor of farming it, he sold it to Nicholas Sparks, one of the farming men whom Mr. Wright had brought out with him from Europe. Mr. Sparks is yet living, and rejoices in the appellation of the "Laird of Bytown." Colonel By bought a farm on the other side of the road from Mr. Sparks, and, while improving his property, naturally rendered his neighbour a similar service, so that now he would, probably, refuse to part with his property for £200,000. Colonel By went to England, and died there; his heirs still holding some of his property in the City of Ottawa."

THE SCENERY OF THE OTTAWA.

Around the city, in all directions, the scenery is of unsurpassed beauty, and also grand in its wild and romantic character. At the western extremity are the celebrated Chaudiere Falls, a scene unsurpassed in America, except by the Niagara Falls, which it rivals in many respects. A suspension bridge, erected by the Provincial Government at a cost of 66,448 dollars, spans this foaming chasm, and unites Upper with Lower Canada. At the north-east end of the city are two other falls, over which the waters of the Rideau River pour themselves with wild impetuosity into the bosom of the Ottawa; and, although inferior to the Chaudiere in point of sublimity and grandeur, they are not without many attractions to the admirer of Nature's works.

The south bank of the Ottawa is the more elevated. Between the two highest hills, which bold promontories project into the river, the Rideau Canal is conducted through a natural ravine, and a series of eight magnificent locks lead from the level of the canal to that of the river. On each side of the canal and on the summit of the hills are the Ordnance lands which belong to the Government; and here it is, on the