

KINGSTON AND OTTAWA

VIA

RIDEAU RIVER AND LAKES.



ROBABLY no trip is attracting more of the attention of tourists just now than that between Kingston and Ottawa *via* the Rideau Canal. The distance is 126½ miles, and the journey is made by the steamer "James Swift" in twenty-six hours. The Rideau is not an ordinary canal. It is a waterway between the two cities mentioned, made by connecting a large number of the most beautiful lakes on the continent. The actual canal is comparatively short, while the lakes afford delightful sails and scenery, and invigorating air.

The canal was constructed by the British Government as a military work, at a cost of five million dollars, as far back as 1830. If, in time of war, the navigation of the St. Lawrence were interrupted, this canal, in conjunction with the Ottawa River, would furnish direct communication between Montreal and the great lakes.

Cranberry Lake is a large expanse of water, and contains many islands of considerable extent. Connected to the north are several lakes in which there is superb fishing.



Part of Channel near Jones' Falls.

Looking across Big Rideau Lake—six miles of perspective.