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## SOME CANADIAN CITIES.

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THE visitor to Canada from the States will find much to interest in the thriving cities of the Dominion. In some of these he will find a marked contrast with the cities over the border; in others, equally marked similarity; in still others, a striking contrast in different sections of the same city. The latter is particularly true of some of the older cities, in which the mark of progress is being felt, and there seems to be a struggle for supremacy between the ancient and the modern.

**Hamilton.**—At the extreme western end of Lake Ontario, on its high terraced shores, stands the city of Hamilton. The approach from the lake presents a striking picture, while the view of the city from the railway trains, in either direction, is almost equally picturesque. The surrounding country is quite elevated, and from the higher portions of the city the streets slope gradually to the water's edge, while across from the city lies the broad expanse of Burlington Beach, five miles in length, and from 600 to 1,000 feet wide. Still beyond, meeting the sky in the dim distance, are the blue waters of Ontario. Burlington Bay, protected by the long beach, forms the quiet harbor of Hamilton, adding much to the commercial importance of the city, which is also highly favored with railroad facilities, heavy manufacturing enterprises, and valuable surrounding agricultural resources.

The scenery in the vicinity of Hamilton, as viewed from the railway trains, is especially attractive. The view on the following page is one among the many which delight the eye of the lover of the beautiful, and the visitor will find the drives in all directions from the city to be very attractive. Dundas valley, a few miles west of Hamilton, is one of the most picturesque spots in Canada, and a comprehensive view of its charms may be had from the trains of the Southern division, as they wind around the mountain side. The roadbed is cut in the side of the mountain, which towers up far above the track on the one hand, while on the other side lies the charming valley, with the town nestling among the trees. As the train winds its way around the side of the mountain, glimpses of the valley are given here and there, and at the "summit" the whole scene is spread out in panoramic beauty, affording a picture of surpassing loveliness.

**St. Catharines.**—Twelve miles from Niagara Falls, pleasantly situated on the Welland Canal, is the thriving city of St. Catharines. A mineral well of large capacity, and recognized remedial value, has given the place a wide reputation and the title of "the Saratoga of British North America." It has fine hotels, and the surrounding country is more than ordinarily attractive from a scenic point, and visitors are thus entertained while "taking their medicine" from the mineral well.

**London.**—Western Ontario has for its chief city an aspiring imitator of its great namesake, having a River Thames, a Hyde Park, a St. Paul's church, and other interesting names borrowed from over the Atlantic. It is a progressive city of some forty thousand people, and with several quite extensive manufacturing interests.

**Ottawa.**—The political capital of the Dominion is a point of interest, both from its importance as a city and from the beauty of the scenery which surrounds it. Some of the most picturesque landscapes in Canada are to be found in its vicinity, and the drives about the city and its suburbs are more than ordinarily attractive. The government buildings are magnificent, occupying a site of four acres, on the river bank, and are built in the Italian gothic style. The view they present from the river is picturesquely beautiful.