

elm, &c. and in some place there are swamps full of cedar and cypress.

The banks of most of the creeks abound in fine pine timber, and the creeks themselves afford in general good seats for saw-mills; materials for building are readily procured.

The heads of the rivers Radeau and Petite Nation, communicate by short portages, or carrying-places, with the waters which fall into the St. Lawrence, and promise to afford great advantages to all kinds of inland communication. The forks of the Radeau, about which are the townships of Oxford, Marlborough, and Gower, promise to be, at some future period, an emporium for interior commerce.

The birch canoes, which go to the north-west country, pass up the Ottawa river with the merchandize, and descend with peltries.

The town of Kingston is situated at the head of the St. Lawrence on the north shore, opposite to Wolfe Island; it occupies the site of old Fort Frontinac, was laid out in the year 1784, and is now of considerable size; it has a barrack for troops, and a house for the commanding officer, an hospital, several store-houses, an episcopal church, a Roman Catholic chapel, a gaol, and court-house. A cove, upon which the town is situated, affords a good harbour for shipping; it is safe, commodious, and well sheltered. Large vessels seldom go below Kingston, although it is navigable to Oswegatchie, about 70 miles down the river; the stores,