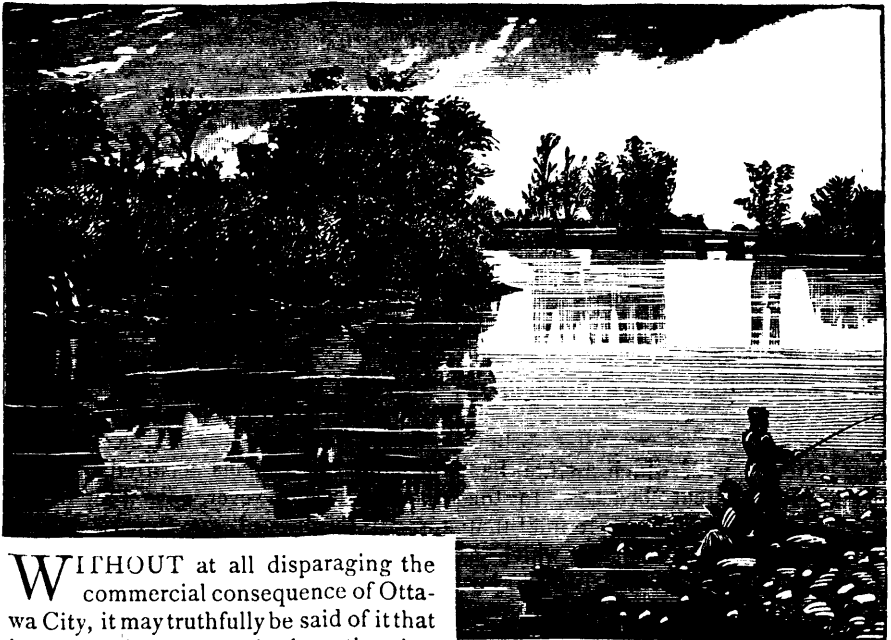


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## THE CAPITAL OF CANADA.

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SCENE ON RIVER ABOVE OTTAWA.

WITHOUT at all disparaging the commercial consequence of Ottawa City, it may truthfully be said of it that its primary importance, in the estimation not only of foreigners but of our own people, is derived from the fact that it has been constituted the political metropolis of the Dominion. What the motives may have been which inspired Her Majesty's Canadian advisers to counsel—if they really did counsel—the selection of what was then an obscure, rather uninviting, and not very promis-

ing town—what the political exigencies which compelled the passing over of the older and better situated cities—people now never think of enquiring. It is enough for the present day and generation that, Ottawa having been chosen, time has gradually confirmed the comparative wisdom of the choice