

CITY OF KINGSTON

KINGSTON is beautifully situated at the outlet of Lake Ontario, at the head of the River St. Lawrence and at the mouth of the Cataragui river, which connects it by the Rideau Chain of Lakes with Ottawa. First settled by the French, under De Courcelles, in 1672, with the name of Fort Cataragui, it was considered of so much importance that his successor, Comte de Frontenac, replaced the original wooden stockade with a massive fortress of stone, impregnable to the aboriginal warrior, and gave to it his own name, which still attaches to the county in which Kingston is situated. After many vicissitudes of fortune the fort was destroyed in 1758, by the English, under Bradstreet, but rebuilt by them under its present name, Fort Henry. The fort presents an imposing appearance, crowning the elevation opposite the city. Quaint Martello towers occupy positions of strategic importance along the shore. These, with the fort, are interesting as specimens of military architecture, though they are not obsolete and inefficient against modern ordnance. They are, however, always objects of interest to the visitor who is allowed to inspect them at his leisure.

Kingston possesses the best harbor on the great lakes, its capacious surface being capable of containing the whole lake marine. With such a harbor, and at the head of river navigation, Kingston has always been prominent in the annals of navigation, and has a large trade with the grain-producing districts of the great West, being well equipped with steamer and elevator facilities for the handling and transshipment of their products.

Kingston is famous as an educational center, it being the seat of Queen's University, the Royal Medical College, College of Regiopolis, School of Gunnery, School of Art, Science Hall, School of Mining, Kingston Business College, Congregation de Notre Dame, St. Mary's on the Lake Convent, and several smaller institutions. It is also the West Point of Canada, as it is here the Royal Military College is situated, with an ideal location upon Point Frederic, under the walls of Fort Henry. The graduates of the College have made names for themselves throughout the world, many of them occupying prominent positions in the British army. Its military side is further accentuated by the permanent location in the city of two battalions of Royal Canadian Artillery.

The many fine Parks of the city, particularly the City Park, covering many acres of ground and plentifully supplied with magnificent shade trees, and Macdonald Park on the lake shore, both within a few minutes' walk of the centre of the city, are welcome vistas to the tourist.

The Golf Links of the Kingston Club are situated upon the military reserve around Fort Henry, and have great range and variety, from level sward to rocky height, and the properly-introduced visitor is always sure of a welcome among the devotees of that scientific pastime.

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