

taking it in its rough state from the river, squaring it off, and then discharging it back again to be made up into cribs and floated down to the Ottawa, and thence to Montreal or Quebec.

Looking at the Ottawa altogether, it is perhaps one of the finest and most picturesque of all the rivers of Canada; and when we consider that it drains a country of about 80,000 superficial miles, we cannot but think that many more years will not pass over, without a vast change for the better in the land. Clearances effected, and comfortable farms and dwellings erected on a soil abundantly fertile, with still a background of unlimited forest for the successful prosecution of the lumber trade; when we look at all these facts, the conclusion to which we must inevitably come is, that PROSPERITY is written in legible characters upon the broad expanse of country stretching around us. The establishment of the seat of Government at Ottawa will also tend to open up the country, and the increase will be great.