

KINGSTON

Is pleasantly situated at the head of the Thousand Islands, River St. Lawrence, where Lake Ontario, the last link of the chain of the inland seas of the west, together with the Bay of Quinte and the great Cataraqui Creek, are united with the mighty channel which conveys and empties their waters into the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

It occupies the site of the old French fort of Frontenac. As a place of defence it stands next in strength to Quebec. The batteries of Fort Henry are calculated for the reception of numerous cannon and mortars of the largest calibre. These, together with neighboring martello towers, form a formidable and efficient defence against any aggressive movement which might be directed against the city. Opposite Kingston are Wolfe and Garden Islands, between which and the city lies the bay, a beautiful sheet of water. On the other side of the Islands is Cape Vincent, in the State of New York.

Kingston possesses two colleges, and has several handsome public buildings, such as the Court House, Custom House, City Hall, Banks, Post Office, &c. The population is about 15,000. Adjacent to the city is Portsmouth, where are located the Provincial Penitentiary and Rockwood Lunatic Asylum.

Before proceeding down the St. Lawrence, we will briefly notice the principal ports on the American side of Lake Ontario.

CHARLOTTESVILLE,

At the mouth of the Genesee River, is the port of entry for the City of Rochester. The river is navigable for steamers five miles from its mouth, as far as Carthage, whence passengers can take the railroad cars for Rochester, two miles distant. The next port, after leaving Charlottesville, is

OSWEGO,

A beautiful and flourishing town. It is the commercial centre

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