

lack of literary talent among the visitors, it became an interesting feature of the place. The original Canada House was destroyed by fire after it had been standing for twenty-five years, and a new hotel, also the Canada House, but built of stone, was erected about 1868, and was a very fine substantial building. The present hotel, the "Grand," erected on the site of the old, is a fine building, capable of accommodating a large number of guests.

Grenville is a few miles lower down on the north shore. The river here passes close to the Laurentian Mountains, and, narrowed also by islands, flows swiftly down the Long Sault Rapids, or "Chute-à-Blondeau," in a foaming and impetuous torrent, which stops all navigation except that of downward-bound lumber rafts.

The sportsman will find Grenville the most convenient point of departure for the wild and romantic lake country of the Laurentian hills. This tract resembles the Adirondack region of New York in its geological formation, as well as in its abundant lakes and streams. The whole country is dotted over with lakes, and, with short "portages" from stream to stream, the sportsman can go great distances in a canoe.

On the islands and south shore is the village of Hawkesbury; and the mills built upon the islands are some of the largest upon the Ottawa River.

The Grenville Canal was built to overcome the rapids of the Long Sault. The old canal was designed and commenced by the Royal Engineers, for the Imperial Government, in 1829, but this canal was greatly enlarged by the Dominion Government a few years ago; the work, however, has never been completed sufficiently to allow the free passage of large river steamers with any degree of regularity, therefore passengers from the steamer "Empress" are transported to Carillon in twenty minutes by the

Carillon & Grenville Railway. This railway, operated exclusively in connection with the passenger steamers of the Ottawa River Navigation Company, is to-day, perhaps, the only broad gauge road in the Dominion (*i. e.*, a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches), and is, therefore, unique and interesting.

Upon the Quebec side, opposite the half-way station on the Carillon & Grenville Railway, is the Thermopylae