

Into those fascinating waters, with their whirlpools and rapids, you never grow weary of gazing. I do not dwell on the dynamical and stratigraphical features of the geology of Niagara, as I hope to write separately on the subject. Then there are the bridges—the Suspension Bridge, the Cantilever Bridge, and the Steel Arch Bridges, all which would delight the soul of an engineer, which, for weal or for woe, I do not possess! Queen Victoria Park is lovely, and, in fact, the whole place must in summer be enchanting. The district is in some ways the most highly favoured in Canada, since it is able to rear such products as grapes, peaches, melons, and tomatoes, in the open.

I returned to Toronto, and proceeded thence to Ottawa, the capital. Ottawa is a city beautiful for situation; it is lively; its development has been rapid, and seems likely to continue. The political metropolis of the Dominion, it has also a favouring position for commercial expansion, situated as it is at junction of the Rideau and Ottawa rivers, and marked out as the natural centre of the timber trade. Its Parliament Buildings are magnificent, the stately pile being one of great architectural beauty. I saw Parliament meet in Committee, and heard Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper, and others speak. The library is an extremely well furnished one. The view of the surrounding country from Parliament Buildings is most lovely. The city streets are tree-environed. Mr. Mather, one of the most