

The Rideau Canal, running from the St. Lawrence River at Kingston, joins the Ottawa River at Ottawa, the descent being made by a series of eight massive stone locks. The military bridges, constructed of stone and iron, are splendid specimens of engineering skill.

The population of the City is about 40,000, not including the city of Hull on the opposite side of the river. Located as it is away from the border, Ottawa retains its national characteristics to a greater extent than the other principal Canadian cities, except Quebec, and bears a marked resemblance to some of the older European towns. French and English are spoken with equal fluency by many of the inhabitants.

The excursionists will leave Montreal on Saturday (Hochelaga Depot) at 7.30 a. m., (Mile End) 7.40 a. m., reaching Ottawa at mid-day. Returning they will have the option of spending Sunday in the Capital, leaving there Monday at 8 a. m., reaching Montreal at noon, or by leaving Ottawa Saturday evening about 6.00 reach Montreal about 10.30 p. m.

As it will be necessary for us to know the number that will participate in the excursion, in order to provide the necessary accommodation, members accepting will please inform Prof. Bovey on receipt of this, furnishing him with their names and names of members of their families who will accompany them.

Prof. Bovey will be furnished with tickets for the occasion, and he will deliver them on Thursday August 24th, upon application of those members whose names have been previously furnished him.

Very respectfully yours,

ARCHER BAKER,  
*General Superintendent.*

GEO. W. HIBBARD,  
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