

the Legislature, impart a lively attraction to society and give a briskness to the local trade of a highly beneficial character.

During the present summer Ottawa has been visited by a larger number of tourists from Europe and the United States than in any previous season, many of whom have visited the most interesting spots in the Ottawa Valley, and have expressed themselves both surprised and delighted with what they saw.

Amongst the distinguished visitors of the present year, the members of the

#### BRITISH ASSOCIATION

will do much towards circulating valuable and correct information in the Old Country respecting Canada, its present condition, its resources, its institutions, and its future prospects, so plainly foreshadowed to every unprejudiced mind.

A visit from such a learned and pre-eminently well-informed body of experienced and scientific men cannot fail to result most advantageously to this country.

On the return home of the members of this standard association, their deliberate and unprejudiced opinions will prove especially valuable in counteracting many false impressions of this country prevalent in the old land.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the visit of the members of the British Association to the City of Ottawa may be of such an agreeable nature that they shall be enabled to carry away with them none other than the most pleasant recollections of our city and its people.

#### THE COUNTY OF CARLETON,

in the centre of which Ottawa is situated, is, perhaps, financially speaking, the most independent municipality in the Dominion. The greater portion of the land comprised within the boundaries of the Metropolitan County is of the richest and most fertile description. It has an area of 415,291 acres, with a population of about 50,000. It is traversed by many fine macadamized roads, and the various railways coming into Ottawa pass through