

quity to the city rendering it accessible in a short time. Once there, one feels as far from business with its concomitant noisy waggons and dusty streets, as though he were miles from the capital. Private grounds, the Bellevue Gardens at Hull, and the many villages dotting the shore between Ottawa and Grenville, also afford cooling shelter from the scorching rays of the midsummer sun. The banks of the Ottawa are justly admired for their beauty and rich foliage, sloping and undulating back ground, groves, bays, creeks and rivulets; the variety is pleasing, and it is not, therefore, surprising that so many avail themselves of a sail in the *Queen*, to embrace what is so easily attainable. In addition to the facilities offered by the steamer, it cannot be said there is a paucity in the city of small craft, such as buns or flat boats, skiffs, shallops and even bark canoes. The first mentioned, however, are admirably adapted to the requirements of a family, possessing, as they do, ample room and a neatly scalloped awning.

The amusements and pastimes indulged in by the votaries of sylvan retreats consist in the usual emptying of well-filled baskets, containing the customary delicious morsels and refreshing beverages; fishing, archery, the various games incidental to minds bent on relaxation from the routine of every day life, and finally the "in-