

long and forms a triangle with the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa rivers. The Upper terminus is about 180 miles from Montreal, while the lower is 120 miles. A handsome bridge spans the gorge and forms a connection between the towns. As a city, Ottawa has perhaps the most beautiful and picturesque situation of any in the Province. Built beside the magnificent Chaudiere, upon a rocky elevation, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country, as far as the eye can reach, it is almost equal to Quebec itself. The fine far-stretching campaign, opened up to a great extent by hardy settlers, who have cleared for themselves a home and farm; the villages nestling among the trees, the deep dark forests extending on their hand, as yet apparently untouched by the woodman's axe, and the magnificent river, all command by turns the delighted attention, and call forth unmingled exclamations of pleasure. The city itself is well built, and the elevation of the ground has been taken advantage of, to heighten the effect.

The County Buildings, several banks, good hotels, and churches of various denominations are situated here.

What the Rideau Canal does for Kingston, the Ottawa and Prescott Railroads does for Prescott—forms a connecting link with Ottawa City. This line is fifty-four miles in length, and connects at Prescott with the Grand Trunk Railway, and also, by means of a ferry, with Ogdensburgh on the United States shore, whence a railroad extends as far as New York.

From Ottawa, many very pleasant excursions can be made into the country, both by stages and steamboats, running to different parts, so that every facility is afforded for enjoying to the utmost extent the romantic scenes which abound on every side. The only difficulty one has, is created by the want of time to go over the country thoroughly.

On the bank of the Gatineau River are also situated the mills of the same name, the property of the enterprising firm of Gilmour & Co., under the able management of John Mather, Esq. These mills are very complete, with all the necessary apparatus for sawing the timber into deals and boards, and preparing it for the market,