

boldness of hills with the placid beauty of quiet waters and well tilled plains.

Eighteen miles from Papineauville the boat stops at L'Original, the county town of the united counties of Prescott and Russell. Here travellers for

Caledonia Springs disembark. The Springs have a great efficacy in rheumatic and gouty diseases. There is a good hotel there. The Springs are four in number, Saline, Sulphur, Gas, and Intermittent.

It was about 1840 or 1841 that the first hotel of any importance was erected at the Springs. The first owner of the hotel was Mr. William Parker, an American, of great energy and push, who succeeded in making the Caledonia Springs celebrated, not only for the curative properties of its waters, but also as a fashionable resort for the *élite* of Montreal and the towns of northern New York State. Horse racing, which attracted noted sporting men both from the United States and Canada, was indulged in with much *éclat*. This was the age before there were railways to take the citizens of Montreal and other towns to the seaside summer resorts, and, as the springs were within easy access by steamboat or by driving in carriages, it can readily be understood how the place became, at that time, a fashionable resort.

Mr. Parker established a printing house, and a weekly paper was issued at the Springs; and, as there was no



Long Sault, on the Ottawa.