

inducements it offers to capitalists and the industrious and thrifty labourer, may prove of interest to a large number of your readers.

"I left Bristol on 5th October, and the next day was steaming away from Liverpool in the *Sardinian*. In this age of scientific triumphs the voyage from land to land across the Atlantic Ocean is reduced to a pleasure trip, shorn of all the fancied dangers hitherto clinging to it. The fleets of steamers running between Liverpool and Quebec are indeed veritable floating palaces, and from steerage to saloon, every possible care and attention are taken to ensure the safety and the comfort of the passengers. The efficiency of these liners is sufficiently exhibited in the now common occurrence of commercial men leaving England, personally transacting business in Canada and being home again within a month.

"The run to Moville was equally, but from leaving Ireland till we steamed through the Straits of Belle Isle into the noble St. Lawrence the voyage was one of unmixed pleasure. The scenery along the banks of the St. Lawrence is one of marvellous grandeur, and probably unsurpassed of its kind anywhere in the world. On 15th October we had reached the old city of Quebec, said to rival even Naples in its splendour. The inhabitants of this quaint city are mostly French speaking. Ottawa, the seat of Parliament, about 300 miles west of Quebec, I reached in the evening of 16th October, having thus made the journey from Bristol in ten days.

"During three days spent in Ottawa I was enabled to make a few inquiries into the general prospects of the district. Tradesmen were satisfied with the business done this season, and were sanguine of a continuance of good times. The farmers I met in the neighbourhood expressed the fullest content with their present condition and prospects, the only drawbacks being, they stated, the difficulty to obtain good farm labourers who understood their work, and female domestic servants. The crops, taken all round, have been abundant, and highly satisfactory returns must result. Within easy distance of Ottawa are obtainable lands of excellent quality, suitable for mixed farming, having timber, game, and water plentiful. Many a hard-working small farmer here at home, labouring incessantly for such poor returns as barely suffice to supply his family with life's necessaries, would find in the fertile lands around Ottawa many opportunities, by dint of industry and reasonable economy, of speedily placing himself in as high a state of comfort and independence as the most prosperous and well-to-do farmer anywhere in the British Isles.

"In the Ottawa valley are worked rich deposits of phosphate ores, which for quality rank among the most valuable obtained from any part of the world. Considerable capital has of late been directed to these excellent deposits, but still splendid opportunities remain for its use in developing untouched seams. Valuable lodes of metal such as copper are being opened, and show every likelihood of being highly paying concerns. In fact, the metal mining of the district is expected in the near future to assume large dimensions. The timber industry is enormous, turning out thousands of feet daily, and comprising a combination of all the latest and best improvements in sawing machinery, giving steady employment to a large body of men.

"Toronto, which I next visited, is a handsomely built city. It had a population of 86,415 in 1881, but has since grown to 140,000, and is, as your readers know, the centre of many important and thriving industries. With its splendid public buildings and business premises, and fine, wide, well-kept streets, it may well be the admiration of every visitor. It is the centre of a large agricultural district, and does a very miscellaneous trade, exporting largely to Great Britain and the United States. Small tradesmen are doing a remunerative business, and large firms and companies show high rates of interest on money invested in them. In a city of this description, extending in all directions at a steady rate, there can be but little doubt that many openings must exist for profitable investment and for the working of capital.

"Leaving Toronto I spent two days in the Huron district, well known to me. It being eight years since I had been there, I was very anxious to learn how matters had gone with many of my friends in that part of the Province of Ontario. The