

THE OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION,
OTTAWA,
ONTARIO :—

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your request, I have examined the City of Ottawa and its vicinity, with a view to considering the adaptability of certain portions of it for park purposes, and also with the idea of outlining a general comprehensive scheme for the systematic improvement of the city, having due regard to the future health and happiness of its inhabitants, and to the fact that Ottawa is the Capital of the Dominion of Canada, whose population, wealth and importance is rapidly increasing. I have given my best attention to this problem, and I now have the honor to submit to you the following report :—

INTRODUCTION.

Your Commission being appointed by the Dominion Government, the scheme for parks and general improvements for the Capital must be of a national character, and I have therefore paid but little attention to the purely arbitrary boundaries of City, Town or Province, but have been guided alone by what would seem to be a wise provision for future parks and boulevards, commensurate with the importance of the Capital City of the Dominion. In my examination of Ottawa, nothing has impressed me more than the fact that it has a great future before it. The Capital