

Company's steamers, where porters are in waiting to attend to their baggage, &c.

Among the interesting places in Kingston there are the Queen's and Regiopolis Colleges, the Court House, Custom House, City Hall, Post Office, the banks and churches. A short distance from the city is the village of Portsmouth where the Provincial Penitentiary and Lunatic Asylum are located. The population of Kingston is about 18,000.

We now leave Kingston and enter the noble

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.

and soon we find ourselves sailing down among the wonderfully beautiful and far-famed collection of isles called the

THOUSAND ISLANDS.

These islands begin about Kingston and extend down for a distance of about 50 miles. They consist of over 1,800 beautiful islands, of every possible appearance, size and shape, some being very very small and only covering a few square feet, while many of them are large and thickly wooded, and cover many acres. The scenery on this trip down among the islands is so charmingly beautiful that it is almost beyond description. Sometimes the steamer will pass so close to one of the islands that you would almost be able to reach over and catch a branch of one of the trees. Looking ahead you would imagine that all further progress was utterly impossible, when all at once you round the points amid beautiful bays and many winding passages, and then gradually the way is laid open before you; and then again there seems to come an abrupt termination to the river, and to all appearance we are bounded by an immense green bank, whose threatening shores we see and are fast ap-