

and their families seeking complete change of environment and relaxation from exhausting business.

Impressions of tourists who have spent some time in this magnificent country are now appearing in contributions to the press, magazines, and in papers presented to institutes, naturalist clubs, etc., extracts from which are taken.

"The predominant charm of Algonquin Park is not the scenery, so varied and picturesque, nor the forest, with its clean and open hardwood, its crowded mixed timber, and its solemn pineries, nor the lakes,



Chaffey's Locks, Rideau Canal.

teeming with fish, nor the climate, nor the beasts and birds, but the greatest and abiding charm is the harmony with which every phase of nature conspires to please.

" 'Age cannot wither her ; nor custom stale
Her infinite variety.' "

"The dominant characteristic of scenery is a quiet beauty, restful and refreshing to the wearied nerves of the toiler in our too strenuous civilization. There are lakes everywhere, few of them large, but all of them beautiful, their clear, cool waters, well stocked with trout. They lie like mirrors amongst the wooded hills. The streams connecting them are for the most part navigable by canoe, and the portages are neither long nor difficult. The divides