

the length of a musket shot, yet in others it widens and offers a most majestic spectacle. Here it flows through banks covered with verdure, there it runs swiftly, in others it rushes with fury, cresting its waves with foam—a most impressive sight. The banks, verdure-clad, bend towards its raging waters, while numerous rivulets and rivers pour their floods within its capacious flanks. Elsewhere majestic forest trees cast their deep shades upon its waters, crown its course with their lofty heads—an immortal crown indeed. Such is the St. Lawrence; but that is not all. Imagine a long street, lined on both sides with houses built of wood or stone, painted in gay colours, islands of all shapes and sizes mirrored in its azure waters; picture to yourself all these objects repeated over and over again for the delectation of the admirers of nature; such is the St. Lawrence. But leave these pleasant scenes to penetrate the dark forests, the rocky breaks, the swamps, which are to be found, for instance, between Brockville and Kingston, what a contrast! Trees of great height cast their deep and sombre shadows and close on all sides the view; dark and mournful looking rocks throw a gloom on everything, not excepting the soul of the traveller. A cleft in the rocks gives passage to a torrent, spanned by a bridge fixed to both its perpendicular sides. These sombre scenes are not, however, without their grandeur and poetry; they suggest thoughts which are as a gleam of sunshine to the weary wayfarer. These rapid tumultuous streams foster, however, prospering industries, which have arisen on their banks, in the shape of grist, saw and fulling mills.

Kingston or Cataracoui.—The town of Kingston at the n. e. extremity of Lake Ontario in the County of Frontenac, lies under $44^{\circ} 8' n.$ lat. and $71^{\circ} 41' w.$ long. from Greenwich. It is the Capital of the Midland District. It is built on very rocky ground; whenever the foundations of a house are to be made they are dug out of solid rock. "This stone," says Liancourt, "has the remarkable qualities of being easy to cut and of hardening afterwards when exposed to the air; it is not split by the action of frost."* Notwithstanding this, the houses—which are considerable in number—are mostly built of wood.

*The writer was certainly misinformed; no one can claim these qualities for the Kingston limestone.