

far above the average samples of the race frequently met with, being cleanly, sober, and industrious, and having the appearance of people who considered themselves on a par with the best of mankind.

"Four miles from Fort William is the mouth of Deep River. This river is twenty-eight miles in length, of great depth, as its name denotes; and, taken all in all, is one of the richest scenic routes on the continent. Two finely wooded points are passed on entering the river, the steamer hugging the base of the heavily wooded mountains on the north shore, which soon hemmed us completely in, affording, both in front and rear, several glorious panoramic views, more genial and refreshing from their greenness, than any of the immediate views up the famous pass of the Saguenay. Up the Saguenay, anything approaching to verdure in the vicinity of the river is the exception—here it is the rule; and although large masses of granite are met with, which refuse to be completely clothed, still they are few in number, and there is ever a matronly disposition on the part of Dame Nature to reclaim them from their first wild condition. Taking the front and rear views, with their alternate changes, there is nothing finer in the entire range of Canadian scenery. If Canada ever give birth to a good landscape painter, it is to the Ottawa that he must come to reap the fruits of his beloved labors, and to do full justice to the scenery of his native land. The tourist who has never had an opportunity of judging for himself, can have no idea of the grandeurs of the Upper Ottawa. As yet it is a sealed country to those whose peculiar tastes, feelings, and temperaments fit them to enjoy its many excellencies; but the time cannot be remote when it will become a favorite resort, not only for the peculiar few, but for the travelling million. Up the entire length of the river the mountains are clothed from head to foot with massive pines, breaking out at distant intervals with heavy-browed masses of granite, as before noted; while all below, to the very shore, is green, and swelling with refreshing verdure. On the south side, as we proceed, several beautiful wooded points jut out into the lake; and on the north the distant points of the sloping hills do a similar office for their side of the gorge. The shores are not generally abrupt, but sloping.

"After passing innumerable swells of mountain and hill, a very pretty bay is soon left behind, and we come to the famous Ouisio Rock, in which is a cave (some say two caves) opening from the water, the entrance not visible, and where tradition asserts that the passing Indian was wont, in days gone by, to place an offering of tobacco, or some such suitable gift, to appease the anger or gain the favor of the spirit supposed to preside over the sacred spot. Ouisio Rock is the largest mass of granite to be seen up the river, rising perpendicularly from the water to a great height, and of corresponding width, being very broad at the base