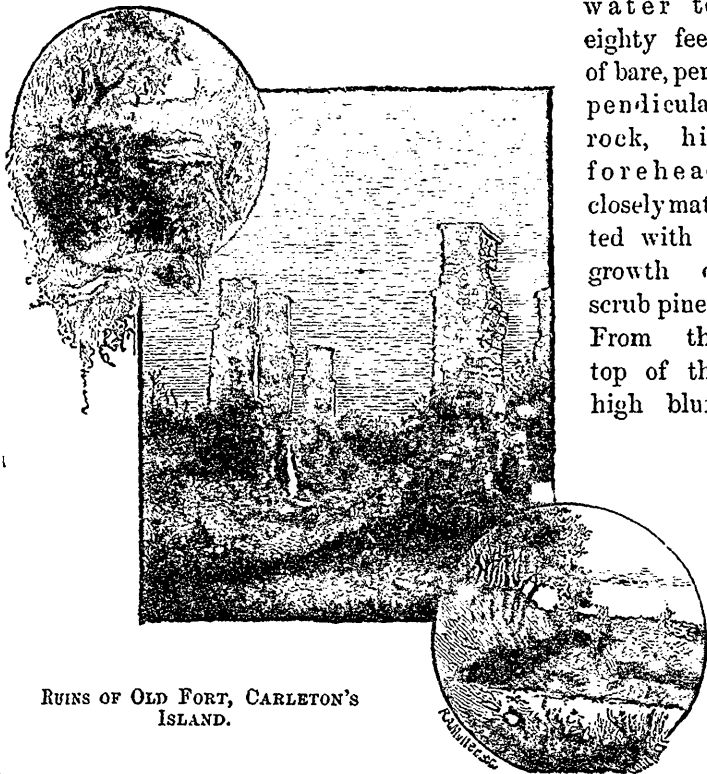


her a good mile and three-quarters broad, and Grenadier Light-house lifts in the far distance.

The islands in the Canadian channel of this part of the river are chiefly in possession of the government of the Dominion. Among them are some of the most interesting of the whole group. Old Bluff raises his rugged front from a hundred feet of

water to eighty feet of bare, perpendicular rock, his forehead closely matted with a growth of scrub pines. From the top of the high bluff,



RUINS OF OLD FORT, CARLETON'S ISLAND.

fronting down the river, a magnificent view is obtained of the islands lying beneath, both in the American and Canadian channels.

One of the most curious of the islands stands a short distance above Alexandria Bay,—a cubical block of granite, having almost the appearance of being carved by human hands, rejoicing in the name of The Oven, its summit giving sustenance to a few gaunt cedars, and its sides perforated by an almost circular opening, which, at a distance, does bear some resemblance to a gigantic baker's oven. (See initial cut.)