

## INTRODUCTION.

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THE rapid and almost unparalleled growth of Canada in cities, towns, and villages, consequent on the large and continuous emigration which annually flows to this "Land of Hope" for the sons of toil, imparting the sinews whereby the magnificent resources of this favored country are being developed, has naturally led to the agitation of the question of a city being fixed upon as the permanent seat of Government. In addition to this, much inconvenience has arisen from the government of the country having been conducted alternately at Toronto and Quebec.

Within the last year, the citizens of Hamilton, Kingston, Montreal, and lastly, Ottawa, have each put forward their claims for their city to be the favored one.

To avoid the difficulty of deciding between these various conflicting interests, it was resolved by the Canadian Parliament that each city should place its claims to the honor before the Queen of England and the Home Government. Her Majesty, with her usual goodness, undertook the task, and has decided in favor of the modest pretensions, yet intrinsic value of Ottawa, situated in the heart of a district famous for its fertile soil, beautiful scenery, facilities for trade and commercial intercourse.

The following pages will, in a comprehensive form, state the advantages the district possesses. Canada affords ample and increasing employment for the capitalist, farmer, and laborer; indeed, all who are inured and willing to toil, as understood amongst the working classes: and the sober industrious man may truly look forward to a bright and peaceful future—a prospect denied to thousands in this country, overburdened as it is with population, and with the consequent competition for employment.