

As regards the position of the other candidate cities, a very few remarks will, it is believed, suffice.

KINGSTON.

Of all of them Kingston would be the most unsafe, in consequence of its being divided from the United States only by the St. Lawrence, which in summer could be crossed by boats, and in winter, in less than an hour, at any time by day or night, on ice.

MONTREAL.

The populous, wealthy, and important metropolis of the Lower Province, not only lies within a day's march of the United States, but at the eastern extremity of 173 miles of the St. Lawrence, which studded with Islands and averaging only two miles in breadth, could throughout the greater portion of that distance be crossed with the greatest facility by the enemy, who, by cutting the electric telegraph, breaking up the rails and destroying the lockage of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, could completely isolate Montreal from that fighting portion of the population which throughout the Province, constitutes its main defence.

QUEBEC.

Of the impregnable fortress and City of Quebec which, like Montreal, is connected by railway with Portland, Boston, and New York, it may briefly be said, that on account of its position as a metropolis, and even as a citadel, it is (especially during winter) "*hors du combat*."

OTTAWA.

Of all the candidate cities, *Ottawa*, formerly called Bytown, would be the most inefficient for the capital of Canada.

In a northern and secluded locality, cut off from every arterial line of railway in the Province, and removed also from the navigation of the St. Lawrence, except by a branch railway, greater in length than between London and Brighton, *in time of peace*, it would be utterly impracticable to govern and transact from such a point, the commercial business of the Province; especially that connected with the sale of public lands, as also with the valuable