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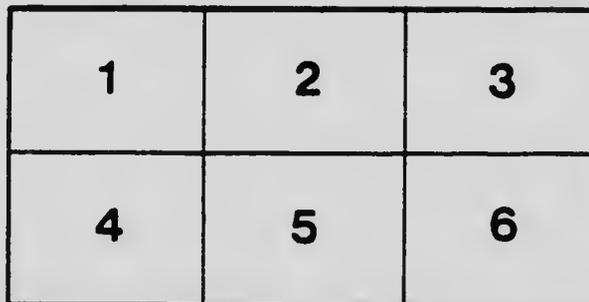
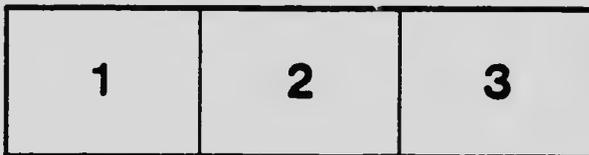
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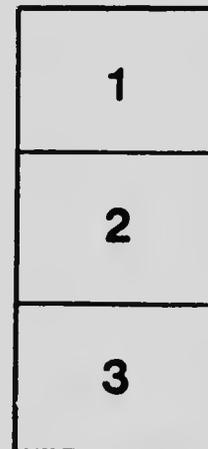
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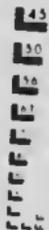
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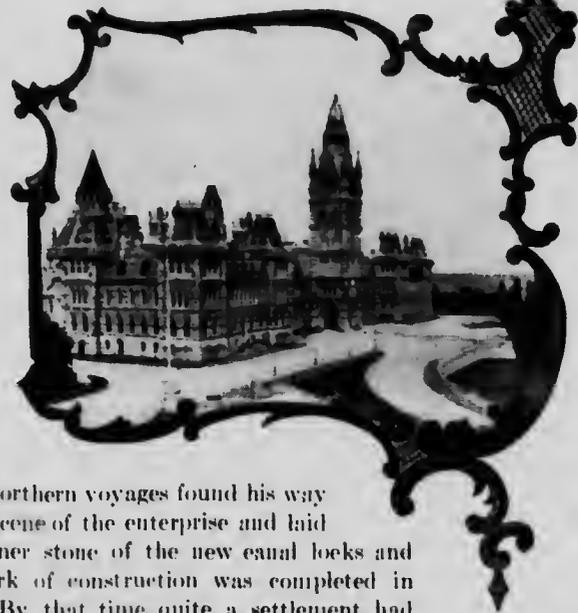


THE CITY OF OTTAWA, Capital of the Dominion of Canada, and County Seat of the County of Carleton, is situated on the south bank of the Ottawa River, 87 miles west of its junction with the St. Lawrence. The noble and commanding site which it occupies was first seen by a white man some 300 years ago when Champlain sailed up the majestic Ottawa in his search for the western waterway to China.

The 19th century had entered its second quarter however before the first humble beginning was made of what was to become the Capital. The imperial authorities, taught by the war of 1812 the necessity of an interior line of communication by which Upper Canada could be reached by water from the sea-board without the vessels having to face the hostile guns of an enemy on the southern border, decided to connect the Ottawa with the Great Lakes and in 1826 Col. By was sent out in command of a company of Royal Engineers to construct the Rideau Canal. The shacks which were then erected to shelter the workmen employed thereon became the nucleus of modern Ottawa.

The chief block of barracks was set up on the bluff where the stately Parliament Buildings now stand and a quarter of a mile away; where the verdant lawns of Major's Hill park now spread their refreshing greenery, the Colonel planted his headquarters.

In August, 1827, Sir John Franklin, returning from one



of his northern voyages found his way to the scene of the enterprise and laid the corner stone of the new canal locks and the work of construction was completed in 1832. By that time quite a settlement had sprung up and had become the incorporated village of Bytown (named after Colonel By); in 1847 it was incorporated as a town with a population of about 5,000, and seven years later became a city, taking the name of Ottawa and the appropriate and significant motto: "Advance."

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At Confederation the population of Ottawa was 18,700 and the assessed value of the taxable property in the city, \$5,012,000; twenty-five years later the population had risen to 44,000 and the assessed value of taxable property to \$18,236,000, while to-day the population is estimated at 76,260, and the assessed value of property at \$64,358,055. Assuredly has the city lived up to its motto: "Advance."

No city in Canada possibly is as exactly typical of the country as is the Capital, for here the original nationalities—French and English, Irish and Scotch—which combine to make the Canadian nation—are well and worthily represented. Natives and their descendants from the Tight Little Island and La Belle France are found here in about equal proportions, and the adherents of the two great divisions of the Christian church—the Protestant and the Roman Catholic—are approximately in the same proportion. The fact that these

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peoples of widely varied race and creed, traditions and history, are living side by side and working shoulder to shoulder to build up their common city is typical of Canada, and eloquent of the splendid national spirit which pervades the Dominion.

THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

A slight digression may be permitted at this point to refer at somewhat greater length to the national legislative buildings which occupy so commanding a site on the bluff overlooking the Ottawa River, and in which Ottawans, and Canadians generally, take such legitimate pride. Much has been said and written about the grace and beauty and dignity of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, but to realize how far short of the reality falls all the praise that has been lavished upon them, a personal inspection and detailed study is necessary. It is difficult to know which to commend most highly, the perfect symmetry of the buildings themselves, with their pure and graceful outlines, or the unrivalled felicity of the site, the perfect harmony between the work of man and the work of nature. Even the fastidious eye of a Ruskin could have found neither fault nor weakness in this architectural picture.

Anthony Trollope, visiting Ottawa when the Parliament Buildings were still under construction, grew enthusiastic as to the beauty and grandeur of the site, and purity and dignity of the architecture. Many years afterwards, an American writer, the late Charles Dudley Warner, was equally unstinted in his praise

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The following description of the buildings is taken from the late Sir James Edgar's admirable work, "Canada and its Capital":—"The original structures consisted of the Parliamentary and Library buildings, and the Eastern Block, as they now exist, and part of the Western Block. These are a pure Gothic of no particular period, but the noble civic buildings of the Low Countries and Italy are understood to have afforded suggestions to the architects. At a later date the Western Departmental Block was much enlarged, and the magnificent Mackenzie Tower was added to it. This rises to a height of 272 feet, and eclipses the tower in the main building, which is 255 feet high. The style of these additions is Gothic of a similar character, but of a later date. The effective rock-face work of the walls is generally of sandstone from the Nepean quarries close to Ottawa. Its colouring is varied and beautiful, and has grown in richness under the hand of time. The dressings are of Ohio sandstone, and the red arches are of Potsdam sandstone, obtained from St. Lawrence County, in New York State.

"The Southern Departmental Block is separated from

the other buildings by Wellington street, and is built in an entirely different style, being a modification of Italian renaissance, and its material is sandstone from Newcastle, New Brunswick."

In this connection it is worthy of note that the great increase in the business of the country has necessitated a very considerable increase in the numerical strength of the civil service, and the consequent need of largely augmented accommodation. The entire block of land fronting on Major's Hill Park on the east has been acquired by the Government and plans are now being prepared for a huge departmental building to be erected thereon. When this is completed it will be a notable addition to the many architectural adornments of the capital.

"The library building," continues Sir James, in the work above quoted, "is a rotunda in form, but possesses a marvellous combination of strength and grace. The great height of the dome is supported by massive buttresses, and by flying buttresses, which are lightened by graceful pinnacles. The interior is equally imposing. From the floor to the centre of the dome is 140 feet, while the height of Westminster Hall is only 90 feet. The floor is inlaid with Canadian woods, and the book-shelves are richly carved in Canadian white pine, rising to three stories with galleries for access to the books."

There are many magnificent public buildings, among which may be mentioned: The Royal Mint, which struck the first Canadian coin made in Canada on January of this year; the Dominion Archives building, completed in 1907; the Observatory, the Geological Museum, the Ottawa University, the City Hall, the Court House, and numerous Hospitals, Churches and Convents.

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is surrounded by water, the Ottawa River being its northern boundary, the Rideau River part of its eastern boundary and the Rideau Canal the remainder of the eastern boundary and the southern boundary. The city is not unduly con-



gested, for while some of the streets might be wider, the majority are well planned and there are many open spaces.

Some few years ago the Federal government entered into an agreement with the city whereby, in

return for water service and fire protection, and in consideration of the fact that the government buildings and the civil service salaries are exempt from taxation, it undertook to expend \$60,000 a year for 20 years in improving the parks, driveways and thoroughfares of the city. The work was placed in charge of a permanent Improvement

Commission and already the

results of their partially completed labors are greatly in evidence. What has added more to the embellishment of the city than anything else has been the acquisition of a large number of parks—large and small—ranging in size from a city block to one of 185 acres. There are now 16 o-

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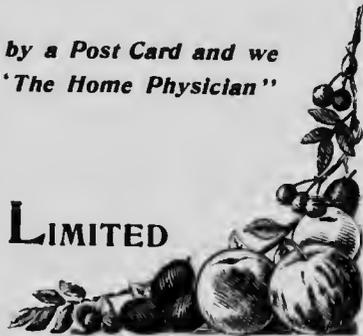
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fountains, miniature lakes, etc. It was at one time intended to extend this park so as to include Nepean Point, with its splendid outlook over the river, and towards the Chaudiere, but the Government having found it necessary to utilize a

portion of the vacant land on the Point for its Printing Bureau—an extremely useful, but architecturally unattractive building—the larger Park project fell through. Several

playgrounds are scattered throughout the city, where lacrosse, football, baseball, etc., are played in the summer months. The most notable of these is Bingham's Playground, a large square, in the heart of the poorer section of the city, equipped with every athletic appliance that the heart of a boy could desire, including an underground dressing and wash room.

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throughout the summer evenings. One of the most charming characteristics of this district is the variety of wild flowers and ferns, which grow in profusion, and are a source of delight to all.

OTTAWA A CONTINUOUS PARK

Perhaps, however, from a picturesque point of view, what would strike the outside visitor more even than her parks, is

the delightfully refreshing greenness of Ottawa's boulevards. The practice of abolishing fences has become almost universal in the Canadian Capital. Most of the best residential streets give the appearance of a wide avenue, rows of maples or elms on either side, an excellent roadway flanked by granolithic sidewalks, and between sidewalk and houses, a broad stretch

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THE GOVERNMENT DRIVEWAY

The most important work undertaken by the Improvement Commission has been the construction of a series of driveways across the city, northeast to southwest from Rockcliffe Park to the Government Experimental Farm, a distance of between 6 and 7 miles, two-thirds of which lies along the Government reserve, bordering the Rideau Canal. This work has been practically completed, at a cost of construction and maintenance to June 30th, 1905, of \$373,116, and where formerly there were narrow crooked streets, and an unsightly stretch of weed-grown waste, the city now possesses a noble series of broad drives and boulevards, shady parks and cool miniature lakes, and water stretches.

An extension or branch of the main series of driveways has been cut across the south end of the city, from the Canal direct to the Farm; this gives an additional mile of driveway and

boulevard, 120 feet wide from house line to house line.

The next step of importance contemplated by the Commission is the construction of a driveway from the west limit of the Experimental Farm north to the Ottawa River, to connect with a series of islands which lie across the channel about a mile above the Chaudiere Falls. These islands it is proposed to lay out as Japanese gardens, and they will be one of the show spots of the vicinity.

Some 25,000 trees and shrubs have been planted by the Commission along these driveways, and they add greatly to the beauty and comfort of the drive.

In addition to the large number and extent of parks above mentioned, and the beautiful driveways, there is the Experimental Farm, the grounds surrounding the Parliament Buildings, and Government House grounds, all of which are maintained and kept in excellent condition by the Government.

In a young country like Canada one does not look for a wealth of historical incident, nor for a long line of national heroes of bygone days, whose memory is fittingly perpetuated in bronze or granite. But the Capital has not been altogether unmindful of the past, and already



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a number of handsome statues and monuments have been erected at various points. Most prominent among these, in a commanding position on Parliament Hill, between the Legislative buildings and the West Block, is Hebert's noble monument of Queen Victoria, and near by are fitting tributes to Sir George E. Cartier, one of the Fathers of Confederation, and to Alexander Mackenzie, the first Liberal Premier of the Dominion (1874-78). On the otherside of the Legislative Block between it and the Eastern Departmental buildings, is the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald, for many years, and until his death in 1891, Premier of Canada.

On Wellington Street, immediately at the head of Metcalfe Street, stands a striking bronze figure of Sir Galahad recently erected by public subscription to the memory of Henry Albert Harper, a young Ottawan who heroically sacrificed his life in a desperate but unhappily vain endeavor to rescue a lady companion who had gone through the ice on the Ottawa

River. Near by, in Major's Hill Park stands a bronze counterfeit of a private of the G.G.F.G., commemorating the death of two members of that regiment who died in the fighting with half-breeds during the N. W. Rebellion of 1885. On City Hall

Square is Hamilton McCarthy's Monument to the memory of those Ottawans who fell in the Boer War in 1900-02. This tribute was erected with the pennies of 30,000 school children of the city and county.

BEAUTIFYING THE HOME

Apart altogether from the parks and the work done by the Improvement Commission, perhaps nothing has tended to make Ottawa a beautiful

city more than the vast improvement which has been made within the last few years in the streets and sidewalks, and the improvement of the grounds surrounding private residences. Some time ago the City Council adopted the policy of placing the sidewalks on the residential streets with the inside edge ten feet away from the street boundaries of the



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the situation on nearly all the residential streets. In this strip are generally planted some trees, mostly elms and maples.

It is doubtful if any city in Canada has as many trees planted along its streets as Ottawa.

Another thing which has done much to improve and embellish the city was the institution by Lady Minto about five years ago of garden competitions. These have been continued by the Countess Grey. The benefit of these competitions is this: Just as soon as

one man in a block begins to improve and beautify the grounds surrounding his house, he by contrast makes those of his neighbors look poor and mean. The result generally is that everyone of these neighbors begins to also improve and



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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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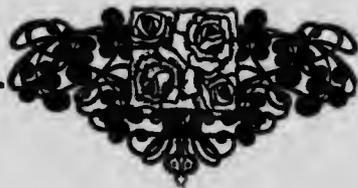
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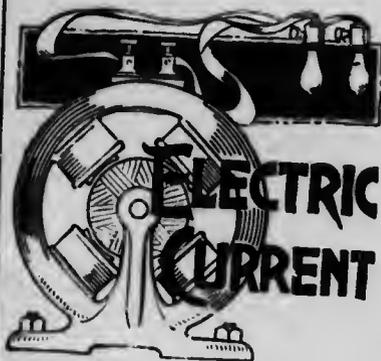
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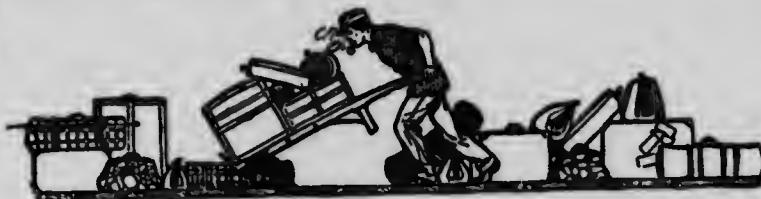
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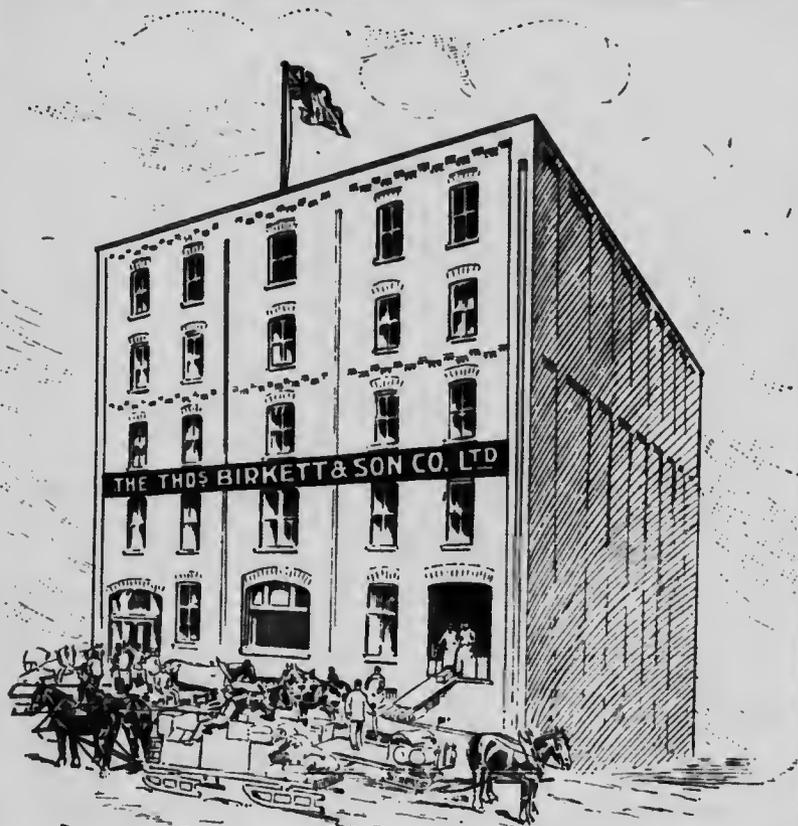
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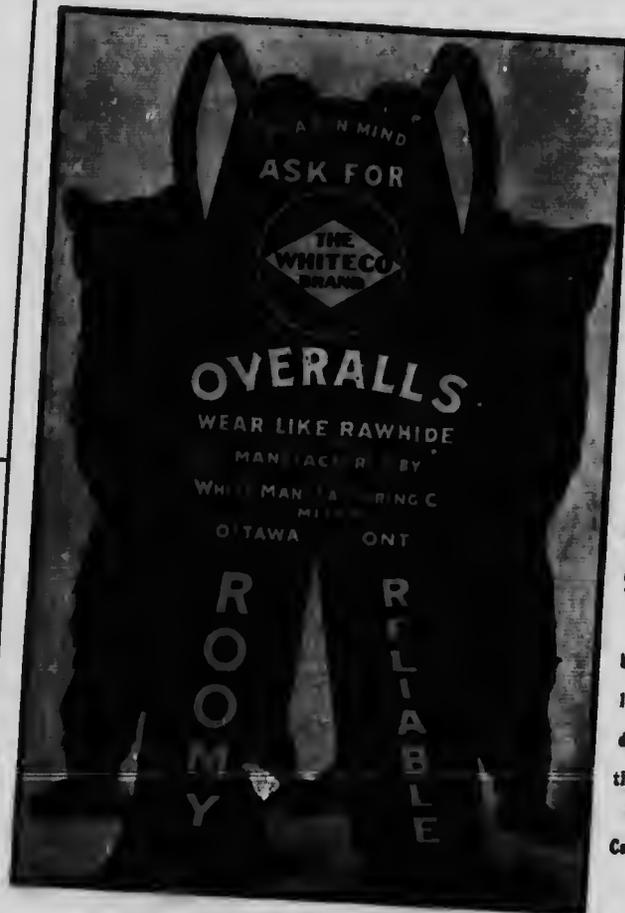
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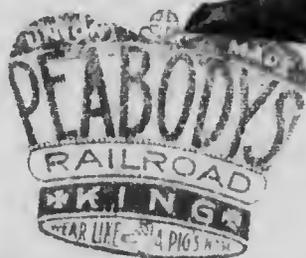


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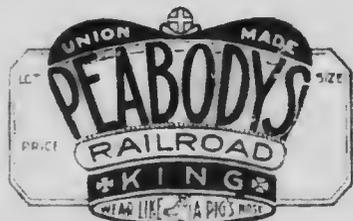
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