

The tourist who has made the
~~customary~~ ~~regular~~ "all around trip" from the Falls
of Niagara through Lake Ontario and
the Thousand Islands, ^{to Montreal} will doubtless
have noticed in his passage down the
St Lawrence ~~to Montreal~~, that broad
expansion of the river which intervenes
between the rapids of the Cascades,
and the village of Lachine, usually called
the Lake St Louis, ~~which~~ into
which the dark waters of the Ottawa
flow, ~~from the north~~ joining but not mingling their
tide with the clear green flood of
the St Lawrence. The steamer passes
on with its crowd of pleasure seekers
and tourists, destined for Montreal, or
Quebec, or the Saguenay, and it is
but rarely that we turn aside to
explore the ~~many~~ numberless scenes
of ~~interest~~ and beauty and historic
interest, which are scattered profusely
throughout the valley of the Ottawa.

This noble river is the principal
tributary of the St Lawrence, and drains
~~an~~ an area of 80,000 square miles
of richly wooded and watered country,
a ~~region~~ ^{territory} eight times ~~that of~~
~~the~~ as large as the state of Vermont
and 10 ~~times~~ ^{times} the extent
of Massachusetts. ~~It~~ ^{is} a region
of ~~scenery~~ abounding in picturesque
and beautiful scenery, and ~~it~~ ^{is} only
~~waiting~~ ^{to} to become more widely
known, to be thronged ~~with~~ every
summer with hundreds of visitors
attracted, by the lovely lakes, wild

rapids, glorious cascades and peaceful islands, of the magnificent river, from which it takes its name. This river, called by the old chroniclers the Attawas, ~~is still for times~~ ^{was during the last century} the grand ~~and~~ highway of the fur traders, between Montreal and the primeval wilderness of the north west. The annual expedition usually started from Laclines eight miles above Montreal early in May, and consisted of 30 or 40 ~~boats~~ large birch canoes, ~~each~~ ^{with} 8 or 10 men in each, and laden with the necessary baggage, camp equipage and provisions for a voyage of 5 months, in addition to a large quantity of goods to be exchanged with the Indians for furs. At St Ann's near the western ^{extremity} of the island of Montreal, the ~~voyageurs~~ ^{canoe-men} used to consider that they took their final departure, as it possessed the last church on the island, and which was dedicated to the tutelar saint of voyageurs.

^{continued} The route of ~~the~~ communication ^{400 miles} followed up the Ottawa, which in its course is broken by many rapids and cataracts, rendering the voyage one of no small difficulty and danger, ~~till~~ At the junction of La Petite Riviere, a distance of nearly 400 miles from Montreal, a small and small tributary full of rapids and cataracts, the voyageurs left the Ottawa, and followed the latter stream, with ~~a~~ great difficulty, ~~to~~ ^{with} ~~its~~ ^{the} source, and thence ~~to~~ ^{over} the heights of land to Lake Nepissing, which discharges through French river into ^{the Georgian Bay} ~~Lake Huron~~.

From this point the route led through the Sant He Marie, and along the

North shore of Lake Superior to the Grand Portage. Here they met and exchanged cargoes with the brigade which had come down from the regions of Hudsons Bay and Athabasca, laden with furs, the product of the previous winter hunt. These were made up into packages of about 70 pounds each, with which the canoes, ~~some~~ ^{were} laden ~~with the~~ ~~goods~~ and returned by the same route to Montreal, where they commonly arrived about the 1st of October, following.

The canoes of the fur traders, have long since vanished from the waters of the Ottawa, and thanks to the splendid system of canals, by which the rapids of the St Lawrence and the St. Mary, and even the Falls of Niagara are outflanked, ~~by~~ ^{now} heavily laden steamers, may ~~of~~ make the voyage from Montreal to the Grand Portage in ~~at~~ brief week. Yet it is not improbable that the valley of the Ottawa may ~~again~~ in the not distant future ~~ever~~ ^{more} become the grand ~~channel~~ route from Canada to the Great West ^{and the Pacific, for over this} ~~route, if at all,~~ ^{of the provinces, if at all,} must be built the projected trans-continental railway of the Dominion Government, ~~a small section of which has recently been~~ ^{been} The valley of the Ottawa, from its almost inexhaustible forests of red and white pine, has become the seat of an enormous ~~trading~~ ^{lumbering} interest.

In consequence of its almost inexhaustible forests of ~~the~~ white and

red pine, the valley of the Ottawa has become the seat of a Lumber trade ~~which~~ whose extent and magnitude ~~no~~ few persons ~~have~~ not conversant with that region leave any idea. It is estimated that a capital of nearly two million dollars is invested in this business, while from 8 to 10,000 men find constant and remunerative employment during the entire year, in cutting, hauling, rafting and milling. About 20 Steamers, 250 barges, and 2000 horses are also engaged in the work.

~~The traveller who desires to explore this interesting and beautiful region, can take the ~~Lachine~~ ^{Grand Trunk} train from Bonaventure Station, ~~in~~ ^{at} Montreal, at 7 o'clock ~~in the morning~~, which ~~connects at~~ ^{connects at} Lachine ~~with~~ ^{with} one of the steamers of the Ottawa River Navigation Company, which leaves ~~at~~ that point half an hour later, passing through the beautiful expansion of the ~~to~~ river called the Lake of ~~the~~ two mountains, ~~so called~~ which receives its name from two hills on the shore which form a prominent feature of the landscape. This lake is perhaps 20 miles in length by three in width, and is surrounded by a pleasant and well cultivated country. Fifty five miles from Lachine the steamer reaches Carillon, which is situated at the foot of a succession of rapids and cascades nearly 12 miles in length.~~

~~The traveller who~~

Having determined to explore ~~this~~ the attractive and beautiful regions of the upper Ottawa, I left Montreal early on a crisp, bright September morning taking the Grand Trunk cars to LaSalle, where the steamer Prince of Wales awaited our arrival. Our fellow travellers having all been safely embarked, our steamer paddles through the mirror like expanse of Lake St Louis to St Amie's, which is situated ^{about 2 miles} ~~just above~~ the junction of the Ottawa and the St Lawrence. A small rapid in the river ^{here} is avoided by going through a canal, which passes under the fine bridge belonging to the Grand Trunk Railway. The Lake of The Mountains, ~~and~~ an exceedingly beautiful expansion of the river above St Amie's, is so called from two hills about five or six hundred feet high upon the north side of the lake. The highest one of which is held in veneration and regard by the Indians living in the village at its base. ~~After passing through this lake~~ Above this lake the river continues for some miles, its width varying from a quarter to half a mile. At Carillon, 45 miles from LaSalle we reached the foot of a series of cascades and rapids ~~not navigable for steamers~~ some 12 miles in length. The banks of the river here are thickly wooded and of considerable height. Leaving the steamer at Carillon, we were taken around the rapids by a portage railway, to Grenville, ~~at the head~~ of the rapids, where we found another

steamer ready to take us on our
 journey. The scenery of the river,
~~for some~~ above this point, although
 in many respects very pleasant,
 presents but ~~few~~ features of especial
 interest, till we reach Buckingham
 at the confluence of the river du
 Lièvre. This stream is ~~said~~ to abound
 in fine scenery, the cataract known
 as the "High falls" being one of especial
 beauty. Sixty miles above Grenville,
 two rivers of considerable size flow into
 the Ottawa, the Gatineau from the
 north and the Rideau from the
 south. The latter ~~river~~ drops gently
 and gracefully over a limestone ledge
 fifty feet in height directly into the
 Ottawa, presenting, especially when the
 water is low, an indescribably beautiful
 appearance. ~~the sheet of water resembling~~
~~delicate draperies or curtains.~~ It
 is not ~~seen~~ until we reach this
 point that the really ~~fine~~ characteristic
 scenery of the Ottawa may be said
 to commence.