

which were in existence a few years ago, are now defunct. The Mechanic's Institute is flourishing, in which lectures are generally delivered each week during the winter. Three weekly newspapers are published. The principal hotels are Doran's and M'Arthur's. Slides are now constructed on both sides of the river for the passage of rafts. Here is measured all the timber that has been cut on Crown Lands above, and the owner enters into a bond for the payment of the duties at Quebec. In 1844 the quantity of timber brought down amounted to the estimated value of £256,356 16s. and the duty thereupon was £23,805 9s. 3d. The timber cut on private lands may be estimated about one-third of the above, or £85,399 7s. 2d., making the total £341,756 2s. 2d. New Edinburgh, which is about two miles distant from Bytown, contains, besides an extensive cloth-factory, carding, deal, and flour-mills, a distillery, and other works. They are owned by the Hon. Thomas Mackay, who resides at the handsome mansion of Rideau Hall. Perhaps no place in Canada affords a better field to the sportsman with gun or rod than the vicinity of Bytown. Trout of every size from one to twenty pounds are abundant; bass, pickerel, pike, and white fish are superabundant. In the spring and fall there is excellent duck-shooting; in winter partridges, woodcocks, &c, abound; and a two days' journey on snowshoes will bring the sportsman to the haunts of the moose, while deer are found in the immediate vicinity.—Before accompanying the Tourist along the Upper Ottawa, the romantic scenery of which has of late years been attracting not a few visitors, we notice briefly the Rideau Canal. This canal was constructed by Government chiefly for military purposes, with the view of transporting supplies and stores from the Lower to the Upper Province by an interior line not exposed to attack from an enemy. It forms a communication betwixt Bytown and Kingston, a distance of about one hundred and thirty miles. The level being two hundred and eighty-three feet up from the Ottawa, and one hundred and fifty-four down to Ontario, forty-seven locks were required, costing £6000 each. Its completion cost the vast sum of £803,774, not including a considerable sum for accidents and repairs. The river receives the name of Rideau from