



Ottawa began in 1626 as a British settlement and was made capital of what was then called the United Province of Canada in 1857. Most of the city is rural, but Parliament Hill houses government buildings and overlooks central Ottawa.

Montreal, in the province of Quebec, sits
about 175 kilometers (110 miles) east of
Ottawa. The city is the second largest in
Canada and sits on an island in the St.
Lawrence River. Jacques Cartier was the first
European to visit the site in 1535.

