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## Through the Lachine Rapids.

Members of the *Dominion Philatelic Association* and the *League of Canadian Philatelists* who come to Montreal to attend the convention will have the pleasure of taking a trip through the Lachine Rapids.

The Lachine Rapids while they are not as long as the Long Sault Rapids are said to be far more difficult to navigate, the steamer having to pass through a channel which is but a few feet

The fall of the St. Lawrence River at this point is very great, some idea being obtainable from the illustration in which it will be seen that the bow of the steamer is lower than the stern.

Although there is a certain amount of danger in running the rapids no serious accident has ever occurred. Only last summer there occurred what might have proved to be a terrible accident. A steamer was just about to enter the rapids when



wider than herself. The illustration shows the steamer *Sovereign* of the Ottawa River Navigation Co. running the rapids, on either side of her are shelving rocks, over which the water is rushing at a terrific speed. As the steamer approaches the rapids, the engines are slowed down, but there is no evidence of decreasing speed, because the current is so very swift that it carries the steamer through the rapids and into the river below, in a few minutes.

her rudder chain snapped, thus making the wheel useless. The tiller, however, is always manned in case just such an accident as this should happen, and the captain, with great presence of mind, put on full steam and bringing his steamer around, ran her aground just above the rapids.

We are indebted to the Ottawa River Navigation Company for their kindness in permitting us to illustrate their steamer "*Sovereign*" on which the members will take the trip.