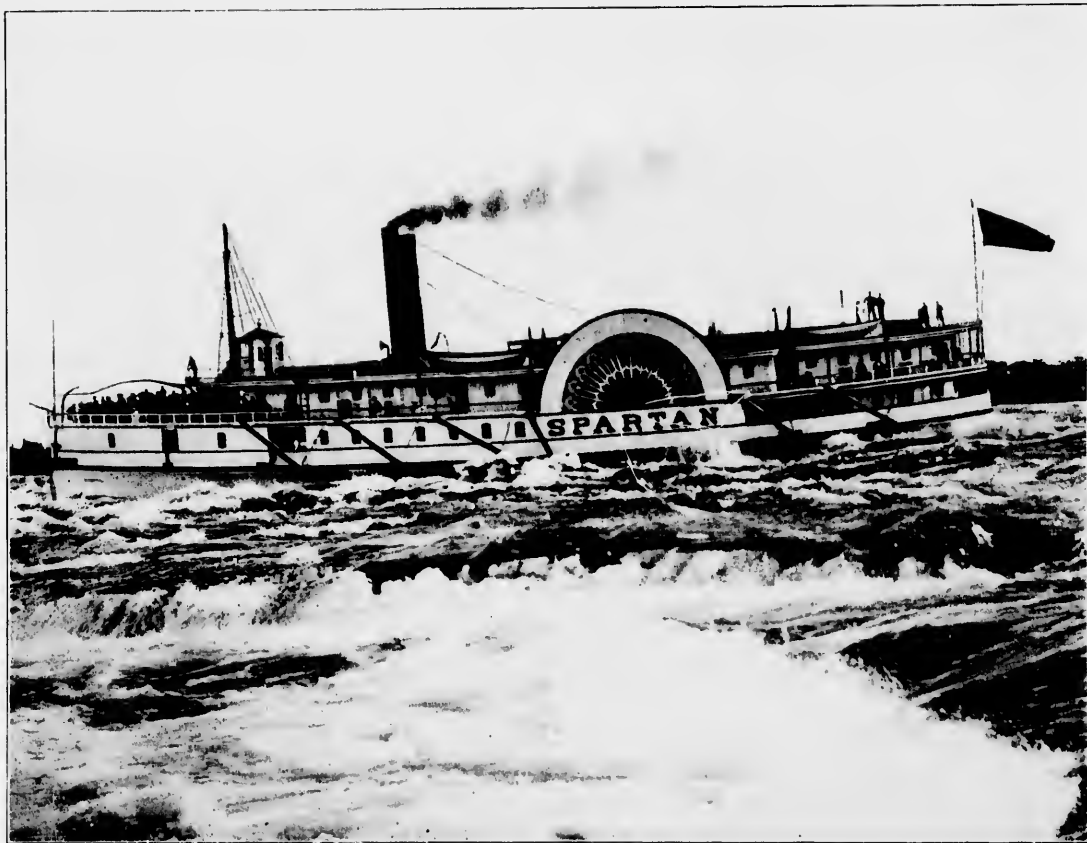




STEAMER SPARTAN IN THE LACHINE RAPIDS.

Soon after passing under the Canada Pacific Railroad Bridge the announcement is made that the steamer is about to enter the Lachine Rapids. The announcement seems to strike every passenger with awe and with abated breath. They rush for the bow deck to witness the passing of the most exciting, most celebrated and difficult of all the Rapids to navigate. They are not kept long in suspense. The swift water together with the engine soon carry the boat beyond every appearance of danger, through the narrow passage between the shelving rocks partly covered by the mighty torrent of water pouring over their partly hidden sides and assisting in keeping the palatial steamer in the center and out of danger. A moment more and we are tranquilly passing under the great Victoria Bridge and rounding up into the historic city of Montreal.