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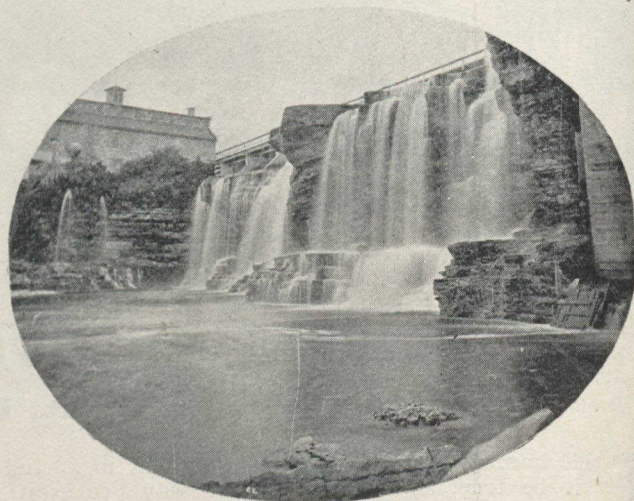
and put up the finest line of celebration that the world has ever seen—at least that's what her loyal citizens are declaring. Many years ago she had a winter carnival; it followed similar events elsewhere and went them all one better. Now she proposes to repeat the experiment and put up a summer carnival that will out-class all predecessors. In her civic life, too, she has reached the half-century mile-stone; she proposes, therefore, to include in her programme an observance of this, her semi-centennial civic jubilee, and lastly, to her sons and daughters scattered the wide world over, she has sent forth in thousands, a warm hearted personal invitation to come home, and—they're going. Going from everywhere—from Australia, New Zealand and the Isles of the Southern Seas, from China, Japan and sunny India, from historic South Africa, where shoulder to shoulder with their compatriots from every part of the Dominion and many parts of the Empire, her sons fought, and unhappily, not a few of them died, from every State of the Union and from every province of the Dominion they are going—they have heard the call, they have sent the response, and they will be there.

Not content with going themselves, those who heard of what was in prospect at once got busy to tell others, and in several places Ottawa Old Boys' Associations have been formed, with the primary purpose of organizing local excursions. In this way big delegations will be made up and "Back to the Capital" will be the slogan in many a town and city during the next two months. Nor is this movement confined to the cities of Canada, for while there is an association several hundred strong in Toronto, another in Winnipeg, and others under way in many other places, more than

one city across the line will have its Old Boys' Association in due course and send its contingent to swell the ranks of the merry-makers.

The preliminary organisation work has been in competent hands, and it has been thoroughly done. For four or five months past, committees of the leading citizens have been busy in their various departments, preparing on a scale which some of the more timorous ones declared at the outset was disproportionate and extravagant, but which now, even the pessimist admits was none too extensive. The first draft of the programme, which is still incomplete as to detail, gives some indication of the ambitious intent of the Entertainment Committee, and if carried out as proposed, the promoters will certainly make good their undertaking that there will be "something doing every minute."

Sports of course will form the backbone of the week's doings, and these will embrace every branch of seasonable athletics. Opening on the first day—Saturday, July 27th, with the annual regatta of the Ottawa Canoe Club on the Ottawa River, the aquatic events will also include a motor and sailing boat regatta and afternoon of aquatic sports—log-rolling, water polo, shantymen's



Rideau Falls.

boatrace, etc., on Lake Deschenes; a Venetian Night with hundreds of illuminated boats and canoes, in procession, and fireworks, on the Rideau Canal; and possibly, if the Canadian Canoe Association will accept the Committee's invitation, the annual meet of that Association at Britannia. One of the Minto Cup games in the championship lacrosse series (Capitals vs. Tecumsehs) is scheduled for the second Saturday, August 3rd, and a couple of baseball games between star amateur teams is on the card.

An interesting feature of the week is a cricket tournament between picked teams from half a dozen cricket centres, including Halifax on the one hand and Victoria



War Canoes in the Ottawa.