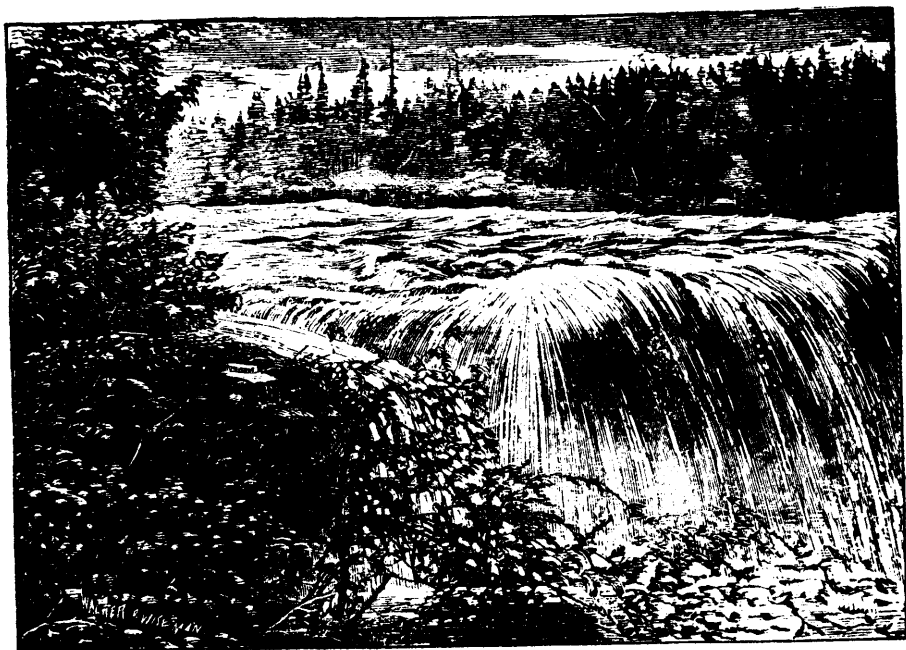




THE CHAUDIERE FALLS AS THEY ONCE WERE.

How rapidly and methodically the place has been accommodating itself to its altered circumstances; how earnestly and successfully its citizens have been striving to make it worthy of the great fate which has been thrust upon it; and how well calculated—forebodings, excited by the somewhat forbidding exterior with which nature had disguised its latent beauties, to the contrary notwithstanding—to fulfil that part in the country's history which a young and rising nation, striving to lay broad and deep the foundations upon which is to be reared a great future, most requires of its capital, only those who know its past and understand its present can fully appreciate. To be despised, to be misrepresented, to be scorned, to have even its positive advantages disparaged, and then to be lifted up to the place of honor, to be placed upon the pinnacle of national greatness for which the most beautiful and most favored cities in the Domi-

nion had been sighing; how typical its fate of that which, we are bound to believe, time has in store for Canada herself!

The city of Ottawa undoubtedly would, during the past ten or fifteen years, have made rapid strides along the path of progress had no such adventitious circumstance as its selection as the capital of Canada occurred. That circumstance, however, gave a momentum to its onward movement, and a volume and activity to its commerce within a remarkably short space of time, which unassisted they would have taken a quarter of a century, at the very nearest, to attain. Within the decade covered by the last census, this was the only city on the continent—in the civilized world, if we mistake not—Chicago alone excepted, which doubled its population. That fact, which in all human probability has been recorded of it for the last time, was largely if not wholly accounted for by the influx of the civil service employees consequent