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mastery and forces it on faster and more furiously than before. More than 40,000,000 cubic feet of timber come down the shoots of the Ottawa in this manner each year. The cribs are generally made of from 15 to 20 logs, with two transverse ones to secure them at each end, and a kind of raised bridge for the lumberers to stand on, who, without such aid would be washed off, as the mass drops from shoot to shoot, down these rapids and disappears some few feet under water each plunge.

To go down the rapids of a Timber Slide, is the most exhilarating adventure in all the repertoire of American travel. The immense speed of the whole mass—the rush of the water—the succession of shoots stretching out before you like sloping steps of stairs, the rough long straits in which the raft seems to dive and founder, letting the water up beneath and over behind, till it is again urged forward whirling madly as if in a swing, the timber snapping and groaning and working like a bundle of reeds, getting a momentary rest with each incline, and again thumping over the straits with sharp uneasy struggles, creates a sensation such as neither balloon nor diving bells afford, and such a whirl as only three quarters of a mile down the great timber shoots of the Ottawa can ever give. All persons desirous of novelty should by all means make one of these trips.

The future of Ottawa, if the mighty project of the Ontario Ship Canal is carried out, promises to be of great importance. Standing as she does on the great water highway to the West, with the commerce of the grain lands of the Saskatchewan and the products of the forest of the Ottawa valley, a mine of untold wealth in itself, brought to her very doors, with the collective wisdom of the Dominion assembled in her Legislative halls, with her Cabinet Ministers resident in the Capital, and a population contented and happy from the prosperity they enjoy under the freedom of the Red-cross of St. George, entwined with the Maple Leaf, no other young city ever had such a prospect of greatness thrust upon her.—*Crescat eundo* be her motto.

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