

times it seems as if the prow of the boat must be dashed against these rocks. It is curious to notice the different levels of water, there being a marked rise and fall even within a few yards. It is very exciting work, dashing in the little steamer through the whirlpools and foaming mass of water, and you feel thankful when you have passed safely through it.

We paid a flying visit to Ottawa—the political capital of Canada. The Houses of Parliament are very fine buildings, and the town is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking the Ottawa river. This is also the great centre for timber exportation. The wood is stacked on large rafts, and floated down the river. From here we took the train back to the St. Lawrence, where we went on board the boat which was to pass through “The Thousand Islands,” and bring us to a scene of unparalleled beauty. The river is here literally dotted over with a thousand islands of various sizes and shapes. One after the other rises up out of the water as we glide down the winding river: some are rocky, with only a few pine trees on them, while others have picturesque chalets. Many of these islets have been bought by private individuals, who spend some months of the summer on them, leading a picnic life, and depending on the daily steamer for provisions.

Toronto was our next halting place. This was reached by Lake Ontario, on which lake the city is built. It is the great centre for manufactures and produce of all kinds. In 1885 it celebrated its semi-centenary; and in the procession that was formed on the day of jubilee, art, education, manufacture, and natural products were variously represented; and one could not help being struck with the fact that England possesses in Canada a colony of which she may well be proud.

Toronto has two universities—one, Trinity College, which is a Church of England university; the fees are extremely low, and the teaching is given by English professors of high standing. The other is the public university of the province, and has an average