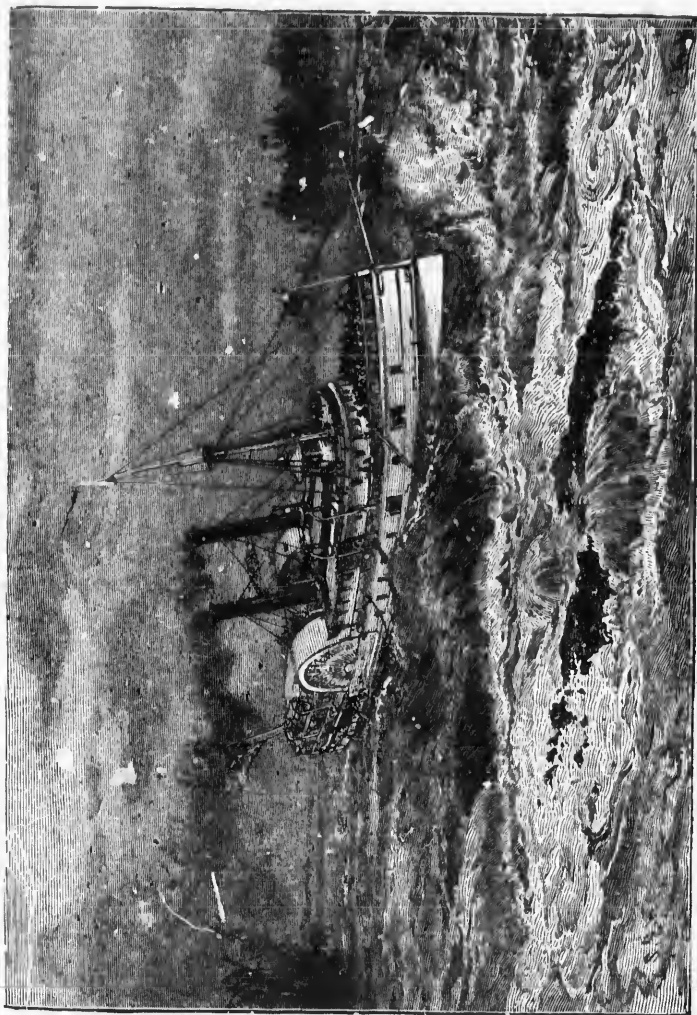


reigns on board; away goes the steamer, driven by an irresistible current, which soon carries her to the first pitch of the

LACHINE RAPIDS,



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the most formidable of them all, the most difficult of navigation, and the last of the rapids. The steamer after emerging from its first pitch rises firmly on the surging billows, flanked by rocks on each side, steers straight in the swift current, guided by the steady eye and sure piloting of the man at the helm. Conversation is

almost impossible, the grandeur and magnitude on all sides inspires silence, and no wonder to make the "*Running of the Rapids*" a worthy part of their travelling tour through the Dominion. comes in full view of one of the greatest wonders of the world, the Victoria Bridge, spanning the noble St. Lawrence, the longest, the largest, and most costly bridge in the world, the scene whilst passing under, looking up from the water, is magnificent. After passing this beautiful bridge, the skill the tourist has the splendid panorama of the city of Montreal right before him, the most prominent features the towers of the church of Notre Dame. The steamer carries Quebec passengers by coming alongside the palatial Company, which leave at 7 P. M. for Quebec; the Canal Basin, giving passengers an opportunity to see all along the harbor front. The

CITY OF MONTREAL is the largest and most important city in British North America. It was founded by M. de Maisonneuve in 1642, on the site of an Indian village named *Montreal*, dedicated to the Virgin Mary as its patroness and its name. It bore a long time the name of *Ville Marie*. It is a parallelogram, and contains some 300 streets, with a population of over 190,000. The traveler, in approaching the city, is struck with the peculiar beauty of the large buildings which front the majestic river, resembling in their grandeur and elegance the buildings of European cities. It is useless to undertake an enumeration of all the beauties of the city, and about Montreal, for we believe that there is no other place on the American continent where can be found so many beauties. The traveller, whether in pursuit of health or pleasure, will find in Montreal all that is necessary for his comfort.

After leaving Montreal, the first landing made is at the steamer "QUEBEC" or "MONTREAL" is

SOREL, or William Henry, situated at the mouth of the River, the outlet of Lake Champlain into the St. Lawrence, occupies the site of a fort built by the Marquis de Montcalm, and was for many years the summer residence of the Governor-General of Canada, and here at one time Queen Victoria resided. After passing Lake St. Peter the tourist reaches

THREE RIVERS, situated at the confluence of the Maurice and St. Lawrence, 90 miles below Montreal, at a distance above Quebec; it is one of the oldest cities in Canada, having been founded in 1618. It is well known for many good buildings. The next place is

BATISCAN. This is the last place the steamer reaches before reaching Quebec. The scenery now becomes more beautiful until the near approach to the

CITY OF QUEBEC, by its historic fame and its scenery no ordinary or common-place city.