

now commences one of the most picturesque and interesting railway journeys, for the distance, some 38 miles, there is in the Dominion east of the Rocky Mountains. The line is built on the east side of the Ottawa River—now flowing from the north—winding in and out, as it follows strictly the Ottawa's course and contour. In places the rails are laid on roadbeds blasted out of the face of cliffs towering perpendicularly more than a hundred feet above the train, and beautifully crested with trees and shrubbery. Then again the train threads its sinuous course along the base of mountains clothed with verdure, the Ottawa always with us on one side—here flowing placidly in broadened stream, as we skirt the shore of Seven



NEAR THE NARROWS, SEVEN LEAGUE LAKE.

League Lake for 18 miles—and again in many tumultuous and angry rapids. The scenery on both sides of the river is always grand, in many places majestic. There are five rapids in the course of the Ottawa between Mattawa and Temiskaming, the last of which—the Long Sault—is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles long. The other principal rapids are La Cave, Les Fraibles, and Mountain. Fish are abundant in all these waters. The scenery of the valley of the Ottawa, between Mattawa and Temiskaming, has been described as equal to that of the Rhine, but the Ottawa has in its favor the beauties of the wild waters of its numerous rapids.