

INTRODUCTION.

IN presenting this work, "The Phat Boy's Historic Delineations," to the public, it may not be amiss to state the fact which prompted its issue. Financial or personal ends are always the paramount object to be attained by an individual who puts forth anything in this world. I therefore plead guilty to the above charge, and for so doing, propose to give to the tourist or traveler down the majestic St. Lawrence a faithful description of every point of interest that meets the eye of the beholder.

Having held the position for the past ten years of "The Guide of the St. Lawrence," and in that capacity made the trip a pleasant one for everybody without regard to age, weight, sex, color, or previous condition of servitude, I feel capable of compiling a book which does not contain any pictorial illustrations of the scenic beauty connected with the trip, feeling confident that a plain unvarnished description of all the various points of interest would be sufficient. The tourist can thus feast the eye on a thousand pictures that a volume ten times this size could not contain, for no matter how often you open the eyes during the day, it will fall upon some delightful scene, where the God of nature has smiled upon, within an hour. Neither have I given a highly colored description of the Rapids; they have been viewed and described by thousands, and the effect produced is as varied in character as the individual writers differed in temperament and looks.

Trusting that this volume will meet with as cheerful a greeting by the public as it has always accorded my efforts to please, and if its perusal causes the weary or lonesome traveler one hour of mirth or pleasure, its mission will have been accomplished.

Respectfully Yours,

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