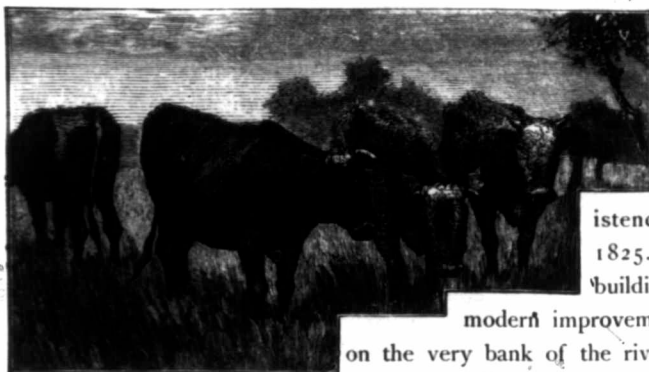


VILLAGE OF NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

On the American Side

THE VILLAGE of Niagara Falls, N. Y., was incorporated on July 6th, 1848, and contains to-day a population of nearly four thousand inhabitants. It boasts of several hotels, large stores, churches to the number of six, and has one of the largest paper mills in the State of New York. The main business street of the village is Falls street, on which may be found hardware, dry goods, and almost all the business of the place; the post-office is located about the center of the street, and at its foot may be seen a Soldier's Monument. In summer time the streets present quite an animated appearance; they are broad and well kept, and abound in fine shade trees; especially may this be said of First street, on which four churches are situated in close proximity to each other. Buffalo street contains some



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fine residences. The hotels are prominent features of the place.

The Cataract House, dates its ex-

istence back to the year 1825. It is a handsome building, possessing all the

modern improvements, eligibly located

on the very bank of the river, over the Rapids, above the Falls, and receives liberal patronage from

the most opulent guests. It is, in every respect, a first-class hotel.

The International Hotel has accommodation for 600 guests. It is a mammoth fire-proof building, and, borrowing a quotation from a Niagara Guide Book, "its conveniences are not intended for the use of the poorest of Niagara's visitors."

The Hotel Kaltenbach, located within a few steps east of the Cataract House, and in full view of the American Rapids, can be classed as one of the fine hotels at the Falls. A neater, cosier, pleasanter, and more home-like abiding place cannot be found anywhere. Its popularity is immense, and certainly well deserved. The building is a new, handsome three-story brick structure, after the gothic style, and contains thirty sleeping-rooms. The house is tastefully and handsomely furnished throughout, provided with baths, electric bells, water, gas, and all modern improvements. The cuisine is excellent, the table service of the best. This house has put