ACCOUNT

OF THE

WELLAND CANAL,

UPPER CANADA.

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This canal is intended to connect Lakes Erie and Ontario, and thereby remove the natural barrier caused by the wonderful and well known falls of Niagara; it exceeds in magnitude any other yet constructed in America, excepting the short cut from the Chesapeake to Delaware Bay, and in the extent of the surface of its waters it exceeds any in the world.

By reference to the map of the Niagara peninsula, hereunto affixed, it will be seen that from the mouth of Grand river on Lake Erie, it continues up that stream by a towing path one hundred and twenty eight chains, thence up Broad creek seventy chains, thence by a thorough cut through an extensive marsh ten miles, thence down Mill creek two and