

esque rocks piled confusedly together make up a picture which the traveller might look upon hundreds of times without losing any of its variety or enchanting picturesqueness. After leaving the foot of the falls the waters dash gaily down over rocky ledges to the level plain below and then course over a complete bed of small, loose stones to its outlet in Lake Ontario. From this it derives its name of "Stoney Creek." It may not be generally known that the writer of the familiar little ballad, "When you and I were young," Maggie," took his inspiration from this scene, and the old mill on the bank of the stream is the one referred to when he says:

"I wandered to-day to the hill, Maggie,
To watch the scene below.
The creek and the creaking old mill, Maggie,
As we used to long ago.

And now let us turn for a moment from the scene of beauty and poetic inspiration and ask why should this quiet and peaceful landscape be trampled upon by armed men, and the grassy slopes dyed with heroes' blood.

The animosities engendered during the revolutionary war were still felt by the Americans, (we call them "Americans" for convenience sake, though why the people of the United States should usurp that title when the greater part of North America belongs to Canada, we are at a loss to apprehend), and a feeling of intense hatred of the mother country existed