

Beautiful verandahs and balconies command a magnificent view of the river and lake, and in close proximity to the hotel and tennis courts, bowling green and golf links.

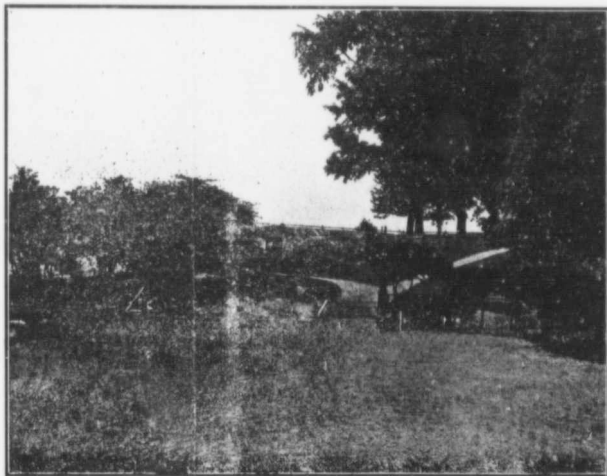
Niagara Hotel, situated in the centre of the town, enjoys a well-earned reputation for first-class service at moderate rates. This hotel is within a few minutes' walk from the steamboat wharf and boat-houses, and the Michigan Central and N. S. & T. uptown stations are close by. Large airy rooms, and the best of board, can be obtained here. Other hotels in the town that can be fully recommended to visitors are the Lakeview House, Doyle's hotel, and the Elliott House.

#### THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Niagara Public Library, belongs the unique distinction of having had the first library in Upper Canada from 1800 to 1820 and a library almost continuously to the present time. We have traces of one in 1826 and we know of that of St. Andrew's in 1833. The present library was organized in 1848 as the Mechanics' Institute.

It says much for these early pioneers who almost as soon as they come to their new home, almost a wilderness, they formed a library, paid generously to form and support it. All honor to them and especially to Andrew Heron who sometimes acted as secretary, treasurer and librarian. The record book

found almost accidentally after sixty years is in the possession of the Historical Society and gives the names of members, meetings, catalogue, prices of books, books taken out. The members besides from Niagara were from Queenston, St. Catharines, Stamford, Chippawa, even Youngstown N. Y. When Niagara was burned in Dec. 1813 the most of the books were saved and the existence of several is known. The Agricultural Society formed 1792 added fifty valuable books. The books numbered 1000 as did that of St. Andrews in 1838 and our present library in 1860. There are in our library now nearly 9000 volumes. When formed in 1848 Judge Campbell took much interest, the first president was Hon. W. H. Dickson and when the jubilee celebration took place in 1898 it was found that William Kirby had been President for twenty-five years and a member



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