

duck is but indifferent eating; their flesh is fishy and strong. They were a little improved by bleeding, for which, indeed, all wild fowl are the better. These flocks passed beyond Lake Erie in the evening, as that lake was frozen over, but I never knew to what river; at daybreak they returned to Ontario, where they remained during the day.

The Falls of Niagara are the great resort of the bald eagle, (*aquila ceucocephalus*,) and the osprey, (*aquila haliata*,) or fish-hawk. The former is the national emblem, and the noblest of the tribe found in North America. They afford excellent sport to the rifleman, and the scalp of a bald eagle takes rank far above the head and antlers of the finest stag. They breed in the old trees overhanging the Falls, and are often to be seen sailing majestically above them. I subjoin Wilson's graphical and eloquent account of this prince of quarries.

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