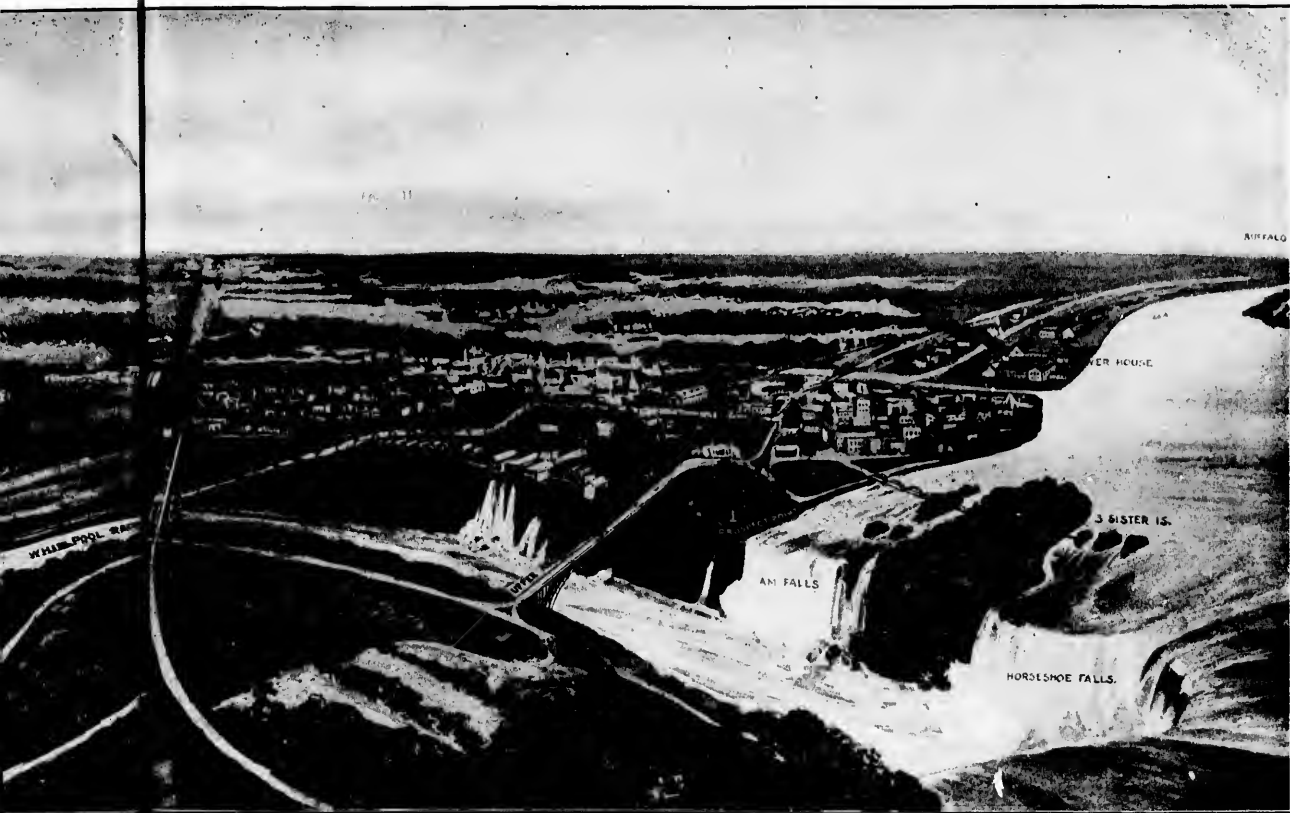




NIAGARA FALLS THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY

On the extreme left of the main divide is Goat Island, which occupies about one-fourth of the entire width of the River. To the right of it is the American Fall, 1060 feet wide and 167 feet high. To the left of it is the Canadian Fall, or Horseshoe Fall, 158 feet high, with a contour of 3010 feet. The volume of water which pours over the Falls is fifteen million gallons per minute, of which probably nine-tenths goes over the Canadian Fall. Below the Falls the river contracts to about 1200 feet, and rushes down, foaming and boiling, between lofty walls of rock. Two miles further down it is barely 800 feet wide, and at the Whirlpool the huge volume of water is compressed into a space of 250 feet. Within seven miles these lower rapids descend over 100 feet, but at Lewiston the river once more becomes wider and smoother. The best method of seeing the wonders of Niagara is by means of the superbly appointed cars of the "Great Gorge Route."