

welcome in the form of a pyrotechnic display, and other pleasure resorts to New York, early Sunday morning. Here a programme for three days of uninterrupted enjoyment had been prepared for the party by direction of Erastus Wiman, himself once a Canadian typo and amateur journalist. And it was carried out to the letter. No part of the great metropolis, of Brooklyn, or of their suburbs, and surroundings was permitted to be unvisited. Members of the party went everywhere, so long as strength held out. The sight-seeing, including a visit to the Stock Exchange and the Press Club, culminated on Monday afternoon, when the party assembled for luncheon on the top of the Field building, an eleven-story structure adjacent the Castle Garden, and from which the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City, and all their surroundings may be seen at a glance. Thence by ferry to Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and Brighton, as the guests of Mr. Wiman and family. An afternoon concert by the famous Gilmore Band (which complimented the Canadian party by playing God Save the Queen), a "dip in old ocean" and a banquet in the evening brought the New York visit to a brilliant close. The banquet, which was princely as to menu, was conducted upon truly journalistic principles. No formal toasts, no set speeches. Merely informal, hearty, bright and brilliant addresses of welcome by Mr. Wiman and Amos Cummings, President of the New York Press Club, and a brief reply by the President of the Canadian Press Association, fittingly followed by "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Tuesday morning good-bye was said to New York, and a delightful sail up the Hudson with an interesting meeting of the Association on board the beautiful steamer Albany, brought the party to the Capital of the State. Its State building is its chief attraction, although the Park and some of the streets are pretty. From Albany to Niagara Falls is a night's ride, and once again on Canadian soil, the party is met and welcomed by Col. C. S. Gzowski, A. D. C., chairman, and his fellow commissioners, under whose auspices and those of the Hon T. V. Welch, Superintendent of the New York State Reservation, members of the Press party enjoyed a rare opportunity to see for themselves what a unique and wonderful attraction Nature has provided in

the Falls of Niagara, and of learning from the Commissioners what their plans and purposes are in endeavoring to restore, as far as possible, so interesting a shrine to its pristine condition, and give free access for its enjoyment to all mankind.

At Hamilton the party separated, delighted with having participated in a holiday so enjoyable, and grateful for their safe return to home and country, for assuredly, be it ever so humble there's no place like home.

CURSORY COMMENTS.

Boston journalists through their Press Club tendered fraternal hospitalities to their Canadian brethren and, as did also their New York confreres, upbraided them mildly for not permitting themselves to become guests of the Club.

The Boston Press is hardly less progressive, interesting and enterprising than that of New York. Several of the papers there, we were glad to learn, have proved financially successful to a high degree.

Canadian journalists can hardly fail to profit by their visit, brief though it was, to these great metropolitan centres of business and newspaper activity. What a splendid school these cities are, with their bright bustling business men, and quick, pushing, brilliant journalists, alike for the practical, slow-going, everyday working man and for the student, statesman, or philosopher.

Compared with the American Press, outside of New York city, the Canadian Press is fairly creditable, always bearing in mind the larger field which the former supplies. London and New York furnish the best newspapers in the world.

The members of the Canadian party were gratified to make the acquaintance and receive the courtesies of Mr. A. M. Stewart, of that excellent journal the Scottish American, which has always enjoyed a wide circulation among Canadian Scotchmen. Mr. Stewart is a fine type of the educated pushing Scotchmen, who have done so much for the States, for Canada and for themselves on this continent—indeed, both at home and abroad.

The Canadian Club opened its hospitable doors to the Press party, many of whom recognized among its members old friends who have settled in New York. The prospects of the Club under Mr. Wiman's presidency are most promising,