

A few hundred yards above Prospect House there is a point from which we obtain a fine view of the rapids and the islands named

THE THREE SISTERS.

They are seen in the distance lying close together at the head of Goat Island. These hitherto inaccessible islands are now connected by substantial foot bridges, from which the grandest view of the rapids is to be obtained.

From one of these Sisters a gentleman named Allen was rescued by the gallant Mr. J. R. Robinson in the summer of 1841. Mr. Allen had started alone in his boat for the village of Chippewa, and in the middle of the river broke one of his oars. Being unable to gain the shore, he endeavoured with the remaining oar to steer for the head of Goat Island, but the rapid current swept him past this point. As he approached the outer island of the Three Sisters, he steered with the cool energy of despair toward it and leaped ashore, while his boat sprang like a lightening flash down the rapid and over the Horse-Shoe Fall. For two days Mr. Allen remained on the island, and then, fortunately, succeeded in making a fire with some matches he happened to have in his pocket.

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Crowds of people assembled to assist in and witness the rescue, which was accomplished by Robinson, who, having managed to pass a rope from island to island, reached him with a skiff.