

LEWISTON.

The first place we come to after leaving the Falls is the town called Lewiston, which lies on the American side of the lower Niagara, and about seven miles below the Falls. It stands at the head of navigation on the river, and was once a place of considerable importance, but unfortunately for Lewiston its commercial prospects have been very much blighted since the construction of the Welland Canal. It is beautifully situated in the midst of a very rich and fertile country, and, in consequence, commands the advantages of an extensive fruit trade. In 1813 it was destroyed by the British, and rebuilt after the termination of the war. In 1812 it was the headquarters of General Van Rensselaer, of the New York Militia. At one time a suspension bridge spanned the river at this point, connecting it with

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on the Canada side, but during the winter of 1864 the bridge was unfortunately carried away by the ice, and up till the present time has never been rebuilt, but now we believe a project is on foot for the purpose of rebuilding it on a larger and more extensive scale, to which happy event the people of both Lewiston and Queenston look forward with great expectation. Queenston is pleasantly situated, but like Lewiston suffers much from the same cause that has retarded its growth. Upon the Heights of Queenston stands the beautiful structure known as Brock's Monument. From this point we pass on to the town of

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which is one of the oldest towns in the province. The trade of this place has also been much affected by the building of the