



PANORAMA OF NIAGARA FALLS THE

In the view before us we obtain a perfect geographical representation of the situation of Niagara Falls in its relation to the surrounding country. On the extreme right is Buffalo, on Lake Erie, and on the left is Toronto, on Lake Ontario, and between these two lakes is the greatest and most impressive natural wonder of America. The Niagara River forms the outlet of Lake Erie, descending about 330 feet in its course of thirty-six miles, and affords a channel to a large part of the fresh water of the globe. Its current is swift for about two miles after leaving Lake Erie, but becomes more gentle as the channel widens and is divided into two parts by Grand Island. Below this island the stream is two-and-a-half miles wide. About fifteen miles from Lake Erie the river narrows again and the rapids begin, flowing with ever-increasing speed until in the last three-quarters of a mile above the Falls they descend fifty-five feet and flow with immense velocity. On the brink of the Falls, where the river bends at right angles from west to north, the channel is divided by a small island to the left of the Falls.