

ween Buffalo and the Canada side, and formed a dam which kept back the waters of Lake Erie a whole day." One of the local papers noticing his lordship's lecture spoke of the statement concerning the Falls as "rather fishy." The lecturer then sent to the sceptical editor declarations from several gentleman all corroborating his statement.

The Hon. L. F. Allen of Buffalo declared: "I well recollect it, although I have no precise date as to the month or year in which it occurred. It was so remarkable as to be noticed in Buffalo newspapers. Nor do I recollect whether the subsidence of the river waters was caused by a dam of ice at the outlet of Lake Erie or by a strong east wind, which sometimes, by blowing the water up the lake, makes very low water in the river for many hours.

Two other witnesses made the following statutory declarations; (the laws of Ontario forbid taking oath in such cases).

*County of Welland, to wit:* I, Henry Bond, of the Village of Chippewa, in the County of Welland, blacksmith, do solemnly declare that I well remember the occurrence of there having been a day during which so little water was running in the Niagara River that but a small stream was flowing over the Falls of Niagara during that day. It happened on or about the 31st day of March, A. D. 1848.

HENRY BOND.

Declared before me, at Chippewa, in the County of Welland, this 17th day of May, A.D. 1880.

J. F. MACKLAN, Notary Public.

*County of Welland, to wit:* I, James Francis Macklan, of the Village of Chippewa, in the County of Welland, Province of Ontario, notary public and Justice of the Peace, do solemnly declare that about the 31st day of March, A. D. 1848, the waters of the Niagara River were so low that comparatively little was flowing over the Falls for a whole day. "The phenomenon of the Falls of Niagara running dry," as was the term used in speaking of the occurrence, caused great excitement in the neighbourhood at the time.

J. F. MACKLAN,

Notary Public and Justice Peace for County of Welland.

CHIPPWEA, May 17, 1880.