

with their requests. In the very nature of things this must continue to be so while the transportation business of the neighborhood is in the hands of the Hack Fraternity. Now, hackmen, like other people, work for money, and while they appear to talk in the interest of the stranger applying to them for information they have their principal eye on their own interests and only recommend such movements as will result in turning them an "honest penny." Hackmen look upon strangers only as so much stock in trade, and as soon as they have made out of them the last margin of profit they want to see them no more. It is a fact that at nearly all points of interest about Niagara Falls, hackmen get a commission from the keepers of the points for bringing strangers to them. The fraud is in this: A stranger paying 50 cents for the privilege of visiting a point of interest, possibly feels that he has received the worth of his money and has no thought that a fraud has been practiced upon him. The fraud is perpetrated all the same. The keeper of the point demands the 50 cents ostensibly for the privilege while the fact is, the keeper is demanding 25 cents for the privilege of seeing the point, and 25 cents to pay the hackman for bringing the victim there. The 50 cents is obtained by falsely pretending that it is wholly for the privilege of viewing the point of interest, when the fact is one half of it is demanded for the hackman and is handed to him as soon as the stranger's back is turned.

The following table shows the prices charged for admission to the points of interest about Niagara Falls, and the manner in which the