

THE FERRY.

There is another stair-case leading from the bank immediately below the Falls, where visitors will find a safe ferry to the Canada side, and an opportunity to view these mighty waters as they roll and tumble from the precipice above. A carriage road is about to be constructed down these perpendicular banks, so as to allow teams and carriages to cross here; and, when this is completed, it must become an important thoroughfare.

CANADA VIEWS.

Directly opposite the Falls on the Canada side, an enterprising company have projected and laid out what they call "The View of the Falls," and are now making very considerable improvements. There are on that side two spacious hotels, many objects of curiosity, and many delightful views of the Falls. Seven miles west is the Welland Canal, connecting the waters of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario; six miles north upon Queenston heights is General Brock's monument, 126 feet high, and admitting ascent to the top by a flight of 170 winding steps; one mile from the Falls is a burning spring, and at the Falls near the Rock is a museum and a stair-case. The Museum kept by Mr. Barnett, contains among other things, 118 different species of birds, 47 different species of beasts and reptiles, 24 different kinds of fishes, 300 different kinds of insects, &c. &c.;—which are said to have been caught in the vicinity of the Falls.

SUMMER AND WINTER SCENERY.

The surrounding scenery on both sides of the river is in keeping with the magnificence of the Falls. By most visitors is seen only in summer. But in winter it is inimitably and indescribably beautiful. The trees and shrubbery on Goat and Islands and on the banks of the river near the Falls, are covered with transparent ice, presenting an appearance of millions of glittering chandeliers of all sizes and description, and giving a most vivid idea of fairy land. The scene presents a striking counterpart to Goldsmith's description of the subterranean cities of Paros and Antiparos. The mist from the Falls falling upon the trees so gradually and to such thickness, that it bears a most exact resemblance to alabaster; and this, set off by the dazzling colors of the rainbows that span the river from many different points, seems, by natural association, to raise the imagination to that world, where the streets are of pure gold, the gates of pearl, and night is unknown.