

at this juncture the ice on Lake Erie, which had been broken up by these high winds, got jammed in the river between Buffalo and the Canada side, and formed a dam which kept back the waters of Lake Erie a whole day.

Before delivering my lecture I wrote to the Hon. L. F. Allen, of Buffalo, a well-known gentleman of that city, giving Mr. Street's statement and asking him if he recollected anything about the occurrence, and I have before me as I write this his reply, which is as follows:—

BUFFALO, March 11th, 1880.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 9th inst. received. The fact relating to the low water mentioned by Mr. Street as having occurred at Niagara Falls, I well recollect, although I have no precise data 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. I knew Mr. Street personally very well, and should have entire credence in any statement he should make of his own knowledge. That Mr. Street could have driven his horse for several hundred feet into the bare bed of the river on the Canada side, I have no doubt. I have lived in Buffalo fifty-three years, have witnessed so many fluctuations in the levels of the lake and river that I have perfect confidence in the late Mr. Street's account of the fact you name. He was a gentleman of such accurate statement that no one knowing him could doubt any one that he should seriously make.

Most truly and respectfully yours,

L. F. ALLEN.

Since the delivery of my lecture in March last, a short synopsis of it was published in our local papers. Amongst other things given in my lecture, this fact of Niagara Falls having been dry for a whole day was mentioned; and, shortly afterwards, a slip from a paper was handed to me in my son's office in this city, in which was stated the fact that I had made such a statement in a recently delivered lecture, and the editor stated that "some rumours had been afloat at times regarding the matter," but he looked upon it as "rather a fishy story." When this was read to me