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The Falls of Niagara.

Niagara Falls! Canada's great natural wonder! None but those who have seen this grand cataract, can fully describe it, or sufficiently admire its majestic beauty. Nature has many falls and cataracts; but only one Niagara. On each side of the river the bank is exceedingly steep, almost like the side of a hill; but when looking at the fall itself it is impossible to express the amazement which it occasions. The height of it as measured by mathematical instruments exactly measures 157 feet, and when the water is come to the bottom it springs back to a great height in the air. The noise may be heard at the distance of 45 miles, but seldom farther.

There arises from the place where the water falls abundance of vapour, which, viewed at a distance, looks like an immense volume of smoke. These vapors arise high in the air in calm weather, but can be dispersed by a strong wind. If this vapour should be blown upon you, it is so penetrating, that, in a few moments you will be as wet as if you had been under water.

Two of the greatest wonders connected with the Falls are "The Cave

of Winds," and the "Whirlpool Rapids."

The "Cave of Winds" is formed by the action of the water on the substratum of the precipice, which has been washed away and the limestone rock left arching overhead 30 feet beyond the base. In consequence of the tremendous pressure on the atmosphere, the cave is filled with perpetual storms, and the war of the conflicting elements is quite chaotic.

The "Whirlpool Rapids" are situated about two miles from the Falls, down the rushing green river, which flowing at profound depth between banks, looks so quiet, yet sullen, after leaving the howling abyss at the foot of the falls. The whole force of the water concentrates itself here; it seems as though it would tear asunder the steep-wooded hills that enclose it, so wild and startling is its terrific power.

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The following Grade II pupils lost no days during April: Mary Currie, Bessie Bloise, Bessie Bruce, Emma Jeffrys, Annie Linton, Mabel Walsh, Percy Archibald, Fred Geddes, Fred Kennedy, Eddie Moran, Charlie MacLennan, George Campbell, Willie MacAulay and Orestus Cruikshanks. Janette Morrison and Flora Fleming lost one half day.