

liking. Not many visitors to our country have shown a greater appreciation of its beauties than did Cartier in such sentences as these:

"All this district is flat and low-lying and the most beautiful imaginable, full of goodly trees and meadows. The districts where there is no wood are very fine and all full of peas, of white and red currants in bloom, of strawberries, mulberries, wild wheat like rye, which looks as though it had been sown there on plowed soil. This district is also of better temperature than could possibly be imagined and of great warmth."

Champlain's story of the first visit by white men in 1615 to the Lake Simcoe country in primeval Ontario is another interesting pen-picture:

"All the country where I went is very fine. It is very extensively cleared up. They plant in it a great quantity of Indian corn, which grows there finely. . . . There are many very good vines and plums. . . . It is certain that all this region is very fine and pleasant. Along the banks it seems as if the trees had been set out for ornament in most places."



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If first impressions of any one place in America are of more interest than those of another, that place surely is Niagara Falls. The priest Hennepin, who accompanied La Salle in his expedition to the Mississippi, visited the falls in 1678 and wrote the earliest description of them known to exist. His appreciation of the now famous wonder-sight has hardly been excelled by any later scribe, for he refers to it as "a vast and prodigious cadence of water which falls down after a surprising and astonishing manner, insomuch that the universe does not

afford its parallel." He goes on to say

"I wished a hundred times that somebody had been with us who could have described the wonders of this frightful fall, so as to give the reader a just and natural idea of it. . . . One may go down as far as the bottom of a terrible Gulph. . . . Into this Gulph it is that these several cascades empty themselves with a violence equal to the height from which they fall and the quantity of waters which they discharge. Hence arise those deafening sounds, that dreadful roaring and bellowing of the waters which drown the loudest thunder. . . . When one stands near the Fall and looks down into this most dreadful Gulph, one is seized with horror and the head turns round so that one cannot look long or steadfastly upon it."

Hennepin's description of Niagara, from which this is a brief quotation, is the only one of these several first impressions that was accompanied by a drawing. Numberless pictures of the falls have been made since then, but none have shown more strikingly the artist's sense of their greatness and majesty.

Of the Answer he Expected

A Scottish minister was one day talking to one of his aged parishioners, who in the course of the conversation ventured to express the opinion that ministers ought to be better paid.

"I am glad to hear you say that," said the minister. "I am pleased that you think so much of the clergy. And so you think we should have bigger stipends?"

"Ay," said the old man; "then we'd get a better class of men."



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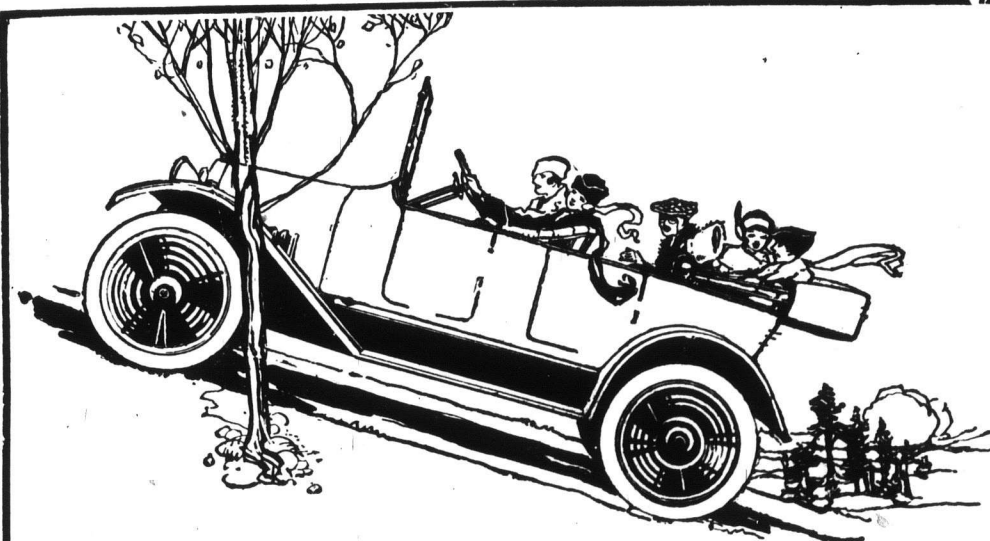
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