

NIAGARA FALLS



ed into Lake Ontario, was
ed at the end of the Ice Age.
water original dropped over
Niagara Escarpment at
ton N.Y. The churning
nt chewed the escarpment
back seven miles, leaving a
-walled gorge taking 7,000
0,000 years, to where
eers observe the excite-
of the falls.

out 95 percent of the river
over a 2,100 foot curve and
international boundary lies
th the water.

Iroquois myth says the God
under and his giant sons
ed here. Often the capri-
family left their roaring
in to spew lightning and
er claps over the peninsula.
year the Seneca Indians
a canoe borne maiden over
alls as a sacrifice to the
er gods.

the War of 1812 Sir Isaac
whose statue tops Queens-
Heights, rallied Canada's
ue forces.

ong the list of veterans of
ars was Laura Secord, she
walked 20 miles by a
itous, difficult and perilous
through woods and
ps and over miry roads, to
a British Outpost. This
nted further advances by
mericans and rescued the
e of Niagara.

ward the turn of the
ry, Niagara Falls, became
tionally the place to spend a
y moon, it is no longer the
"honeymoon capital".
haps the romance of

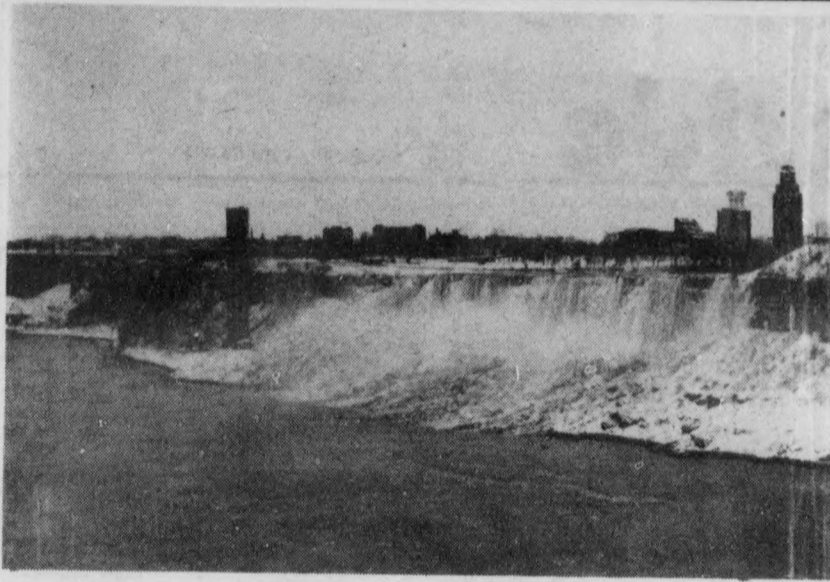
Niagara is preserved by an
Indian maiden who sacrificed
herself when her lover was
killed. It is said you can still see
ghost writher in the open mist as
she searches for her lover.

Niagara Falls has attracted
many thrill seekers. Only a few
lived to tell the tale. The first
adventurer to risk his life was
Sam Patch, in 1829 he dived into
the river and also to world fame
from a 97 foot wooden perch. In
1860, probably the most famous
was Monsieur Blondin three
times he walked a tightrope
stretched over the Niagara
gorge. Once he pushed a
wheelbarrow, and once he
carried a stove on which he
cooked an egg midway across.

Barreling over the falls was
another quick take fad which
took its share of lives. Anna
Edson Taylor an Iowa school-
teacher was the first to survive,
she braved the cataract in a
wooden barrel. In 1911 Bobby
Seach defied it in a steel drum
and later shot the rapids in it.

The Niagara Falls Museum
founded in 1830 is the oldest in
North America has preserved
three of these barrels in which
daredevils took the tumble and
lived.

The American and Canadian
Falls, Goat Island with its thick
woods and the deep chasm of the
river and the foaming rapids
above suddenly emerged from
the surrounding darkness and
presented a spectacle which can
never be forgotten by those who
witness it.



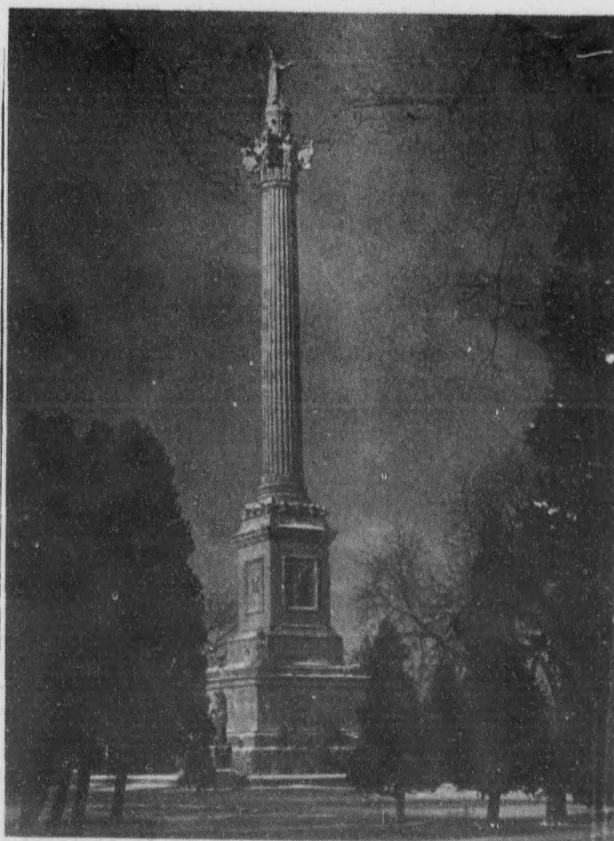
AMERICAN FALLS



NIAGARA RIVER



BELLINI'S COUCHANE LEAP—1873



BROCK'S
MONUMENT