

world. Nature in her wild grandeur and gorgeous scenery takes the place of old memorials, and from no part can there be a more delightful trip than from Toronto to Niagara Falls. Niagara!! Who is there that does not feel a thrill of romantic joy at the very mention of Niagara. The name is familiar to one and all, and no matter in what quarter of the globe we are we find tourists on their way to see this grand work of nature. Being in such close proximity as we are to this enviable place, we see excursionists daily, almost hourly, wending their way to the steamers plying from this city. We took our departure on board the well-known steamer "Southern Belle," a well fitted boat, on which one can find everything that tends to make such a trip a pleasure that may be thought of in years after. As we steamed across the bay there was to be seen many a pleasure party enjoying a sail in trim-looking yachts, outriggers, and boats of every description. The "Belle" makes fast time, and before we could fully realize the fact we found ourselves entering the mouth of the river, where stands out prominently Fort Niagara, from which we see floating in the breeze the well-known Stars and Stripes of America, making us at once feel that we can shake our American cousin by the hand. Taking the cars from Niagara we were soon landed at Niagara Falls Station, and took our first eager look at the "Falls;" but what pen can attempt to describe the awful grandeur that bursts upon the gaze! We feel that we are inadequate to the task of finding words to describe it, for one stands feeling he is in the presence of one of the Creator's marvellous pieces of work. Crossing the magnificent Suspension Bridge (which is classed as one of the finest structures to be found in bridges in the world) we find ourselves on the American side. The tourist from this point is enabled to get a full view of the grand scene, with its volumes of water ever pouring down over the mighty precipice. When taking the view one feels awed, and is much inclined to stand and gaze, until some friendly voice reminds him that there are other points of interest here to be seen. At the Falls we find every accommodation, there being numerous hotels and resorts.