NIAGARA CITY.

From the beautiful view here obtained of the Falls, this place was formerly called Bellevue. The village has mostly grown up since the time of the erection of the Suspension Bridge, at this point. The population now numbers about 1200, and is rapidly increasing. A grist mill has been erected near the Bridge, the water-wheel of which is placed beneath, requiring a shaft 280 feet long to communicate with the mill, on the top of the bank. The town contains many fine buildings; prominent among these is a very large Railroad Depot. Niagara City has grown so rapidly, and is still so much upon the increase, that a general description only can be applied to it for any length of time.

LEWISTON.

This village is situated at the head of navigation, on the Lower Niagara, and is a place of considerable importance. It lies three miles below the Devil's Hole, and seven miles below the Falls. Lewiston is a pleasant, well built village, but its commercial prospects have been very much injured by the construction of the Erie and Welland Canals.

*THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE,

at this point, is one of the most stupendous works of the age. The span of this Bridge is one thousand and forty-five feet. It is carried

over large towers of cut stone, and secured by anchors sunk firmly into the solid rock. It is supported by five cables upon each side. Each cable is composed of 250 strands of number ten wire, 1245 feet in length. The extreme capacity of the bridge is estimated at eight hundred and thirty-five tons. This bridge was erected in 1850, under



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