

The Sweden of America.

ple made it impossible for us to hear the heavenly harmony but we could see enough to satisfy and when the moon just entering her last quarter looked over the edge of the Lake with a rose red face as if challenging our vessel's approach we were unable to enjoy any longer alone the scene but must rush below and order all hands we knew on deck to be moon struck. Such a moon as that would interfere very greatly with one's chance of sleeping on the cat-haunted land but we had no such interference; we watched it until the larger stars modestly closed their eyes and the nebulae of the milky way hid among the little stars and then we turned in to dream that we were sailing

"In a painted ship
Across a painted ocean."

But

"The night went down
And the sun smiled out
Far over the summer sea"

and before the tardy risers had finished breakfast next morning we were moored at the pier in Owen Sound.

Four hours later we were walking the streets of fair Toronto, the second city of Canada. A day at Niagara capped very well this series of glimpses I have been having of our Great Dominion. My powers of description stop short at "the grand", Niagara goes far beyond that so I must be silent. An untravelled Englishman approached the captain of a liner as the steamer sighted Cape Race, and said: "I, aw, sai cawptin ah we neah Niagawa?" "No sir." "Oh, aw, I thought it fell into the Awtlantic." One thinks at Niagara that the Atlantic is falling over the cliff so huge is the torrent of green water that thunders down into the gorge. The average discharge of water at Niagara is 265,000 cubic feet per second. At this rate it is estimated that it would take one hundred years to drain the four upper lakes, but as all the upper lakes have a lower elevation than the top of Niagara they can never, under present conditions, be drained by the falls. Mrs. Wiggs gave Lovey Mary a bottle to fetch back to the Cabbage Patch a sample of "Niag'ry water." "Fill it full" she said. "I want to see how them Falls look." The West has the Rockies and the East has Niagara. Canada and the United States strangely enough, divide the possession of these world wonders, and if it has to be said, it can honestly be said that Canada has the better part of each of these nature abnormalities.