Showing location of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Route of Niagara Navigation Co.'s Steamers
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Niagara-on-the-Lake
Canada

ENGRAVINGS OF SOME OF HER
MANY ATTRACTIONS

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Harbor View

Showing Fort Niagara and Niagara Navigation Company's Steamer entering harbor, from Toronto as seen from Porch of Queen's Royal Hotel
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Can one imagine a pleasure more ideal to spend a hot summer’s day than lolling under an immense shade tree on a rolling piece of land covered by beautiful green lawn and three-quarters surrounded by water, having a view on one side of gorgeous Lake Ontario and the other the most beautiful and renowned Niagara River, with all sorts of sailing craft passing to and fro, and not a minute of the 24 hours daily without a cool breeze; such a place is Niagara-on-the-Lake, and if there is one

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spot above all others, on this American continent, where Nature has joined hands with man for the common purpose of making all things beautiful, that spot is the Niagara Peninsula, where the smiling landscape is one vast, undulating garden. In this rich and favored stretch of fruit land, there is no corner so inviting to the seeker after pleasure and health, or to the business man looking for rest and recuperation, as historic and quaint Niagara-on-the-Lake, a town where Nature’s sweetest beauty
Court House and Post Office

French Magazine, a Portion of Old Fort George
reigns supreme, that is every year becoming better known to tourists, and better liked as the acquaintance enlarges and improves.

Few summer resorts can offer such ease of access, beauty of scenery, or wealth of attraction and historic interest, as can this charming burg, and it therefore stands unrivalled as a Mecca for the tourist. Its modern sanitary conditions and broad, leafy avenues, down which the refreshing
lake breezes ever blow, make it the resort par excellence as regards health-giving qualities. One thing that has caused comment from every visitor is the remarkable purity and bracing influence of the atmosphere, the prevalence of these lake breezes making an oppressively warm day almost unknown.
Queen's Royal Hotel

Grounds, Annex, Bath Houses, etc., overlooking Lake Ontario and Niagara River, as seen from opposite bank
Location

Niagara-on-the-Lake is situated on the southern shore of Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. It is within an hour's ride by train, steamer or electric car, from Buffalo or Niagara Falls, and the three palatial steamers of the Niagara Navigation Company make six trips daily between Toronto and Niagara, the pleasant sail across the
lake occupying but two hours' time. There are six fast express trains a day to and from Buffalo, on the Michigan Central, and the electric railways, running on both the American and Canadian river banks, furnish a car service every hour, and sometimes more often.

**Historical**

Here the first Parliament of Upper Canada met in 1792. From Fort George (1792) the gallant General Sir Isaac Brock went forth to meet
his untimely end at Queenston Heights in 1812. Fort Mississaugua (1814) built after the town was burned by the American army in 1813. Fort Niagara (1678) on the opposite side of the river, which has been held by the French, English and Americans successively, now garrisoned by the U. S. regulars. The old barracks of Butler's Rangers (1778) on the great commons or military reserve (800ac.); Paradise Grove, the
Canadian Chautauqua; St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Churches, which have both celebrated their 100th anniversary, are all worthy a visit.

**Amusements**

Niagara-on-the-Lake offers amusements that cannot be surpassed at any other spot on earth, such as golf, tennis, bowling on the green, croquet, cricket, baseball, boating, fishing, bathing, automobiling, driving, dancing, band concerts, etc. Just think of being able to get up in the morning, after a fine night's rest, play golf for an hour, then a good swim. If you never had an appetite you will have one by this time,
that, if you come to Niagara for a day, a week or a year you will find numerous ways of enjoying yourself.

**Tournaments**

During the last week in August is held the Niagara International Tennis Tournament, the oldest tennis event in Canada, and one which
Summer Cottage of John Foy

brings together crack players from all parts of America. On the week previous to this the Ontario Bowling Association holds its annual tournament. The International Golf Tournament is also held here each year in September, when golfers from all parts of the country meet. The Niagara Golf Links are picturesquely situated at the mouth of the Niagara River, and encircle a large stretch of common, in which is located an

“Rowanwood,”
Summer Home of J. H. Lewis

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old fort. The course consists of 18 holes. There is also a 9-hole course. The latest addition to the long list of amusements is the holding of a yachting regatta on our beautiful bay during the latter part of July, under the auspices of the Lake Yachting Race Association, when all the crack yachts of Lake Ontario compete, with additions of others from Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, and other places.
The Bicycle Gymkhana which was held here four years ago for the first time, is now an annual event during the month of August. It is a great attraction, and is attended by cyclists from all parts of America.

These weeks are ones of unusual gaiety, and "Tournament" balls, dances, boating parties and entertainments make the evening hours slip by on golden wings of pleasure.
A Few of the Many Points of Interest

Few people realize what an interesting spot Niagara-on-the-Lake is, and in addition to the numerous "events" mentioned, days of pleasure may be spent in visiting the following: Fort Mississaugua, which stands upon the bluff at the river mouth, a grim and hoary sentinel of by-gone
days, still bearing the marks of its vicissitudes; Fort George, further up the river bank, on the Canadian side, built by Brock in 1796; Fort Niagara, on the American side of the river mouth, built in 1678; Butler's Barracks, built in 1778; and within easy driving or wheeling distance, Brock's Monument, Queenston Heights, and the Battle fields of Beaver Dams, Stoney Creek, and Lundy's Lane. To the south of the town lies the "camp ground," a common, consisting of 500 acres of Government
Cheteh-Ka-Be,
Summer Home of Mrs. Thos. McGaw

reserve. Here, every summer during the month of June, a number of the Canadian volunteer battalions go into camp for two weeks, and during this time the old town is bright with the gay uniforms of soldiers, the music of bands, and the holding of various military spectacles.

This common where the camp is held is also of historic interest. At one time it was the meeting place for the Indians when a treaty was to be drawn up, and many a vexed question, vital to the interests of the settlers and red men, has been discussed and adjusted on this sward.

Summer Cottage of Page M. Baker
Among the many beautiful spots in and about Niagara there are Paradise Grove; The Canadian Chautauqua, a cottager's resort on the lake shore; Lover's Lane, an ancient trysting spot, between Fort George and Paradise Grove; and the French Thorns, a pretty clump of bushes, on the river bank, which are said to have been planted by the French, when they first visited Niagara.
Especial mention must be made of Fort Niagara, across the river from the town. This is a regular American army post, and the band of the regiment is considered one of the best regimental bands in the regular army, and during the summer season they give band concerts in the park on the river bank. This is one of the most pleasant features of summer life in this town, as the beautiful music can be enjoyed with equal pleasure by the tourist on the Canadian side, the short stretch of water between rather adding to the charm.
The Chautauqua grounds are on the lake front, a short distance from the town. They include nearly one hundred acres of choice grounds, beautifully planted with shade and ornamental trees. The grounds are dotted with beautiful cottages occupied by families from Toronto, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, and other large cities.
The beach is open and sloping, perfectly safe to the youngest beginning, yet affording the best of surf bathing to those who are able to enjoy that delightful exercise. Fish of various kinds swarm in the waters of lake and river.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is chosen as a stopping place by many tourists who come to visit the Falls, which can be reached by a number of short
and pleasant ways of transit. The tourist may cross the river to Youngstown, then take the International Electric Railway to Lewiston, and the far-famed Gorge Road; or to any who may prefer, the Falls can be reached via New York Central observation trains from Lewiston. On the Canadian side the Michigan Central gives an excellent service, and the choice is offered of taking the Niagara Navigation Company's steamers to Queenston and the Canadian Electric Road from there.
The seeker of rest and quietude cannot help but be perfectly pleased with Niagara, for there are hundreds of shady spots among the most pleasing scenery, entirely apart from all excitement and gaiety, where one may rest and enjoy the absolutely pure air from the lake, which, in itself, is invigorating, causing a strength to the system which enables one to forget all business and other worries. Ladies and children, while enjoying all of the many attractions, can roam about Niagara both day
or night with perfect freedom, as rowdies or toughs are unknown here, and if one may be ordinarily nervous, they are only here for a day or so before they forget this trouble, because no attention is paid to burglary or theft, for the reason that nothing of this kind ever occurs.

Mothers never have any fear regarding the whereabouts or doings of the little ones, as Niagara is one vast playground with no source of danger to encounter.
Military Camping Grounds
Niagara-on-the-Lake is thoroughly up to date on civic arrangements, having every modern convenience in the shape of an excellent water-works system, good drainage, electric light, and ample fire protection. These are the necessities of our modern comfort, and are a great consideration to everyone. The Town Council has a practical knowledge of the requirements of summer tourists, and one will not find himself hedged about by any puritanical or nonsensical by-laws when coming to Niagara.
Wholesale Liquor Store of H. R. Doyle

Livery and Boarding Stable of M. J. Greene
The present executive head of the corporation is Mayor William Miller, and Jos. H. Burns ably and courteously fills the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer.

**Accommodations**

Niagara is proud of its hotels and boarding houses, there being good accommodation procurable at from $5 weekly upwards. These houses are all comfortably furnished and the proprietors, knowing the keen appetites all visitors seem blessed with, are generous in supplying the tables with the very best of food.

Cottages, either furnished or unfurnished, may be rented at reasonable rates, and as the numerous stores in town cater to thousands of people from the larger cities, they are prepared to furnish the finest quality of every thing the larger markets afford. There being such a large number of good farms surrounding Niagara-on-the-Lake, storekeepers find it an easy matter to furnish their patrons with the freshest butter, eggs, cream, vegetables, fruit, etc.

A person of moderate means will be surprised to find how reasonably he can live at Niagara, while, at the same time, he is enjoying the usual life of a millionaire. A large number of well-to-do business men of Buffalo, Cleveland, Toronto, New Orleans, Detroit and elsewhere have recently purchased places at Niagara, and have erected some beautiful summer and country homes, and the publisher feels certain that if strangers will favor Niagara with a visit they will be sufficiently pleased to build here, providing them with an ideal summer home as well as making a favorable real estate investment.

Niagara is particularly well adapted to entertain large excursions, the natural advantages being such that very little expense is necessary for one to have a glorious time. The large groves and commons are free to all, and if the little ones particularly do not enjoy themselves it is their own fault.

**In Conclusion**

While it is impossible to describe the attractions of our town, as the eye can see them, we have written about the more prominent ones, and with the many illustrations, we hope we have produced sufficient interest to cause you to visit us, thereby forever afterwards enrolling you as a permanent visitor. There is one thing certain, you will find us a sociable
and hospitable set of folks, always willing to give information and to try and make you feel at home.

If you wish to write for particulars, address either Mr. Burns, Town Clerk, or the publisher of Niagara-on-the-Lake Illustrated.