

LOCAL HISTORY: From 1901 to 2010

When ice bridged a gorge between nations



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In this photo gallery are some views from the past (and one from the present), showing sites in the vicinity of our famous falls in their "white-robed (and icy) grandeur."

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Waxing poetic about the falls

The cataract descends in spite of the frosts

To the rough waves below which still breathe forth

Ascending mists which veil the cataract

And with perpetual moisture bathe the slopes

Which are frozen o'er by the keen air which now

Attends the march of winter's wasteful train

And makes the paths around unsafely smooth

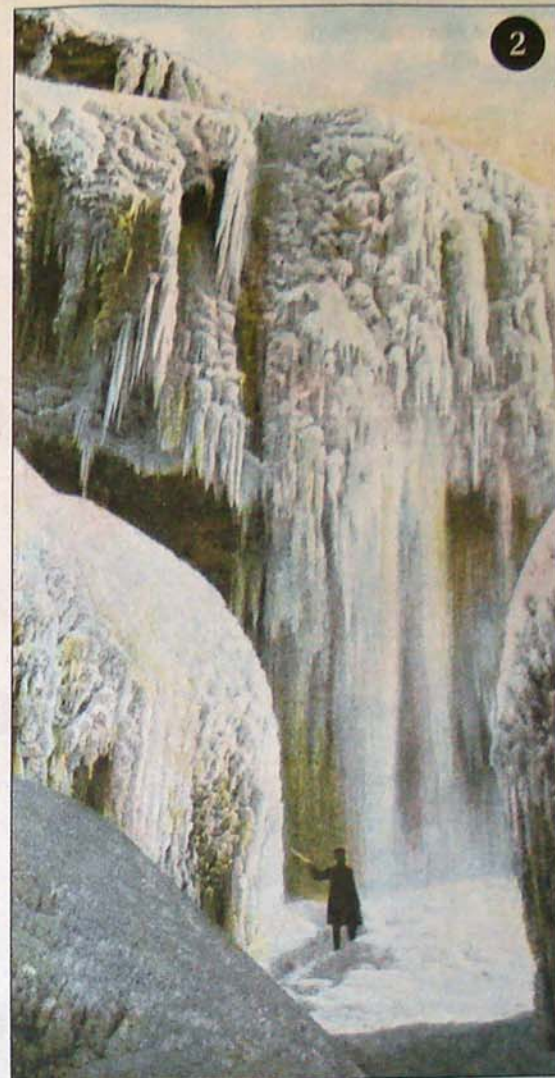
Now with wary steps we must survey

The white-robed grandeur of Niagara Falls.

From *Niagara Falls: A Poem in Three Cantos* by James K. Liston, 1843



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1. An octopus-like bush, its tentacles coated in ice, sits near Table Rock. The Horseshoe Falls forms a backdrop in this photo from January.

2. Spectacular ice formations around the Cave of the Winds, circa 1905.

3. Silhouetted winter visitors, circa 1901, near Prospect Point. The black trees of Goat Island are visible in the distance.

4. A dark line of adventurous and hardy souls zigzags its way across an ice-clogged gorge, circa 1908. The American Falls are at the right.

5. A mammoth icicle, circa 1905, hangs from Table Rock. At that time, the area was still a sizeable shelf near the Horseshoe Falls, which can be seen in the background.



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Winter