

## PONTIAC'S REVENGE.

Present Day Appearance of the Devil's Hole, the Scene of the Massacre of 1763.

How the Wily Indians Set Upon Two Detachments of English Soldiers, Killed Several of them and Drove the Rest Over a Precipice into the Niagara Gorge.

Within shrappal range of Queenston Heights, where in the moment of victory General Isaac Brock met death in 1812, there is, on the United States side of the Niagara river, a weird cavern, which was discovered by La Salle in 1678, and where there was a blood-curdling massacre of English soldiers by the Seneca Indians under the direction of the great War Chief Pontiac in September, 1763. The name Devil's Hole was first applied to it by the Indians themselves, because they said it was the abiding place of evil spirits. By their own treacherous slaughter of the white men there subsequently they gave the place a title to the name.

During the construction of the electric railway, which skirts the river banks, various buttons, bayonets and Indian relics, supposed to have been left there at the time of the massacre, were found among the rocks at the bottom of the cavern. The railway people have caused a tablet to be placed there, setting forth that on Sept. 14, 1766, occurred the "Devil's Hole Massacre," where 500 Seneca Indians ambushed a British supply train, massacred its escorts and hurled the bodies and wagons into the chasm below, only three escaping.

But to get a clear idea of the story, the visitor must stop off at Lewiston and proceed along the ancient military road to the cliff above the Hole. When the French were in possession of the country they established a portage from the present site of Lewiston, then known as the Lower Landing, to Fort Schlosser, above the great cataract. This was used most extensively in the conveyance of military stores to the forts on Lake Erie, and in the neighborhood of Detroit, and the English continued the use of this road as a portage when they became possessors of the land by right of sword. Steam and railways have decreased the value of the road, but when the great Chief Pontiac commenced his campaign against the English it was the most direct and only highway of communication.

Consequently the British officers established blockhouses at various points along the road, hoping to be able to protect the convoys of supplies that were expected to pass along from attack from hostile Indians from the east. From the west the whites feared no foe. The channel of the Niagara River, formed by a vast ravine, seemed ample protection from the encroachments of the wily redskins. The depression known as the Devil's Hole was a natural bulwark against the attack of the strongest enemy. At the lowest part the precipice was eighty feet high and the roar of the rapidly moving water below was in itself terrifying.

But the English defences, natural and constructed, proved no deterrent to the blood thirsty Indians. The latter, however, evidently had no appetite for plunder or had mistaken the convoy, for the object of their attack was simply an assortment of empty wagons and unladen mules, guarded by a sergeant and twenty-five men of the Eighth Regiment. On the 13th of September, 1763, this convoy proceeded from the lower landing to Fort Schlosser and on the following morning a start was made on the ill-fated return journey. As they were passing the brink of the

Devil's Hole, the dense woods on the right resounded with the rattle of rifle fire. Every tree seemed to have a red skinned marksman behind it. In the confusion following this unexpected attack the survivors attempted to form the defence, but the howling mob of Indians issued precipitately from the woods and charged with knife and tomahawk. Horses and men fell over the precipice and were dashed to death on the rocks below. It was all over in a few minutes, the dusky murderers scalped those who lay on the road, and retired as quickly as they came.

It is related that only three persons escaped—Philip Steadman, the conductor of the convoy, one of the wagoners, and a drummer boy. Steadman was well mounted, and seeing the whole party forced helplessly towards the precipice, he charged desperately through this circle of Indians and was lost in the forest. The wagoner was slightly wounded in the first fire and crawled to the trees and lay concealed till the Indians withdrew.

According to the story the drummer boy was driven with the rest over the cliff, but his drum strap caught in the branches of a tree, and he hung suspended for some time. Eventually he recovered consciousness, disengaged himself from the tree and hid in the bush, finally contriving to escape.

The attack on the convoy, and the killing of the escort and wagoners was only a preliminary to a more serious affair.

In the stockade at the Lower Landing, a short distance from Devil's Hole, were encamped two companies of Gage's Light Infantry. They heard the firing on the convoy, and under the command of Captain Johnson, and three subalterns, they started out for the Devil's Hole. But the calculating Indians had anticipated this movement. They had separated into two parties after the attack on the convoy, one detachment moving down nearer the Lower Landing.

The young officers, unaccustomed to the methods of Indian warfare, and eager for the conflict, neglected to send out scouts and flanking parties. Into the veritable jaws of death the soldiers advanced in close rotation. The first volley of the rifles of the concealed Indians killed or wounded half the detachment, and others were despatched with knives and tomahawks by the merciless warriors.

Every officer and all the men of the detachment, except about ten, were killed, scalped, stripped of clothing and hacked about till their bodies were in many cases unrecognizable. The ten survivors, hungry and nearly exhausted, reached Fort Niagara next day.

For many years after, Philip Steadman, who escaped during the massacre of the convoy, was a resident of the district. He subsequently had the control of the convoy, was a resident of the district. He subsequently had the control of the portage, under the direction of the United States government, after the declaration of independence.

One of the actors of the tragedy, a Seneca warrior named Blacksnake, was living in the neighborhood at the beginning of the twentieth century, and he was frequently heard to describe with gloating pride, how he assisted to force the English over the yawning precipice.

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## LOWER CAVERHILL.

Nov. 3.—George F. Jowett, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is improving slowly.

Stanley Hallett made a flying trip to Keswick this week.

Messrs. Sydney and Chas. Miller, have gone to the woods for the winter. They will be greatly missed in the community.

Samuel Higgins, our popular pedlar, was in this place Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Stillwell is the guest of her brother-in-law, Mr. David Stillwell. Miss Lida Clarke accompanied by Miss Beatrice King spent Tuesday afternoon at the Elms, the guests of Miss Sadie Miller.

Mrs. Wellington Nallatt spent one day this week visiting her mother, Mrs. John Timmins, of Upper Springfield.

Henry Hallett intends leaving for the bush in a short time.

Messrs. George and Harry Oliver attended the sale of cattle in Upper Springfield on the 31st inst.

Henry Stillwell pays an occasional trip to this end of the settlement. We wonder what the attraction can be.

Andrew Oliver made a business trip to Temperance Vale one day this week.

Herbert Tucker is helping James Hallett yard logs.

George Oliver attended the Hallowe'en party at Charles Caverhill's. He reports it the very best of the season.

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## TO HOLD COLONIAL TRADE.

London, Nov. 6.—In the course of a speech to his constituents at West Birmingham Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain pointed out that in 1890 the foreigner exported to the British colonies nine millions of pounds of goods. In 1904 this had risen to thirty-one millions. Could they fail to see the result of this state of things if matters were allowed to drift? If Great Britain made no effort to keep her colonial

## APPEAL TO PEOPLE ON FISCAL POLICY.

Dissolution of Parliament Advocated by the London Times.

The Unionists May Win—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Appeals to His Constituents.

London, Nov. 6.—The Times openly advocates the early dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the country on the fiscal question. Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's deplorable position, it says: "He cannot now have much longer to wait. The powerful reasons which operated to postpone the dissolution are no longer urgent. The delicate questions of colonial and foreign policy which hung in the balance at the last session have been happily closed either definitely or by changes in events and opinions."

APPEAL MAY BE LOOKED FOR. "We yield to none in the desire for reform of the more glaring anomalies of representation but we can no longer regard the passing of the redistribution bill by the present government as a possibility. It is not probable that experienced members of the Unionist party take any different view. An appeal to the country may therefore be looked for

within a period which can be rather narrowly defined. The choice, in fact, lies between making an appeal in January and just before Parliament meets, and making it in the course of the session, and it will probably be early rather than late. Mr. Gladstone's adoption of the former course in 1874 is not of happy augury, and there are practical reasons for waiting until Parliament assembles in the coming year."

The Times is not convinced that the Unionists will be beaten in the next general election.

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