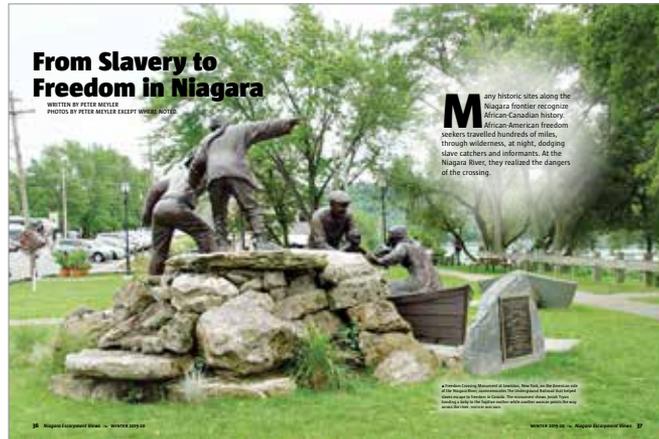




Congrats on 12 years. Magazine looks better and better with every issue.
 Stephen Baker, Milton

Thank you for including my poem in your "Poems of the Niagara Escarpment" feature in the Winter 2019-20 issue. I was thrilled to see it! ...It means a great deal to me to have my work appear in your informative, beautiful magazine.
 Jennifer Foster, Hamilton



Thank you for printing the photo of the 'Colored (sic) Corps' provincial plaque - pg 41. It is an excellent example of how insidious and total is the amurricanization of Canada and Canadians. A more subtle example is your own preference for the amurrican 'three feet' (obsolete for over 45 a) than the Canadian/SI 'a metre' - pg 52. I appreciate that it's very difficult to resist amurricanization

when every teacher and professor in Canada is or has been amurricanized, to the extent that essentially none can speak without using amurrican pronunciation and valley girl up-talk. Even the venerated Canadian journalism standards require that when both measurement units are given, the amurrican must be primary, with the Canadian/SI relegated to subservience, in parentheses.

I have never understood why any Canadian would want to emulate such a backward country as the USA, when it is so hard to find anything at all admirable about it.
 Glen Pearce, Cloyne
 Ps: My wife is anything but 'Petty'. In fact, she is magnanimous to a fault - pg 8 [Ed. note: see the letter to the editor.]

Editor's reply: Thank you for your humorous letter. While we wouldn't try to change the spelling on the photo of a historical plaque, we do try to keep to Canadian spelling in our editorial content. As for measurements, I confess that feet come to me more easily than metres. We agree with you that at present, it is difficult to admire the U.S. As for your description of your wife's character, we would not dare to comment. Keep sending us your assessments of our work!



The story in the NEV Winter issue about Hamilton's Waterfalls in Winter is a tremendous article. Congratulations to Mr Hollick. To put something like that together requires a lot of research and work. A small group of us hike the waterfalls in the Niagara Peninsula regularly all year round and have lots of seasonal pictures but to compare pictures a century apart is an incredible concept. I have one comment

about the Decew Falls in St Catharines. That falls actually powers the Morningstar Mill which has been in operation since 1872. It is well preserved as a museum today but still produces flour for demonstration only in the summer months. Decew Power Plant is less than a km down the road and is fed by the man-made Lake Gibson as is the Mill. The power plant began in 1898 and was built to supply power to the Hamilton

Radial Electric Railway. The group working on the project were told by Lord Kelvin, the English authority at the time, that electricity could not be transmitted further than 12 miles. Undaunted, these gentlemen developed new equipment and transmitted 22,500 volts, 34 miles to Hamilton, rewriting history and setting a new world standard.
 Art Weaver, St. Catharines

Joseph Hollick replies: Thank you Art Weaver for your informative comments about the Winter Waterfalls in Hamilton. The article was primarily about Hamilton's waterfalls, however Decew Falls was included as it had a connection to Hamilton. The first use or purpose of Decew Falls, as you mentioned, was to power the Morningstar Mill, however I did not mention this as it had no connection to Hamilton and

would have taken up more print room in the article. The Hamilton connection came during the second use or purpose of Decew Falls where some water that normally would flow over the falls was diverted from Lake Gibson (above Decew Falls) into a tunnel towards the new power plant downstream. This tunnel then reduced the water flow slightly over the falls (similar to Niagara Falls today). The electricity that was produced from this power plant then was transmitted to Hamilton for the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway, again as you mentioned. The third use of Decew Falls today is tourism to promote the beautiful waterfall and demonstrate the water powered milling process. The power plant is still in use today, but the electricity goes into the power grid and not just to Hamilton.
 Joseph Hollick, Dundas