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## WE'RE NOT GONNA DO THE BARREL THING !

From Burlington, VT we crossed into Quebec, CA. It is a real transition! The French Canadians are trying to do their own thing, which is to pretend that there is no one else but them.

There is not a word of English displayed anywhere. All road signs are French, even though some foreigners like us may not understand and could become a danger. They want to secede from Canada, but they don't even have enough money to maintain their infrastructure. All their roads are a mess, most of their bridges are falling apart, and they haven't a clue.

As soon as you cross into Ontario, the world changes. The signs give the courtesy of being repeated in French. The people are not as impudent



We spent three nights at a Park on the shore of Lake Ontario. We had a wonderful visit with my cousins at their cottage on Lake Erie.

Leaving Hamilton, we headed for the USA. We were going to bypass Niagara Falls, however the lure of the excitement of standing next to the thundering cascade overcame us. There are hordes of tourists who feel the same. Parking across from the Falls and Gorge is at a premium. It costs \$18 to park your car in the lots, and walk across the street! We went to a park and ride for \$6 and got a free 1 ½ mile bus ride!

Crossing into New York, we drove on I 90 toll road, and for \$9.70 we whisked right out of the state. Driving South from Erie, PA we went close to Sharon, PA to find another statue.

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