

Honeymoon, honey?

Niagara Falls may again become a favorite honeymoon spot—if the energy crisis persists and if summer ever gets here.

Otherwise area bridal couples tend to head for warmer climes and bigger bodies of water than the St. Lawrence River for their honeymoons.

Several travel agencies reported that Jamaica, Nassau and Acapulco are among the most favorite honeymoon locations.

"ANYWHERE in the Caribbean is popular, though," commented an Ask Mr. Foster representative.

Honeymoon-hunting couples said they favor "Someplace warm, like Hawaii or Spain."

One couple said they chose Spain because they wanted to do sightseeing and because both speak Spanish.

"IT WAS A beautiful trip and we'll always remember it. We don't know when we can afford to go that far again," the Sandy Fords said.

The European honeymoon, something once very popular with couples, is a disappearing animal.

One couple who planned a European honeymoon said they cancelled because they decided not to leave the country this year.

ANOTHER COUPLE said they couldn't spare the time they would have wanted to spend if they'd gone that far away.

"We really wanted to go to England, but will go to Canada instead," said soon-to-be-married Ronna Nelson and Marshall Gordon.

Canada is a favorite spot with honeymooners because it is close and interesting, travel agents say.

ALSO FOR less than \$125 a couple could spend three days in Toronto. The price includes train transportation and hotel accommodations for two nights.

Montreal is also on what the Canadian National Tourist Bureau calls its "Invitation Tours." The cost of a weekend there could be less than \$175.

Average costs of week-long trips to Jamaica are \$700 including air fare.

COUPLES POLLED said their



A DIFFERENT HONEYMOON VIEW OF NIAGARA FALLS

honeymoons would last one week. But at least one area couple decided not to take a honeymoon at all.

Janet and Don Spaner decided to forego a honeymoon and use the money saved to buy a home.

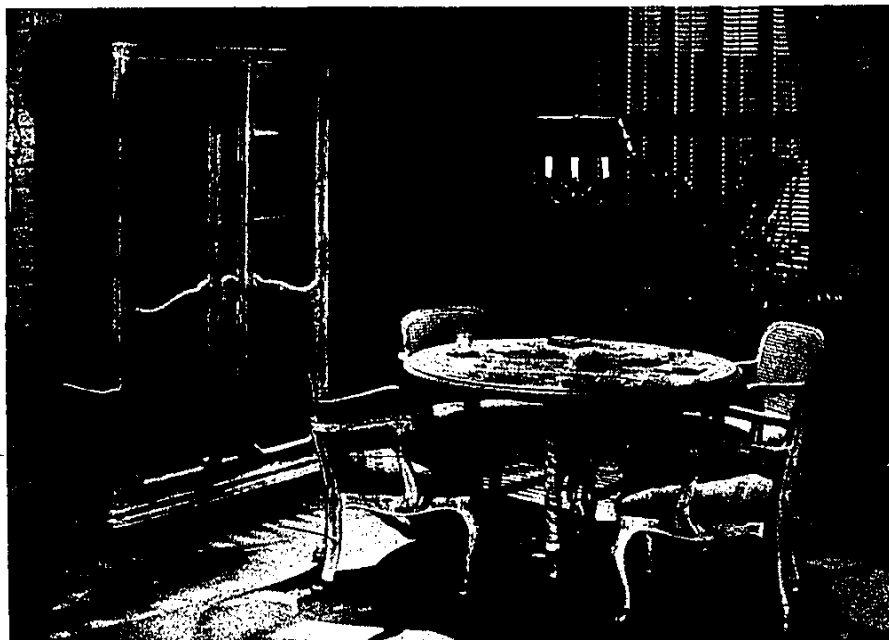
"We moved right into our new home after the wedding. We felt we saved about \$1,000 by just staying here and going out and doing fun things for the week that would have been our honeymoon away somewhere," Mrs. Spaner said.

"AFTER ALL, the honeymoon would be over in a week or two ex-

cept for the memories, and the house will give us a good start," she said.

Sharon and Philip Granat were lucky honeymooners. They had made many plans but could abandon them when an ocean-front apartment in Southern Florida was offered to them for their honeymoon use.

Still there are those famous falls. "The place is great for taking pictures," said a new bridegroom, "and it's accessible by car without taking too much time from the honeymoon with driving."



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