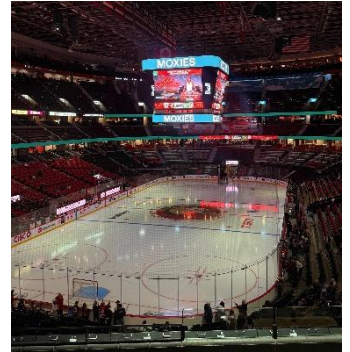


Hi there! Today is Dec 4th. I can't believe that almost one-third of the 10 months I stay here have done. On the last weekend of November, Sudbury got bunch of snow. Since then, even the highest temperature has not reached 0 degrees Celsius. It's cold and sucks but the scene I see every day is pretty. Anyway, what I'm going to talk to you guys today is fun hockey game, the trip to Niagara Falls and others!

<fun hockey game>

Many people know that Canadians love hockey very mach. Every city, even small city, has hockey game every week. Because my host father loves watching hockey games, I have watched that on TV. The first time I watched hockey game in person was the Ottawa senators' game during school short trip to Ottawa. Watching a hockey match on TV and attending one in person were vastly different experiences. I was quite startled when players and the puck collided violently with the clear panels. The stands were much closer to the rink than I had imagined, and seeing the players skating at incredible speeds was truly impressive. Ottawa senators were adult team, but I also watched teenagers' hockey game. Teenage players get into fights immediately. My host father explained that this is also a characteristic of the sport of hockey.



<Niagara Falls>

I went to Niagara Falls on a trip with my host families. I had always wanted to visit Niagara Falls at least once, so I was absolutely delighted to finally get the chance to go there this time. I experienced the sounds or the spray of fall, which photographs cannot convey, and I felt the grandeur of nature. The weekend I went there, the light festival was held. Two falls, Canadian side and American side, were colored like their country flag. It was amazingly beautiful, and I loved it. The streets around Fall also got light on. There were swings and seesaws blended with art. Though I hadn't ridden them much since childhood, they were still enjoyable.



<other>

I want to share interesting things I found. As I said, it has become quite normal here that snow is piled up daily. Many buses are canceled every day because of snow on the road or because the engine doesn't work due to coldness. So, some students can't come to school as usual, but the first period starts slowly. I believe that the Snow Day will come soon. Snow Day is a day that becomes a holiday because of snow. Canadians get more than 1 week of Snow Days in total during winter. I can't wait for Snow Day!

