

to journalism, you will at times pause to think with kindly recollection of those who, under your guidance, crossed the "Great Divide" in 1899.

#### TO THE SECRETARY.

John A. Cooper, Esq., Secretary Canadian Press Association:

DEAR SIR,—When the trip of the Canadian Press Association was mooted, we felt that the arrangements were safe in your hands, and, as the miles rolled away from us under the car wheels on our long journey, every minute has confirmed our first impressions. Nothing has been neglected that you could do to contribute to our comfort and enjoyment. Some of us have wondered how you got time to sleep, and we feel under obligations to you that we can never discharge.

Not in any sense as a quit claim, but just to show there is no hard feeling, we ask you to accept this slight memento, and trust that you will cherish it in remembrance of a delightful trip that all of us will never forget.

That you may long continue to occupy the position you fill so well, and that we may all meet again some other day under equally happy circumstances, is earnest hope of your well-wishers.

#### NOTES.

"We are paving the Northwest with meals and speeches"—a wise remark made by A. F. Wallis at Winnipeg, August 13, 1899.

At Regina, on the return trip, the party was met at the station by Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., statesman and journalist. We all flocked out to shake hands with him. Alex. Pirie was in the drawing-room of the "Toronto" with his coat off and a full-house in his hand, but, with lightning speed and a careless disregard for the stakes, he was soon on the platform shaking hands with his old friend. Just then, Mrs. Pirie came up, and her admiring husband presented her with the appropriate words: "Allow me to introduce mine." The gallant statesman removed his hat, and, with a profound bow from the hips, remarked: "I am delighted to be introduced to the wife of the wittiest man in Canada." And then the aforesaid "wittiest man in Canada" proved his claim to the title and his appreciation of his Irish friend's wit by exclaiming: "What! is she your wife, too?" And the train pulled out with three cheers for Mr. Davin.

When Mr. Davin was standing on the platform at Regina, being introduced to the ladies of the party, he remarked that he was sorry he hadn't brought his wife down. "For, you know," said this bold Irishman, "I think she is the best piece of calico in the Territories."

They tell of many witty remarks made by George Graham, M.P.P., Brockville. One night, some of the people in car "Quebec" were raising a row about the lateness of the porter in making up the berths—although George was usually ahead of time with all his work. Mr. Graham hearing of this, exclaimed: "Oh, well! A kick about the make-up is to be expected on a press train." But perhaps his best retort was when he turned the tables on his brother wag from Dundas. It was just after the presentations and when everybody was looking bored and sheepish, that Mr. Pirie sprang up, seized a jug of ice-water and made a long speech in presenting it to Mr. Graham in the hope that he might some day learn to use it. Mr. Graham replied in a clever speech ending up with the suggestion: "In the life hereafter I shall remember his thoughtfulness and when the Dundas editor cries out for water, I shall take it down to him in this pitcher."

The honor of being "chief lady" on the trip, owing to the absence of the president's wife, fell to Mrs. Pirie, and she bore her honors and bouquets with becoming sweetness and dignity.

When the gaily-decorated electric train stopped in front of Winnipeg's pride—the brewery—the party all trooped out and over to the buildings with wonderful alacrity. The president

and the secretary alone remained behind, torn by contending emotions—a hatred of beer and a duty to look after the party. Finally, the president took the other young man by the arm, and they followed the crowd.

It is well that they have a few good eastern journalists in the West. The reception at Rossland would have been very flat without John B. Kerr, his hearty welcome, and his generous "tips."

At Regina, the train was taken ten miles north to Wascana (Pile of Bones). When the party had returned to Regina and had been driven over to Government House, it was discovered that the president was lost and had not been seen since the train left Wascana. It was a rather difficult task to explain to His Honor that the company had marched off without its captain, but at length this was accomplished and the presentation proceeded. An hour or so afterwards the president was seen coming across the plain on a buckboard drawn by two weary-looking bronchos. No doubt, he will send in his bill to the association to cover the expense of that ten-mile ride.

At Revelstoke, the party received several boxes of British Columbia plums and a box of cut flowers. These were sent by Thomas A. Sharpe, superintendent of the experimental farm at Agassiz, to prove to the excursionists that British Columbia is not all a sea of mountains.

Eight gentlemen and one lady, Mrs. Fred. Cook, rode on the cowcatcher from the Summit to Field, a magnificent scenic trip.

One of the young ladies—so The Vancouver World says—composed the following:

Why do the married men of car "Quebec"  
So awfully their faithful wives henpeck?  
Why do the men who left their wives behind  
Such pleasure with other ladies find?  
Why do the single men at ladies shy  
As if 'twere leap year, and a parson nigh?

Dr. Sylvester was anxious for a free ad., so he arranged to have two men who were working on a bridge knocked off and hurt. Then he stayed over for a few hours at Golden, fixed the men up, and caught up with the party at Revelstoke. While at Golden he performed an operation on a child that was suffering from appendicitis. Late information says—wonderful to relate—that the child has recovered.

#### THE TORONTO PRINTING TRADE.

It is said that the new scale of wages agreed upon between the employing printers of Toronto and the union will mean nearly \$30,000 per year paid out by all the offices in the city. The new scale provides an advance of \$1 per week, and adopts a flat rate of 34c. for all piece composition, instead of 28 and 33½c. as heretofore. Definite agreements as to overtime and the number of working hours per week have been reached. The new scale comes into force on October 2.

The bookbinders and the employers are discussing the question of an increase in wages. Meetings have been held with this object in view.

It is understood that steps are being taken to amalgamate the Employing Printers' and Bookbinders' Associations. They will form one body, probably under the name of the Toronto Typothetæ. A committee has been formed to promote the project, which will probably go through.