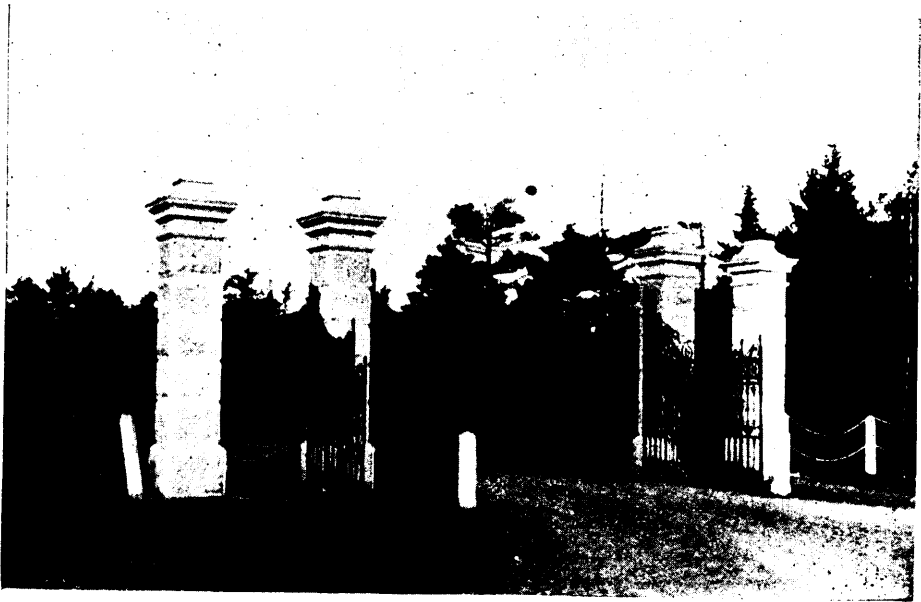


continent. Yet, with what cheer I regarded the prospect of the next few days—the pleasure of viewing Halifax in all its solid substantiality.

As I walked down the gang plank, those guardians of the treasury, who, in whatever land, are always the first to welcome the stranger, stood ready to prove my good intentions. I compared them with the United States customs officials, and found them to be not materially different. They performed their duty with that deferen-

as though glad to be rid of a duty not altogether pleasant, nor yet unpleasant—so characteristic of all men in all countries who hold offices under the Government.

I wondered how people could live in a city of the size of Halifax all their lives and yet know so little about it. It was not my wish to go to one of the large hotels, but to find suitable apartments, and forage as I saw fit while I went about the city. But not a word could I obtain which would



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tial courtesy which is altogether superfluous, for the reason that, leaving etiquette aside, they have a decided advantage; and it is because this courtesy is so spontaneous and gratuitous that it is so remarkably pleasant. If every person were as honest as I am, and had so wholesome a regard for the customs officers, and so much concern for the public treasury, there would be no need for customs officers. But, when all is said and done, the custom house inspectors are not unlike cab-drivers,—the same the world over; and, unlike the latter, they perform their duties with an air of resignation,

aid me in finding such rooms. No one knew of a place in the whole city of Halifax such as I wished. So I went off alone, and after a little search found what I wanted—a cozy room near the garrison chapel—and there I brought all my impedimenta, and was soon comfortably installed.

The Citadel afforded me a shock from which I have not yet recovered. I had pictured it as a lofty, commanding eminence, towering above the city and commanding the harbor. I pictured in my mind the slope of the hill below, laid out in precise military angles, with green grass of lawn-like