

Hints to Travellers.

Secure berths at the first possible opportunity, do not delay. We cannot too strongly emphasize this matter. Our object is not to secure your attendance (although it is true that the sooner it is known in Toronto, how many members and their families may be expected from the old country, the greater will be the opportunity of accommodating and entertaining them suitably), but we emphasize the advice thus, because we know that by the middle of August, the homeward journeying from Europe is in full swing, the steamers are crowded, it is next to impossible to obtain berths at the last moment, and consequently the steamship companies can obtain high prices for the most ordinary accommodation.

If any member is doubtful as to whether at the last moment he will be able to cross, we would still recommend that a berth be secured, to be given up if need be a few weeks before the date of sailing. Speaking from personal experience, we have found the various steamship companies perfectly willing to repay deposits for berths during their busy season, provided the berths be given up in due time to allow other travellers to obtain them.

Railway Transportation.

When travelling by night always engage a sleeper as early as possible before starting. A lower berth is more comfortable.

Amount of Luggage.

For travelling on board ship, it is well to have one commodious trunk, not too high (thirteen inches) to be placed under the berth; for those contemplating but a short visit to Canada, this and a hand bag is sufficient.

The steamship companies carry twenty extra cubic feet of luggage free in the hold for each first cabin passenger. The railway companies throughout North America allow one hundred and fifty pounds (free) for each first class passenger.

We most strongly recommend members visiting Toronto to bring one large trunk rather than a multitude of small traps. The express companies (and the porters at Liverpool on the return voyage) charge by the piece, whatever its size. Bring one trunk and a hand bag, roomy, but not too heavy.

Clothing.

The clothing should be much the same as required for a Continental trip. We would point out also the advisability of bringing a dressing gown or capacious ulster. Throughout Canada the tendency is to reduce as much as possible the labors of household service. Thus the bathroom takes the place of the "tub" in the bedroom.