# ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

and hear the dash of the waves as they beat on the sandy shore, my thoughts are turned to our own rock-bound coast on the other

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ney was drawing to a close, each to go or her own way, genuine regret was on all sides. The pleasure derived beauties of this Won derland. his or her own way, genuine regret was felt on all sides. The pleasure derived

This adobe material is a square piece of mud-colored clay, dried in the sun, and it is said to be very durable and to stand for a long time in this climate. In fact, many of the old homes and missions that have

The last night of our journey was a restless one, and all hands were up at an side of this great continent, and it occurred to me that some of your readers might be interested in reading the impressions of a New Brunswicker, of this corner of the world, of the world.

To start right, let us begin at home birds; then again a stretch of the Mojav bere the journey was commenced less than two weeks ago, when the speedy and com-To start right, let us begin a where the journey was commenced less than two weeks ago, when the speedy and comfortable service of the C. P. R. carried me safely through the woods of Maine to Montreal, thence to Toronto—the Queen City and the commence of the hills, and then we felt rewarded indeed as here begins in earnest, the land of the West—where a stay of a day or two on business was made, thence a night's run to Chicago, and another to Kanasa City, and the lemon—where winter is turned and the lemon—where winter is turned to chicago. way of breaking the journey. At Kansas
City the through trains over the Santa Fe
are made up, when the overland journey
really begins, as from this point to California, no stone (constitution). really begins, as from this point to California, no stops (excepting for meals) are made. And a very luxuriously appointed train it was, too, and I must pay my tribute now to the efficiency of the service through. now to the efficiency of the service through-out the trip. The dining stations on this road are so arranged as to be reached at nt hours for meals, and very good formly are and at moderate charge. they uniformly are and at moderate charge.

But for those who do not care to take a has not been picked, and the effect is hard trees in regular rows, on perfectly cultivated soil, the trees in their full growth. pletely filled the two Pullman cars, it has pletely filled the two Pullman cars, it has never been my privilege to travel with, and throughout the three days we were thrown together, mirth and jollity prevailed, and when the last night on board we felt the journey was drawing to a close, each to go

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a bare existance from the scanty herbage. From a scenic point of view, this road is greatly deficient, the most notable exceptition perhaps being the Rattoon Pass in the Rockies, approaching which the grade is very heavy, and the two great engines puff and blow, dragging the heavy train slowly up the steep grades. Near the summit, and quite close to the entrance of a tannel recently constructed, is the adobe home of the Old Man of the mountains, who formerly exacted toll from all travelers, and whose occupation since the advent of the railroad has gone and never to be recovered. He still lives, however, on the

of the railroad has gone and never to be recovered. He still lives, however, on the remains of his former greatness, and doubtless thinks that things have sadly degenerated in recent years and sighs for the times that have gone, when he, like a mighty Caesar was king and all paid tribute to him; so it is with many a man in a higher sphere of life remorselessly turns round, he is relegated to the rear, and new men and new conditions rise and for a time hold sway. What is the moral? is it that we should make the most of our opportunsizes? I leave the answer with each individual and pass on.

Another feature of interest was the occasional native Indian or Mexican village, consisting entirely of one-story adobe houses or buts. In some cases, some

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country. On this trip, one sees very markedly the result of the drought, as the hill-sides, which should at this season be a vivid green, are perfectly brown, and void of any vegetation. As we leave Los Angeles going south, we gradually leave the fruit groves, and strike for a short distance an extensive grazing section. The most interesting scenery on this trip is that portion which skirts the ocean, where the surf washes on the beach only a few feet from the train for a distance of perhaps thirty miles or more. On a warm day, or at any time, this is very refreshing, and just now an agreeable change from the burnt hill-sides.

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