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Notes of a Trip to the Pacific Coast.

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WE left P. E. Island on the 7th of March, crossing by the Stanley to Pictou; and having the misfortune of being stuck in the ice long enough to miss all train arrangements. We were in the pretty town of Truro for a night and the best part of a day; here waggons were out, the streets being bare. The next thing that struck us was a big snowstorm in the St. Lawrence valley, near the little French village of St. Paschal, a typical village under the old regime; with its little church in the centre acting as a hub for all the old-fashioned genuine french-roofed houses to cluster around. Those French villages are so Arcadian in style, the farms tilled in the most primitive manner, and they look like a strip of riband, stretching if possible, to a water front. The "habitant" himself, seemed to me, of what I saw of him in a stay of eight hours in his home; to be first of all, devout, true to his church. He seemed simple, submissive, credulous and unprogressive, but kindly and courteous to us, and his wants seeming few—he must be happy.

Nearing Levis we obtained our first view of Quebec. It was a sight I shall never forget: between us and that grand old town rolled the St. Lawrence, ah! if that noble river could speak what a wonderful tale she could recite of deeds enacted before yon ancient Capital. Before us on her massive battlements floats the grand old flag of Britain where once fluttered in the breeze the lilies of France; the frost made the walls glisten like polished steel, their glint was to be seen long after the city became indistinguishable. We arrived at Montreal at midnight, and as soon as possible we got to a hotel and a bed. I was much disappointed in this great commercial metropolis: I looked for and expected the acme of perfection in all phases that tend to make a city great; the streets in general were narrow, lined on either sides with good buildings, no doubt; but of irregular