

Chicago and St. Paul, they run from Montreal to Owen Sound, and thence, per fine Clyde-built steamers, across Lake Superior to Port Arthur, where they entrain again. The passage across this magnificent lake occupies forty hours, and forms an agreeable change to a continuous railway journey. The Canadian-Pacific line is fully equipped with drawing-room and sleeping cars, and it cannot be too widely made known that the comfort of sleeping cars is available for emigrants passing over the line without extra charge. It may be of local interest to state that George Stephen, Esq., the President of this vast undertaking, is connected with Hampshire by marriage, and is well known and highly esteemed in Alton. In addition to the substantial advantages offered by the citizens of Montreal, nearly all the steamship companies sailing to the Dominion, as well as those running to the United States, made a reduction in their ordinary fares in favour of the Members of the Association.

It can readily be understood that the opportunity of visiting America under the auspices of the Association attracted the attention of many whose object was to enjoy the trip under the exceptional advantages which were offered to Members rather than the pursuit of scientific research; and so numerous did the applications for membership become, that the Association felt it necessary to pass a resolution to the effect that no new Members could be enrolled after September, 1883, except by a special vote of the Council. Nearly 1000 Members of the Association were present at Montreal. The Annual Meetings of the American Association had been arranged to take place at Philadelphia on the 4th September, to which a cordial invitation had been extended to the Members of the British Association. Arrangements were made and Committees appointed in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, and many other cities in the Dominion, so as to ensure a cordial and hearty welcome to all who visited those cities in connexion with the Association. These advantages were not confined to Members only, as each had the privilege of taking upon equal terms his wife and two members of his family.

A cloud gathered over the memory of those who attended the Southampton Meeting by the remembrance that Sir W. Siemens, F.R.S., who so ably presided on that occasion, will no more shed forth the lustre of his genius in the advancement of scientific research.

Availing myself of the privileges afforded me as a Member of the British Association I sailed from Liverpool, on the 17th July, *en route* for Quebec, in the Steamer "Parisian," belonging to the Allan Line, and contributed to the columns of the *Hampshire Independent* the impressions made upon my mind during my voyage and sojourn in the Dominion of Canada, and in those cities in the United States which I had the opportunity of visiting. By the desire of many friends these letters are now submitted in a more enduring form.

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