

## NOTES OF TRAVEL: And Reminiscences of a Pleasant Tour.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.  
THE HOTELS.

We have heard a lot about Hotels of late, and it is generally conceded that we should have larger hotel accommodation here in our own city than is at present available. The real conditions of our hotel accommodation, I do not profess to know, but I have no hesitation whatever in stating, that until there be extension in this direction, throughout the country generally, it is vain to expect any material increase in our tourist traffic. Sooner or later Newfoundland must develop her tourist traffic, and hotels and tourists are so identical that one cannot operate without the other. This is very noticeable in travelling, because the hotel is literally the home of the stranger; and when arriving in a strange city, or dropping off at a Summer resort, the hotel is the first place sought and it thus becomes a sort of transient home. Our experience of the hotels of the American and Canadian cities which we visited, and of which we have written, was satisfactory in every way. We were, of course, a little timid at first, and had to feel our way; but we soon found that things were so systematically conducted, that there was not any room for fear.

The large hotels are conducted on what is known as the European plan; that is, the guest hires his room, or a suite of rooms, and pays so much a day for them; and with the room he has access to all the comforts of the hotel, but must pay extra for meals as ordered. This leaves it optional

with the guest as to when, where, and how, meals may be taken. The dining halls, and lunch rooms, and restaurants are all large, and they accommodate thousands of guests daily; but the service is such as to please the most fastidious; and whether it be a fifty cent lunch, or a five dollar dinner, the guest is sure of receiving polite personal attention from the waiters. The waiters, like the porters at the railway stations, are painstaking and polite, and many of them are highly educated gentlemen. It is said that during the summer season, hundreds of thousands of students find employment at the hotels, and that many of them pay their way through college in this manner. It is also stated that many young men who have chosen a professional life, engage in this class of work for the sake of the experience which they gain; so that on graduating, they may possess a practical, as well as a theoretical, knowledge of men, places, conditions and things.

This may seem a strange course for students to adopt; but in many cases it is necessary from a monetary standpoint; but aside from this aspect of it, there is much in it that is instructive and helpful, and which in the long run, tends to develop the sterling qualities of the man. Perhaps at no place is human nature better revealed, nor could personal character be better studied, than at a large hotel; for all ranks, classes, and conditions of persons, frequent

these places. Does one wish to see style, grandeur, and lavishness? Then take your seat some evening in the centre of one of the main dining halls of such a hotel, as the McAlpine at New York, or the Windsor at Montreal, or the Chateau Laurier at Ottawa, or the King Edward VII at Toronto, or Hotel La Salle at Chicago, or the Thornton at Butte, or the Parker House at Boston; and as you partake of your dinner, and listen to the Orchestra, and in the meantime glance at the hundreds of guests who sit around you, you will see that any student, either of men, or women, or children, will there find such a field for study, as would be impossible to find within the limits of a classroom, or within the syllabus of a college term.

Or does one wish to see another phase of life as found at the large hotels? Then descend at evening to the Grill rooms, and sit or sup for an hour or so, and as you listen to the jazz band, murdering music; and see the hundreds of young girls waiting to its strains, you learn something, that can only be learned at such a place. Of further, does one wish to learn a lesson from the class of men who toil, and from the ranks of women who labour? Then go into the restaurant, or at the lunch counters of these hotels, and become one of the number for awhile, and when you have supped you will have seen more things, and learned more of human nature, than could be seen in a whole college. This is one reason why so many of the waiters, and porters, and clerks, are men who are preparing for professional life; but to the majority of them, the reason is their need of finance. But what ever their object, be, or whatever the result of their service, there cannot be the least doubt, that the experience to be gained at any large hotel during a term of three or four months, ought to be as such as to fit them for greater usefulness.

fulness; inasmuch as it gives them an insight into human nature, and into the doings of society, and they thus come to learn their fellows, and to understand what is really going on, and therefore sometimes see, that "it is not all gold that glitters." (Continued on Tuesday.)

### Regatta Meeting.

#### TWELVE CREWS ENTER.

At the weekly meeting of the Regatta Committee held last evening President Arthur Hiscock occupied the chair. The business of the meeting was to hear reports from the collectors and enter crews.

Mr. George Kearney offered Cistie hats to the crew taking third place in the Football race which were accepted by the Committee.

The Luncheon Committee were given power to make best arrangements possible for the day.

It was decided to have the Band Stand erected early next week and the Brigade Bands will have the privilege of using it for concerts up to Regatta Day.

Another wharf, for the comfort of crews, will be erected under direction of the Pond Committee.

In connection with the Juvenile race the rules will be strictly enforced and rowers must produce bona fide certificates before being accepted. Entries for this race were left over until Friday night next when all crews not already entered must do so.

The following crews entered.

#### AMATEUR.

Nelle R.—T. Hallett, (cox); F. H. Byrne, (stroke); Max Chambers, M. F. Cashin, M. G. Winter, E. A. Chafe, S. C. Winsor.

Guard—J. Boone, (cox); H. Peddrew, (stroke); J. Sacey, Rex Field, Reg Knight, W. Gosse, Aubrey Wight. Cadet—(cox); C. R. Duder, (stroke); J. Bell, J. Tobin, R. Martin, A. Martin, C. Kent.

RED LION—A. Snow, (cox); S. Skiffington, (stroke); Stan Goudie, H. Rendell, A. Hammond, G. Squires, Alex Hennebury.

#### MERCANTILE.

Cadet—(Bowling Bros.), (cox); A. Wight, (stroke); J. Sacey, Rex Field, G. Norman, G. Martin, James Lang.

Nelle R.—(R.N. Co.) L. Rogers, (cox); W. Brown, (stroke); J. Bell, G. Aiken, W. Bemister, J. Jacobs, C. Kent.

(Harvey & Co.), (cox); C. Skeans, (stroke); A. Heale, A. Gosling, C. Wiseman, B. Crossman, J. Mosker.

Guard—(Knowlins), J. Cooper, (cox); J. Garland, (stroke); E. Driscoll, Herb Coultas, F. Brown, W. Penney, C. Hall.

#### FOOTBALL.

(Feldmans) Stan Goudie, (cox); R. Martin, (stroke); M. G. Winter, A. Martin, G. Hunt, E. Chafe, E. Jerrett.

Nelle R.—(Star), A. Snow, (cox); B. J. Hart, (stroke); E. J. Kavanagh, F. J. O'Neil, W. G. Hart, J. J. Reardon, W. J. Spratt.

Guard—(C.E.I.), J. Boone, (cox); T. Noseworthy, (stroke); W. Drover, "Bob" Stick, R. Stick, M. Churchill, E. Churchill.

Cadet—(C.C.C.), P. Brown, (cox); J. Caul, (stroke); A. Galgay, T. Christopher, M. Maddigan, W. Duggan, W. Caul.

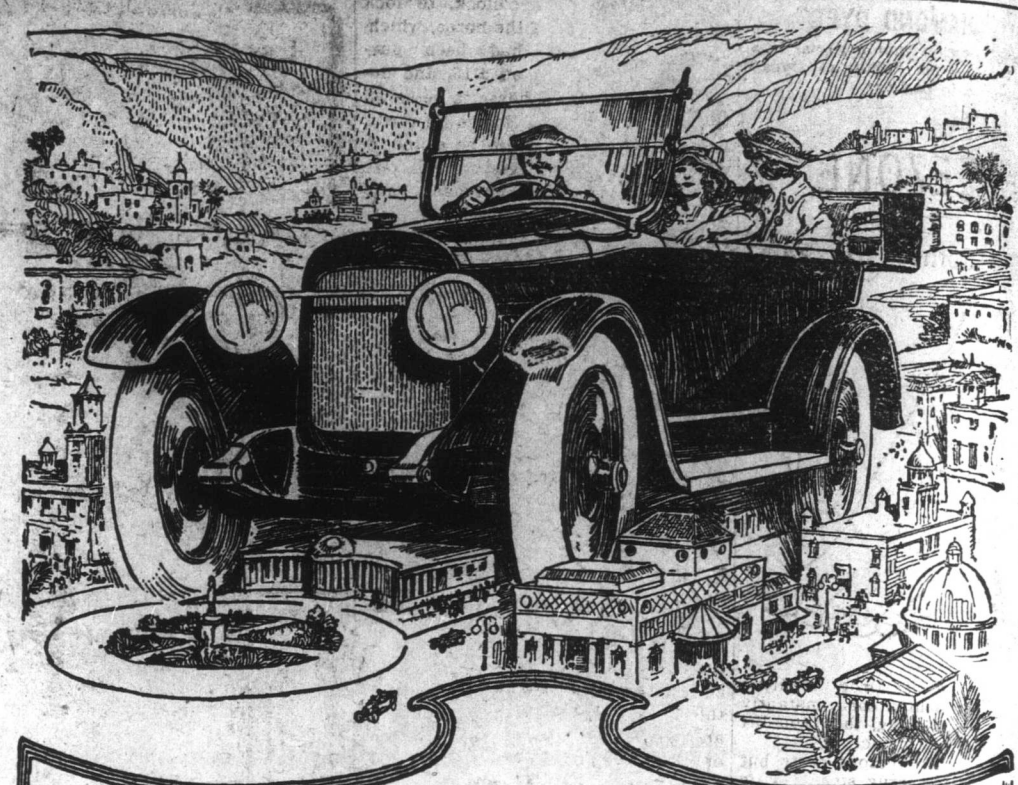
### Courtesy in Telegrams.

(Kingston Whig.) Have you ever written a telegram and been tempted to cut out the word "please" in order to reduce your toll? The same thought undoubtedly flashes across the minds of thousands of Canadians in the course of a year. But they let the word stand and pay the bill.

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Tit for Tat.



"I'll ring for Norah to bring a fresh pitcher of water," said the professor's wife.

"You doubtless mean a pitcher of fresh water," corrected her husband. "I wish you would pay more attention to your rhetoric; your mistakes are curious."

Then minutes later the professor said: "That picture would show better advantage if you were to hang it over the clock."

"You doubtless mean above the clock," she returned, quietly. "If I were to hang it over the clock I could not tell the time. I wish you would be more careful with your rhetoric, my dear; your mistakes are curious."

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