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Journal of My Travels.

A Diary of a Visit to the West Coast.

(By MR. SAMUEL PEPPY.)

July 21st.—This morning comes a message by the telegraph from Major Anon, calling me to Hawke Harbor, where he would have me stay with him, and this, a thing beyond expectation for me. I did show his message to my wife, and she makes loud lament against me leaving her, but I am not angry, I could do that, but make her the promise of going down, at which she did say I might go. At night to the Nickel Theatre, and did hear Mr. Shipman make a discourse about the picture he will take of Newfoundland. August 1st.—Up bedtime, and get ready for my journey, and find I was greatly amazed at the things which I must take with me. So to the Railway Station, and did there take the train for Humberstone. The journey a long and tedious one, but I did meet Mr. Simpson, who is Manager of the pit prop company at Lomond, and our discourse did much to alleviate the monotony. The train rocking mightily, did make my passengers ill, but not me, for I respect I am like to my great ancestor, and a good traveller on land and water. A thing to note how they make very high charges for meals and I paupered by it, almost. August 2nd.—The porter that I did hire to wake bedtimes, did sleep beyond his time, the lazy fellow. At which I mightily angry. The train this morning arrive at Humber-

us to Hawke Bay, and did tell us of the fishing that is there. So to bed, we sleeping on the yacht, and the cabin and berths are of an exceeding great comfort, which was much to my liking.

August 4.—In the morning we did put the yacht on the slip, and did take out a propeller shaft which was bent. Anon, with Mr. Bennett and Major Hemming, I did go a-fishing for salmon, and a mighty strange thing was that on coming home, we did see in the mouth of the river a big ship of war, which was H. M. S. Raleigh. So to the bungalow of Mr. Henry, that manages the oil fields at Parson's Pond, and Mr. Bennett did make me known to him and his wife. Comes an officer from the warship and tells us how the Captain would have us to go to hear the ship's band. Then was much confusion about clothes, nor did any of us have aught but the things that we wore in the wilderness, so aboard the ship in mighty discomfort. There I did meet Capt Bromley, and a very fine man, and I did also meet Commander Ward, that is Secretary to the Admiral, and he also a fine fellow. We did join the officers in the Ward Room, and did there drink to the Navy, and anon, to the Captain's cabin and did have discourse there.

August 5th.—A mighty wet day, and little to do but stay below. We did go alongside the Raleigh and much confusion in doing so, being that our reverse wouldn't work and the whole thing the cause for much merriment. A cry ast up for the boat hook, and all did scurry in haste to seek it, and yet none could find it, seeing that it hung over our heads. At night with Mr. Bennett, and Major Memming, to dine with the officers on the ship, and a very pleasant evening. One did play the piano and all did sing loudly, and we very merry, and indeed, sailors are mighty pleasant fellows. We did go aboard our yacht in a ship's boat, and did laugh long over the humorous things that did happen, the while we regaled ourselves with biscuits and cheese.

August 6th.—(Lord's Day).—Capt. Bromley would have us go aboard his ship for the service he holds there, but needs we must go to Port Saunders with the mails for the Government steamer. Anon, to the Raleigh and to lunch with the captain and to certain of his officers, and a right merry time. Commander Ward comes ast around the ship, and we discuss to the conning tower and the fighting top and so below, and to the engine room. I mightily amazed at the strange things I did see there, and indeed, a warship is a most intricate and compact engine. With Ward, to his cabin, and there see pictures of the ship's officers when they did visit California. That night, we did have dinner on shore, and three of the ship's officers there, and the evening a mighty pleasant one.

August 7th.—The Captain of the Raleigh comes aboard us for lunch, so we to Otter Pond, and there did fish for trout with much success. The day chill, and I did put in the propeller shaft, we in our bathing suits in the water, and mighty cold, so we were chilled through almost. Still, the business done well, and all mightily contented.

August 8th.—To-day the Raleigh did sail for Forteau, and the Captain

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would have us go with him, but this we could not do. So we did go on board and bid them farewell, and did send a signal after them, speeding them on their voyage, to which they did make reply. A chill, misty day, but we did occupy ourselves in making ready a surprise for Mr. Bennett, being that it was his birthday. So we did have dinner on shore and we ate very well and merrily.

August 9th.—To-day is a high week that I am in Hawke Bay, and not having yet seen the lumber woods, I to them with Major Cotton and S. Bennett. The walking hard and the flies very troublesome. Mr. Champlain the woodsman, meeting us, conducts us to the woods, and shows how the men draw up stumps, which is a sight to see. They place a chain around the stump and a birch log that they use for a lever, and pulling on the rest of the chain, the strain causes the stump to come from the ground, roots and all.

August 10th.—This evening news was brought to us of the Raleigh, she being a total wreck at Point Amour on Labrador, which is sad news to us, seeing how we did admire the captain very much, and the ship such a fine one. Cotton will leave here tomorrow and will go to Botwood, and so, will fly to Forteau in his air coach. At dinner, there did come an alarm of fire and we did think it to be on the 'Piffo', which had on her some 45 men. So getting the ladies ashore, we to our stations, and did get the ship away in good time, but find how the fire is but a small one, that some men did light on the shore. So, mightily relieved, we did return to our anchorage.

August 11th.—The news of the Raleigh mightily bad, she being a total wreck, and eleven of the crew drowned. Her men, will, I hear, go to England, and many ships are about her. We did take our leave of Hawke Harbor in the morning, and so to Port Saunders, where I did have much discourse with Mr. Garland, that is Customs man there. So again to sea, and in the afternoon, we come to Parson's Pond, where many flags did fly in welcome to us. Mr. Henry takes us in his motor boat to see the oil wells, and anon, to his home, where his good lady did give us a dish of tea. Again to sea, and at nightfall did come to Bonnet Bay, and dropped anchor for the night in Neddy's Harbour.

August 12th.—In the morning, to Lomond, and met there Mr. Simpson. Meeting also Mr. Maidment, the Rector, we fell into discourse about education in the country. Rev. Dr. Bolt, being there, we did take him and Mr. Maidment to Mill Cove, where we did inspect the school which an American teacher conducts there in the summer, and Mr. Bennett and Dr. Bolt speak to the scholars. Anon to Woody Point, and I see for the first

time, the great havoc which the fire did wreck there. So ashore, and I met Mr. S. Taylor, and had some discourse with him of business on the coast which is not good, being that the fishery was a failure. Putting out of the bay, we find a big sea, and it too stormy for us to go down to Bay of Islands, so we return and anchor in Neddy's Harbour.

August 13th.—(Lord's Day).—Aboard the yacht at anchor all the day. In the evening I did see a tuna fish that I did not know to be on this coast, but they tell me how many are caught, and do feed the flocks, which Mr. Harding has there. To walk on the land at night, but the weather grown wet, we return to the ship.

August 14th.—To Woody Point, where I met Mr. Wilton, the magistrate and have discourse with him. So to sea, and I make shift to steer the yacht, which I do passing well, but would be better with practice. Bay of Islands, a mighty pretty spot from the shore and I will see it again. We did dock at Curling while to take on provisions and did then sail up the bay. In the night, I did row with others up the mouth of the Humber River, that all men admire.

August 15th.—With Mr. J. R. Bennett, Mr. R. Bennett and a guide, I did sail up the Humber about three miles, and indeed, a beautiful river such as I have never before seen the like. The time still early for the salmon, but I meet Capt. Bolt, and he after catching one of 22 pounds. Mr. Meyers that has a camp up the river waits upon us, and bids us visit him, which we did, and supped tea with him. A thing to marvel at is the number of seals which I did see in the Bay.

August 16th.—We make fast to the wharf at Curling, and I ashore, and meet Mr. March and Mr. Scott, the magistrate. So with Mr. Bennett to the Bank and have discourse with Mr. Johns, the Manager. Anon to the office of the Western Star, and did pay my respects to Mr. Barrett, the editor. Comes a message by telegraph from the Editor of the Telegram news sheet calling me to Grand Falls, where I will go, seeing how it is a town which I have never visited. Meeting Mr. Pelley, the Rector, we did fall into discourse of the salmon fishing and he would have me come to Curling to go up the Humber with him. The train coming in but two hours late, we aboard, leaving the Hawk which Capt. Olsen will take back. In the night we did join the ladies in the drawing room and did there play at cards. Soon after midnight, we did reach Grand Falls, and I did take my leave of all. Finding a motor coach, I did drive to the Cabot Hotel where I did lay me for the night.

August 17th.—Up bedtimes and to breakfast, and did find there Major Tait with whom I did have discourse. Comes Mr. R. E. Innes, that is managing the St. John's football team to Grand Falls, and with him to see the town, which is a mighty fine one, and much prettier than is the capital city. To the Staff House, and find there Messrs. Harris, Emerson, and Phillips. I learn how this day is set apart for a memorial service to my Lord Northcliffe, that died but a few days ago, and he the founder of the town, and indeed, one of the greatest men that ever did live. I learn also how the paper mills are working full time, which is a very good thing for the country. In the afternoon, to visit the mills with Mr. Cooper and others, and marvelled greatly at what I did see there. At night, I see Grand Falls defeat the City at football. So to dine with Mr. Innes at Mr. Baird's house. We giving a dance in the hotel, I there, but did dance little, spending my time watching the forest fire nearby, which did seem as if it would menace Grand Falls. So to the car where the football team sleeps, and did play at Bridge there till early in the morning. So home and to bed, mighty tired.

August 18th.—In the morning, to the tennis courts and did play there a long time, but being used to grass courts, I did find them somewhat difficult at the first. I did play at cricket in the afternoon with the City team against Grand Falls, and did score two runs, which I did think to be mighty good, seeing how it was the first time of my holding a bat for



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