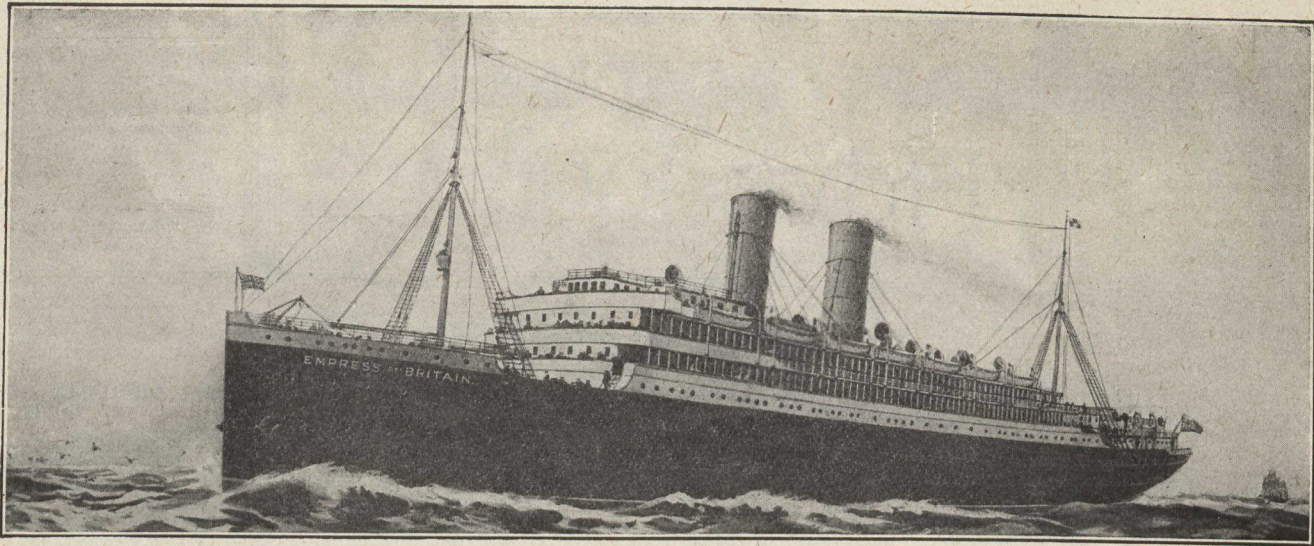




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TIPS TO LONDON AND BACK

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MOST of us have a desire at some time in the future to visit "the old country." Perhaps to some it means a visit home, while to others it is a holiday outing that once taken is never forgotten. It is persons among the latter class that will be more interested in the cost and the knowing of what to do to make the trip an enjoyable one as well as getting the greatest amount of service out of money spent in tipping, etc.

The custom of tipping, or in other words, petty graft, is so general that it is not wise to travel without contributing your share. Just what constitutes a share and how much to give to the different servants is a question that the "first timer" finds hard to solve. Many desiring to visit Europe and cover a large amount of territory at a moderate cost and having no special plans nor friends to visit join a house party of fifty to one hundred persons.

Travelling by this method takes all the responsibility off one's mind of settling individual bills, but to offset this it is necessary to go where the party goes, and when they go, no matter what one's inclination is. The cost of a "house party" trip varies from \$250 to \$1000, determined only by the length of trip and the accommodation provided.

Perhaps the best way of advising just what tipping is necessary on a trip from, say Toronto to London, is to go over the route travelled. As they say in Europe, "follow the man from Cook's," and see what it will cost and learn of a few things you should do on the trip. Mind you, the figures quoted are not the least, nor the most, that is given, but only the amount to be given by a person of moderate means.

The sleeping car is where the tipping starts. The colored porter expects at least twenty-five cents as his share. Of course he blacks your shoes, brushes your clothes and makes a bluff at carrying your luggage to the platform on arrival in Montreal. Next, to a hotel for the day — as one should spend a day in Montreal sightseeing before leaving for Quebec. Cab hire to hotel is fifty cents. You need not mind tipping the cabbie. The door porter or bell boy meets you at the door and takes your hand-baggage as if he owns it and waltzes you up to the register. The bell boy will be satisfied with ten cents after showing you to your room. Meals and room for the day for two persons, five to ten dollars. Of course the waiter who serves you expects something. Twenty-five cents a day for each person is about what is usual to give.

One often hears the remark that money will buy anything aboard ship, from the compass to the propeller shaft. This may be the feeling some persons have aboard ships, but it can be



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said in all truthfulness that the ships sailing from Canada to Great Britain are not as noted for graft as some other lines one could mention. There are several lines of steamships sailing from Canada that have as fine ships as any line in the world. Probably the best boats are the "Emperesses" of the C. P. R. Steamship Line. Another day in quaint old Quebec will be a source of much pleasure and novelty before going aboard.

Once aboard ship it does not take long to get located in your stateroom which is to be your home for the next week. The C. P. R. line is noted for its fine ships and splendid service. It is not necessary to dwell on the construction of the "Emperesses," only to say that owing to the modern way they are built one need not have as great fear of being seasick as when the ships of the old-fashioned construction are used.

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THE persons who look after your comfort aboard ship, and who have it in their power to make life more pleasant should be tipped as follows: Table steward, ten shillings (don't forget that from the time you leave Montreal everything is reckoned by English currency). This person can pick out the choicest cuts and serve you in a manner that will make your meals much more palatable if he has a kindly feeling towards you. Next is the berth steward, the man that looks after your stateroom. Give him ten shillings. He will often earn more, especially if you are sick. Give the deck steward five shillings for placing your steamer chair, or more if you are anxious to secure some specially desired position. The deck steward usually earns the tips, as, for instance, when a passenger is sick he will serve hot broth or tea and toast, which everyone knows, that has ever been seasick, is greatly appreciated when recovering. Beside this he will also look after your steamer rug and chair, and in many ways make you more comfortable when on deck. The bath-room steward must also be remembered. Give him five shillings. If a man is travelling with his wife, the stewardess will expect at least ten shillings.

On rainy days or in the evening the library is a source of much enjoyment. The steward here is usually given five shillings. Then there is "boots" to be considered. Three shillings will satisfy this important person, who polishes the shoes you leave at your stateroom door each evening. Then there are a number of lesser personages to be considered, or special favors you desire, such as a favorite dish from the chef, or a visit to the stoke-holds or engine room, the barber, the smoking room steward, cabin boys,