

mation, and put a double band on our purse and an extra button on our pocket; and from experience would advise every passenger to do the same. We were not favourably impressed with the conduct of the railway officials. To all our enquiries we could get little more than a polite "don't know," or was shown a doggish silence. We refused a warm invitation to tea made by numerous apparently very interested parties. We learned from those who accepted the invitation that "the tea" cost them 50 cents (about 2s. 6d.) The system of "checking" the passengers' luggage, is a decided improvement over the "old country." A check with a number is attached to your luggage, and you get another check with the same number upon it, which you retain until you receive your luggage at your destination. Our train for Hamilton, Ont., *via* Montreal, was timed for nine o'clock, and it left at a quarter from eleven; so much for punctuality. During the delay we amused ourselves watching the strange customs of the Canadians. The carriages are called "cars." We looked into the third-class. They were open right through from end to end. Dirty looking in the extreme; and the W. C.'s at each end, with the intensely warm weather, smelled terribly. The first-class was "first-class." At a quarter from eleven we were all ordered "on board," as the cars were soon to "move off." To our surprise they did "move off," and with a violence that was more startling than pleasant. Leaving the city, we slowly passed some of the finest self-contained cottages we had ever seen either in pen or pencil sketch, or reality. There was a sweet pleasure in gazing on the ingenious architecture displayed, and the cheerful appearance of the people as they gazed upon us from the open window (not shot up or down, but thrown open like a door.) We were 2,700 miles from home, and 500 miles yet to ride, as we threw ourselves back and closed our eyes to think over the varied phenomena we had witnessed since we stepped on board the "Canadian" at Mavisbank Quay, Glasgow. How we fared in our ride to Montreal, what we saw at Toronto, when we reached Hamilton, &c., will form the subject of next letter; after which we shall carefully record the sayings and doings of the Canadian people, and shall from time to time faithfully