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### IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

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taken for an all day inspection of the Lower Thames and docks at the invitation of the Port of London Authority, while the ladies were permitted to shop in the afternoon, and were taken about warehouses and docks in the afternoon only. The Docks are far more interesting than might be supposed, passing over acres of floors, covered with packages of rubber, or boxes of ostrich feathers, or rows of ivory tusks, or piles of rich carpets, or tables of curios—for London is a free port for the world.

On several days, excursions were arranged to points outside of the city. One day we went by train to Weymouth, away down on the south coast of England, to visit the Fleet, at the invitation of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. We found Weymouth a very beautiful town with a very enterprising mayor and corporation. A civic reception was given when H. Hale, of the Orillia Packet, represented the party in speech, and then the Admiralty took charge, providing a tender which took us out beyond the harboring among all the various ships of the fleet. Submarines submerged while we looked on and came forth again from the deep. Battleships, cruisers and destroyers all had their uses explained to us. Unfortunately the sea was so rough that we could not board the Queen Elizabeth where afternoon tea had been prepared for us by the men.

Another day we were taken, as the guests of Valentine Knapp, up the River Thames by launch from Richmond to Hampton Court Gardens. This was a real treat. After a view of the palace and gardens, we were driven to the country house of Col. Grant Morison, M.P., a most beautiful spot, where we were given luncheon in a spacious marquee with such distinguished company as the Earl and Countess of Birkenhead, Sir Hamar and Lady Greenwood, T. P. O'Connor and others, and listened to them speak.

From there we had a delightful drive to Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, the residence of Viscount Burnham, a place famous for its wonderful lawn,

new lodge, and walks. On this occasion we had the unique experience of being waited upon at afternoon tea by lords and ladies only, Viscount and Viscountess Burnham, Sir Harry and Lady Brittain, Sir Frank and Lady Newnes and others. No more kind and thoughtful people can be found in all the world.

Still another day we were driven out to the aerodrome at Henley, where the air ministry had arranged a regular program of stunts to show us, not the least of which was a chance for anyone who wished, to take a flight into the air. Many availed themselves of the opportunity and enjoyed the experience very much.

From there we drove to Hever Castle for luncheon, the guests of Major and Lady Violet Astor, a daughter of the Earl of Minto. This castle was the residence of Anne Boleyn and all its historical associations have been preserved, as well as its wonderful gardens and walks.

Of course we went to Wembley—one day being all the time we could spare for it. We found the Canadian Exhibit quite equal to what had been said of it by our English friends—"the best thing at the Exhibition."

Whenever we could find an hour or so besides, we visited such places as Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, the National and Tate Art Galleries, Madame Tussaud's, the Tower of London and the British Museum. But the visits were of a flying nature, and we felt that the time spent in London, the most wonderful city in the world, was all too short.

On the 9th of July, we said good-bye to London and started on our tour of rural England, making first for Shakespeare's county, with Leamington as headquarters. This town is a spa or health resort on account of the medicinal properties of the water. We visited its pump rooms and baths and walked through the beautiful Jephson gardens, and were dined by the Staff, Bath Abbey, Chester Cathedral and the Society. From the town we drove out to Warwick and Kenilworth Castles, the latter a ruin, over which we were shown, and spent some hours in Stratford-on-Avon, visiting scenes of Shakespeare's life, and having lunch

even there as guests of the corporation, a very exceptional honor. As Stratford-on-Avon is also the birthplace of Hugh Savage, of Duncan, B. C., a director of the C. W. N. A., he represented the party in replying to words of welcome there.

Next, we went south to Torquay, on the coast of Devonshire, a spot of exquisite beauty, bright with sunlight on a quiet sea, and gay with flowers. A civic reception was tendered us and we were guests of the corporation on a day's trip along the coast through Paignton and Brixham to Kingsweir across from Dartmouth on the River Dart and from there by launch up the Dart River to Totnes, from which we came back again by chaise-a-banc to Tourquay. It was a most refreshing and delightful day.

After that, and the drive from there to Exeter across the moors and Tors of Devonshire, no one needed to ask, "Is England beautiful?" The scenes will be treasured in memory for years to come. In Exeter we were welcomed by the mayor and town clerk in the ancient Guildhall, and shown many of their historical treasures. Sir Jas. Owen, also did what he could to make our stay pleasant. At the luncheon at noon, two of our party, Messrs. Creech and Southcott, whose ancestors came from Exeter in Devon to settle in Exeter, Ontario, replied to the words of welcome. We had not time to linger long in the wonderful old cathedral with its marvelous ceiling, supported on flying stone buttresses, but had to go on to Bath, our next point of interest.

It was a Sunday we spent in Bath whose history runs back to B.C. and the Roman times. In the afternoon we visited the baths to see along with the modern, the old pools and rooms of the Romans, recently excavated. In Chester and York, too, which we visited later, we were shown remains of Roman civilization in the walls and roads. We also saw the interiors of Bath Abbey, Chester Cathedral and York Minster, and tried to retain the picture of their lofty beauty.

In Wales, we had time to stop only at Cardiff and Swansea. The former has wonderful public buildings and an ancient castle over which we were

shown. It has also great docks and shipping facilities to which the men were taken, while the ladies were given a drive out through the picturesque country to Llandaff and back. Dinner was given us in the evening by the Wales newspaper men, and Malcolm Macdonald of the Milverton Sun, thanked the hosts for their reception. At Swansea, which is almost entirely an industrial place, we were warmly greeted by everyone. Mr. Henry Mond, M.P., being one of our hosts. We viewed the harbor from a launch, and the men viewed various works, while the ladies drove out to Langland Bay, and we were all dined publicly again in the evening and listened to a rare treat of music from a Welsh choir.

At a luncheon in Chester, which is the nearest city to that part of Wales where the organizer of the party, Rupert Davies, was born, a presentation was made to him and to E. Roy Sayles, manager of the Association, who assisted him in making the arrangements. The presentation was tendered by the members of the party, who wished thus to express their appreciation of the efforts these two men had expended in making the tour a success.

From Chester, a quaint old city with its old Rows and Walls, we went to Liverpool, Manchester and Stockport in each of which places some time was spent. An interesting excursion was given us from Liverpool to Port Sunlight, the model town containing the soap factories and pretty cottages for employees, all the product of Lord Lever's genius. Here we found the Lady Lever Art Gallery an unexpected delight.

The ladies were given a very interesting drive out from Manchester while the men visited Hat Works, etc., spending an hour at Bramhall Hall, having lunch at Buxton and going over Chatsworth House and gardens, a summer residence of the Duke of Devonshire. The country was found to be very picturesque with long deep valleys, winding roads and far-away hills.

Another Sunday was spent in Harrogate which is perhaps the most well-known Spa of England. During the afternoon, we were driven out to see Fountains Abbey. Dr. Moody, C.B.E., was our guide and explained very clearly what the original abbey must have been like. We could imagine plainly the ruins restored to their ancient form peopled by monks and lay brothers. We went on to Ripon for afternoon tea spending there a most enjoyable hour in the Guildhall and the original Wakeman's house. The mayor showed us the original wakeman's horn given to the city by Alfred the Great to be blown at nine o'clock every evening, and many other interesting relics. The present wakeman blew the horn now in use to show how it is done.

After visiting Harrogate and York, the party left England for Edinburgh, Scotland. Here only one day was allotted but the time was used to the best advantage. With very competent guides we were driven over the city down the world-famed Princess Street, across to the Cowgate, visiting the Law Courts where we saw what had formerly been the Scottish Houses of Parliament, and, in the basement many interesting historical documents; wandering around Edinburgh Castle with which so much romantic history is connected; pausing to look into St. Giles Cathedral, where Jenny Geddes made herself famous by throwing her stool at the minister's head, and to examine the beauties of the Thistle Chapel; passing over the grave of John Knox; going up a "close" to see the old churchyard, memorable on account of the Covenanters; poking into other "closes" to see how the people live while the guide told what celebrated people once dwelt in the same houses; and, finally, visiting Holy Rood Palace made forever interesting by Mary Queen of Scots, Darnley and Rizzio.

At noon a luncheon was given us by the newspapers of the district to which were also invited a party of American Advertisers. These had a professional speaker to represent them but we felt quite satisfied with Wm. MacDonald of the Chesley Enterprise in the way he replied to the welcoming words. A civic reception was also given in the evening by the Lord Provost and Council.

From Edinburgh we went on to Glasgow where we were also driven about the city, and lunched at St. Enoch Station Hotel by the directors of the Glasgow Herald, a civic reception being given us in the evening. On both these occasions Cameron McIntosh of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, ably represented our party.

We took two interesting trips from Glasgow—one day to Ayr visiting the scenes of Burns' life and activities, another day through the Trossachs gazing upon the scenes immortalized in Scott's Lady of the Lake. We found Loch Katrine and Loch Lomond with their surrounding mountains very alluring.

As our steamer the Montclair sailed down the Clyde, the sunset flooded all the Scottish hills with a misty rose and the skies wept for our departure.

Next day we awoke outside Belfast,



in Ireland. The Canadian Pacific officials very kindly made arrangements for us to spend the day in that city, and many of us were delighted not to miss setting foot on the good "old sod." We were carried on a tender from the Maitland to Donegal Quay where chaise-a-banc met us and took us to the city hall where a civic reception was tendered. Sir Robert Baird then took charge and we were driven over the city returning to have luncheon in a restaurant. Here H. P. Moore, of the Acton Free Press, replied to the address of welcome. The Duke and Duchess of York, who had been paying Ireland a visit, were leaving for home the same day, so the opportunity of seeing them as they passed through the streets was afforded us, after which we had to leave the city ourselves. The mayor and mayoress came down to the Quay to bid us farewell in real Irish fashion.

Once more aboard the steamer, everyone expressed satisfaction with the whole tour, and all were quite contented to look forward to a restful voyage home. It was indeed a restful voyage. Without mishap of any kind and with almost perfect weather, the ship docked in Quebec two days ahead of time.



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