

to be first than last, so I went forward and made enquiry if I could get a sleeping apartment for two men with their wives. The answer was in the affirmative. The other two who were associated with me made enquiry and were told "No; we have no further room." We found that \$5.00 a day was the current cost of living in that beautiful city. I returned to the station and conveyed my friends to our apartment, and we had a good night's rest, and a good breakfast the next morning and sought other quarters as it was a little too expensive for our view of things. We remained there for eight or ten days, when we were decidedly in possession of a little more knowledge and a little less money. We boarded the steamer "Victoria" for Victoria, seventy-two miles down the Pacific coast where we were landed in some two hours and twenty minutes. We found our home in the Queen's Hotel.

We spent two weeks' sight-seeing in Victoria, two attractions engaging our special attention:—the magnificent Parliament Buildings, with their splendid collection of animal and vegetable life, found on the Island, and Esquimalt Harbour, with its dry dock, large enough to accommodate the greatest man-of-war that floats on the Pacific.

Our thoughts are now turned homeward. We board one of the Company's steamers, and reach Vancouver, where we spend a few enjoyable days with our friends, Captain and Mrs. Sacred. On July 24th, we take train for Revelstoke, where a branch line runs to Arrow Head. From here we go by boat down the Columbia River, with its picturesque mountain sides, and arrive finally at Slocan City and Junction, thence via Nelson City, on Kootney Lake, and by the Crow's Nest Pass Railway to Dunsmore Junction, connecting here with the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which soon conveyed us to Swift Current, Sask., where we remained with our son, T. W. for a few days. We finally arrived home and recall the whole trip as one fraught with deepest interest, pleasure and instruction.

I continued with *The Forester* until April, 1913, when I retired with a competency into private life,