

IMPORTANT!
 Remarkable Restoration to Health of
 Well Known Canadian whose Case
 was given up as incurable.

From the few of the hundreds of letters
 we have received from those who have
 been restored to health and strength by
 the use of that wonderful discovery,
 Paine's Celery Compound, we make a
 few extracts. We hope that the thou-
 sands of Canadian men and women who
 are suffering from nervous and wasting
 diseases, will profit by these true and
 plain statements of facts.

D. S. Davidson, of Montreal, suffered
 for years with nervous dyspepsia, pain in
 his back, and sleeplessness. He tried doc-
 tors without relief, was losing flesh rapidly,
 and had about given up heart when he
 commenced the use of Paine's Celery Com-
 pound. "Now," he says, "I am a new
 man. I sleep well and my food does not
 hurt me."

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 romee Street, Montreal, was weak and
 nervous, had no appetite, and could not
 rest at night. His nerves were soothed
 and strengthened by Paine's Celery Com-
 pound, and he soon became well and
 strong.

Annie Gourley, of River Beaudette,
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 for weakness, and now feels as well as she
 ever did.

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 gists, Hamilton, Ont., told them that he
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A fine stock of Fancy Goods for Xmas trade
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 which contains some lovely things in almost
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 splendid medical work; should be read by every
 man who is nervous and debilitated. Address
 Dr. J. C. POWELL, Woodville, Canada.

TRIP TO BRITISH GUIANA

Interesting Sketch by Capt. W.
 A. Higginbotham.

DEAR Mr. Editor,—Although lacking
 the ability and opportunity of such
 noted and experienced newspaper writers
 as Harry Norman, Forbes, or Burleigh,
 and not possessed of the descriptive force
 of a Frodo, still, with your indulgent pen-
 sions and indulgence of your many
 readers, I will endeavor in my own humble
 fashion to take my readers by steamer and
 sailing ship from New York through
 the West India Islands to this part of
 our Empire called British Guiana, and for
 the present leave them in Georgetown, the
 capital city, where I am sure they will
 find many objects to interest them, beau-
 tiful avenues and public gardens through
 which they can drive, and a most hospi-
 table community to associate with.

Having succeeded in getting my baggage
 on board without much delay, we had a
 few minutes to spare, in which our friends
 could look around the vessel before the
 bell would warn all guests on deck that
 time sped quickly by and soon we all
 had said farewell to our friends. The
 gang way being hauled in our vessel, the
 Bermuda was now slowly weighing anchor
 and heading for the broad Hudson. The
 passengers at once hurried on deck to ob-
 tain the last glimpse of those kind faces
 who, amid a heavy shower of rain, still
 remained on the vessel, and who, until
 they had at last distance hid them from
 us, for at least a time. One by one we
 went below to put our little shoddy into
 order for a seven days' run, and also to
 take our light clothes from our trunks
 before they were sent below. It was about
 3.30 p. m. of the 31st day of Oct. that we
 sailed, and in a little over an hour we
 were off in the direction of the West
 Indies, the first of our friends in the
 French people to the Republic of Haiti
 in America, the status of Liberty, and a
 few miles further on we parted with our
 pilot, not forgetting to send a few lines on
 shore with him to let our friends know
 that we were really off; and as he leaves
 our ship, it was upon us for the first time
 that we are now actually on this bound-
 less ocean. "I wonder when we shall
 see the first land," is already a
 remark you hear from one of a little
 speculative group collected in the passage-
 way, but, before many opinions have been
 expressed the welcome dinner bell calls us
 into the saloon to see what our good friend
 the Steward (a Canadian) has for us. We
 indeed enjoyed this meal, and although,
 his menu card was always most tempting,
 I think I am quite safe in saying that it was
 the last and only meal at which we all
 occupied our place at the table, until after
 we had enjoyed a firm footing on the
 first of the land. We were only out two
 days when the warm breeze and still
 warmer sun compelled us to hunt out our
 linen coats in order that we might roll
 at ease on the upper deck, under the large
 awning and in full view of a delightful
 breeze. The weather throughout was all
 that we could possibly have wished for,
 and as the Captain said, he was really
 ashamed of Canadian being sick on such
 a sea; however, we were not all blue noses
 like himself, whose whole life was spent
 within reach of the ocean's roar. Our
 party consisted of some 25 all told, who
 parted with each other in the most
 friendly way and this helped to make the
 voyage pass very pleasantly. Among our
 number were Professor E. G. Barber, an
 American, from the Lick Observatory on
 Mt. Hamilton, California. They were
 sent by the U. S. Government to take ob-
 servations and photographs of the eclipse
 which is to be best seen at Cayenne on
 December 22nd. They carry with them
 several large telescopes and cameras
 made specially for this kind of work. Like
 most of the countrymen they were
 excellent travelling companions and with
 their assistance we played all kinds
 and manners of games, sang songs, and
 thus passed our time evenings, occasion-
 ally the younger of the two Frodo, and your
 humble servant would spend an evening in
 the hold with the darkies, and listen
 most attentively to their old plantation
 songs.

On the sixth day out our Captain said
 we would anchor before morning, and as
 some of our number were for this port,
 many of us remained on deck anxiously
 straining every eye towards the promised
 land, and sure enough, at 1 a. m., land was
 sighted, and our curiosity sufficiently
 satisfied to allow us to turn for the rest
 of the night, as we had already
 promised ourselves an early trip on shore.
 Santa Cruz is the name of the island; it
 belongs to Denmark. We were fortunate
 indeed here, for when we got on shore our
 Montreal friend discovered that he was
 acquainted with a leading merchant of the
 place. We, of course, called to see him
 and in the course of our visit he has
 invited us to be seated, sent for his
 carriage and took us for a drive out to one
 of his large sugar estates, where we saw
 the cane almost ripe in one field and in
 another it was only being planted. The
 roads on this island are splendidly kept
 and the drive between the fields of waving
 trees, with a cool refreshing sea breeze,
 which kept the flies away, was indeed a
 treat to us from a northern clime. This
 island is perhaps more celebrated for the
 quantity of excellent rum than it
 exports annually than for its output of
 sugar. On our return to the town we find
 the hands busy rolling away the large
 quantities of flour, pork and fish which
 our craft brought there.

We steamed away from here at 3 p. m.
 for St. Kitts, where we arrived at 6 a. m.
 next morning; our anchor had hardly
 taken hold when we were pestered with
 the usual number of cheeky darkey boat-
 men, all bound to row us ashore and all
 asking five times as much as their tariff
 allows them. Those at home, who have
 an idea that our quiet and gentlemanly
 backmen are forward on some occasions,
 should just once see a dozen darkey boat-
 men fighting, swearing and jostling each
 other for first place at the gang ladder.
 The Professors were the first to attempt a
 landing here; down they went, camera in
 hand, but before they got within the
 first boat the machine was snatched by a
 rival carman. The Professors followed
 him into the next boat; this dodge was
 repeated several times, till at last the
 bump suffering pain of our Yankee
 friend became exhausted and with a
 threat that made the niggers stare, they
 at last left him to do as he wished. We
 who came after profited by their experi-
 ence and thus faced much better. St.

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 Dec. 20/06

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 Its most important place is Basseterre,
 a healthy climate, a good business place,
 and has a fine botanical garden with
 large fountains playing and sending a de-
 licious cooling spray around where you
 sit out of the sun in a hot tropical climate.
 In this garden they have one of the largest
 of the celebrated trees, the Banyan; its
 branches from point to point covering a
 spread of five yards. The town can also
 boast of one of the best English churches
 that I have ever seen; it was built origi-
 nally in A.D. 1670, tumbled down by
 earthquake in 1843, and rebuilt on a
 grander scale in 1855; its handsome
 memorial windows, glass chandeliers,
 marble tablets, marble aisles and excellent
 pipe organ would indeed do credit to a
 much larger community.

Antique, our next stop, is reached at
 night and early next morning we go
 ashore in a sail boat and spend a couple of
 hours in doing St. John's, the principal
 place being the island. Here also they have
 an elegant English cathedral, as well as a
 large Methodist church, law courts and
 governor's residence.

Although the most important business
 of all the Antilles, it has numerous valleys
 of great fertility, its many rivers have
 abundant water privileges for all the mills
 likely to be built on the island. The sugar
 plantations in the waters of the moun-
 tain streams abound a variety of fish.
 Roseaux, the capital, is a typical old
 French town with crooked, narrow streets,
 both rough and dirty, and, as my Irish
 companion wittily remarked, as he
 stumbled into a drain in the centre of the
 street, "bada-bada, a queer place this where
 they build the roads in the middle of the
 street," and it is exactly
 fitted the existing state of affairs that I
 could not find words more suitable to con-
 vey to you the way the streets were laid
 out. On a small reserve in the interior of
 the island are to be found the only remnant
 of the once numerous tribes of
 Caribbians, who inhabited all these
 islands hundreds of years ago. It is a
 great place for times, and an enterprising
 representative of a Boston firm had several
 hundred cases ready to ship when we
 were there. No wagons, carts or buggies
 are to be found on this large island, the
 roads being too rough, mountainous and
 narrow to permit their use.

While still in full view of Dominica we
 can see the outlines of Martinique, the
 gem of France's possessions in the Indies,
 and I doubt if not the best island of all
 that power's possessions in the West Indies,
 perfectly located on a half-moon
 shaped bay, possessed of the most power-
 ful natural pressure waterworks and
 sewerage system in the last running
 streams of surface water from the moun-
 tain reservoir keeping its streets clean and
 healthy. The large public gardens situat-
 ed on the mountain side, such as one
 seldom has the opportunity of seeing. Fine
 wide avenues adorn many parts of the
 place and its large open iron market build-
 ing is indeed a handsome structure, being
 250 by 200 feet. Few of the inhabitants
 speak English, the natives talk a kind of
 "patois." The large annual output of
 sugar goes direct to France, exchange
 for articles of food, clothing, etc. A run
 of a few hours from St. Pierre brought us
 into the celebrated little bay of Castries, in
 the island of St. Lucia, now England's
 naval headquarters in the South Atlantic.
 It was from this bay in 1783 that Admiral
 Rodney and his fleet sailed forth to meet
 France's pride and decide for once and for
 all who was to be the master of the
 sea and of the Indies. It was a complete
 victory for England's arms. The fort
 now under construction at this point will
 make the entrance to this harbor next to be
 impregnable, a vessel having to run the
 cross fire of two heavy land batteries.
 Here also the Government have spent an
 enormous sum in constructing the only
 dock in all the West India Islands.

Leaving St. Lucia we pass just under
 the Pigeons, towering away up 800 feet
 above the sea, and on whose summit no
 known man has ever set his foot, but
 being alive with a deadly reptile known as
 the far-dance whose bite is instant
 death; while their cliffs in many
 places are almost perpendicular
 and directly overlook the sea, making
 their ascent impossible. Barbados, our
 next stop, is the most
 populous island in the world for its size,
 having over 200,000 inhabitants on an area
 of 170,000 acres. It is said that you cannot
 find an acre of unutilized land on its
 surface. Go where you will you find one
 and sweet potatoes growing in abundance.
 We arrived at Bridgetown in the early
 dawn, just in time to see old St. rise up
 and shed his rays over a calm sea, on whose
 surface slightly frosted fifty once large
 vessels from almost all climes, while
 directly in our front lay the city, stretching
 along the coast for at least a couple of
 miles. It is quite a busy place, having
 large warehouses, stores, banks and public
 buildings; the seat of Government and
 Imperial barracks; it is also the chief port
 of call for vessels seeking cargo for all
 parts of the Indies and has about 40,000
 population.

After saying farewell to our kind friends
 and companions on the Bermuda, we put
 off for shore to get our tickets for Geor-
 getown by the Royal Mail, but on enquiry,
 find, and much to our disgust, that she left
 early that morning, so with a delay of 15
 days till next boat, sticking in our course
 we start out to secure the groceries and see
 if any sailing vessel is going our course.
 When about to give it up as a bad job we
 fall in again with the Bermuda's Captain,
 who informs us that we are in luck after
 all, as the Geordie, the largest ship ever in
 West India waters, is leaving today for our
 destination. We find her Captain, go on
 charmed with her appearance and our
 reception that we decide at once to ship
 with Capt. Roberts, her master. A full
 rigged ship of over 3000 tons register, with
 nearly 5000 yards of canvas spread before
 the breeze, carrying a cargo of 60,000 bags
 of rice is a sight not seen every day, even
 in seaport towns. We indeed enjoyed the
 merry songs of the boys of sailors as they
 heaved the anchor to the tune of "John
 Brown's body," while to the strains of a
 popular air and the words "Heave ho,
 my lads, etc.," they pulled up the main
 sail, jib and gaff, having a head up
 against head winds all the way. The
 usual run of 3 days was spun out to 7 be-
 fore we arrived in port, but, after all, we
 did not regret the week on the sailing ship,
 where her jolly, good Captains made us so
 comfortable and happy.

I have now taken you to my destination,
 Georgetown, situated on the Demerara
 River and sea coast, and having already
 far exceeded even your most generous
 allotment of space, as well as tried severe-
 ly the patience of those readers who have
 favored me, I will close by promising at
 some future day a few lines to your paper
 on the important question of trade between
 Canada and the West India Islands,
 wishing you, Mr. Editor, and my many
 friends at home a Merry Christmas and a
 Happy New Year.

I am Sir,
 Yours, etc.,
W. A. HIGGINBOTHAM.
 Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana,
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