

Channel. West Bay, a most exquisite bit of nature, Point Sharp, rugged and picturesque, and shores unnamed, but made interesting by crag and grove and green hill-side, were slowly passed by, and our course laid for Spencer's Head. Hardly a breath stirred the sails. Like a sea of molten glass lay the waters of the Channel. To our right were the shores of Cumberland, thronged with long shadows East by the setting sun; to our left ran the tree-capt heights of Blomidon and North Mountain. Slowly the sun sank, while under the glaring skies and over the radiant tide the *J. E. G.* and her goodly company drifted toward the painted West. Again night fell, and again the voice of the snorer was heard in the hold. Saturday morning woke calm and clear. It found us still tracing the Cumberland shore, with Cape d'Or behind us and Cape Chiegnecto rising on our weather bow. Away to the South, blue-tinged by the distance, lay the hills of Kings County, with a white village, like a flock of gulls, nestling here and there along the shore. During the morning, a party of seven took the boat, the usual geologizing gear, and a supply of provisions, and left the vessel to visit the Isle Haute, some six miles distant.

The water was smooth, and for a few miles all went well, but then the tide which runs here with great strength, set out against them, and for several hours the boat was either stationary or retrogressive. However, the crew had come from the vessel with the intention of visiting the island, and they vowed to reach it if they had to row all day. At length the violence of the current abated, the distance lost regained, and finally the keel grated on the shore of the island. They had been six hours on the water. Meanwhile the *J. E. Graham*, a light wind which had sprung up during the morning having died away, had dropped anchor in a picturesque little nook and was awaiting the evening breeze. The live stock, launching the other boat, visited the land and fished, and bathed and strolled. When tea was over, we bore down on the Island, took aboard our fellow-travellers, and bore away for Spicer's Cove, where we lay till Monday 10 a.m. Sunday afternoon and evening was passed in Eatonville, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant, and we will not soon forget the kindness shown us by the people of that very little village. Monday morning the Geological Staff turned out in style. *Stigmara*, *Stigillaria*, *Calamite*, &c., took up our attention.

Passing over pleasant but unimportant hours, and incidents, we find ourselves on Tuesday morning, off Hillsboro', a pretty village on the Petitcodiac River, Albert Co., N. B. A trip to the Albert Mines and Demoiselle Creek, where we studied carboniferous and calciferous forma-

tions consumed that day, and the best part of the succeeding was taken up in a visit to the plaster mills at Hillsboro'. In the afternoon we turned us homeward again. The homeward experiences were pleasant, varied, interesting, and sometimes amusing, to us; but what careth the general reader. Already this description is too long. Why need we tell of the day spent at Apple River, 'mid rain and sand, of the Queen's Birthday, of the Dory rips, of Cape Split and Scott's Bay, of Whitewaters, with its amethysts? Suffice it to say, that all went well and that on Saturday afternoon, shortly before tea-time, the crowd of students on the Wolfville wharf flung back the cheer of the returning voyagers.

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