

P. D. & Co. reached Walkerville about 10 o'clock, when an opportunity was given the physicians to visit the Canadian offices and laboratory. This plant, modern in every respect, is a credit not only to the firm, but to Canadian industrial enterprises. The management has now under consideration the outlay of about \$25,000 in buildings, to enable them to handle more expeditiously their large and constantly increasing business. Thus in only a few years has this plant grown from a small to a stalwart industry, from which large shipments by train and boat daily go forth to all parts of the Dominion, as well as to England and Australia.

Leaving the laboratory, the guests, with escorts, boarded the beautiful steamer "Iowana," for a three and a half hour ride on the river and lake. During this time, lunch was served amid the charming water views. The party landed at the dock immediately in front of the Detroit laboratory, which, without doubt, is the largest establishment of its kind on the continent. It would require pages of this Journal to give anything like an adequate description of the many and delicate operations conducted in these buildings, from the time the crude drugs are received in the house, in carloads, until the finished preparations are sent forth. As drug manufacturers, Messrs. Parke, Davis & Company stand unrivalled. Their products are everywhere recognized of the highest class. Something like 2,000 persons are employed in connection with this laboratory, and about 240 travelling salesmen represent the firm in every portion of the civilized globe. This is indeed a "world-house," in every sense of the term. Its operations are international in scope.

A short account of this trip would certainly be incomplete were mention not made of the beautiful science laboratory recently erected, at a cost of about \$200,000. This building, adjoining the main plant, stands on the bank of the Detroit River, and is one of the interesting and purely scientific structures pointed out to tourists, who find the Detroit River such a pleasant thoroughfare, on their trips east and west.

We have grown accustomed to the frequent announcements that this college or that university, aided, perhaps, by the munificence of some wealthy benefactor, is about to add to its equipment, by the erection of a laboratory for scientific purposes. It is most unusual, however, even in this day of broad expansion, for a commercial house to set aside a large portion of its capital for the construction of a complete modern scientific laboratory, and yet this is exactly what has been done by this firm, and the