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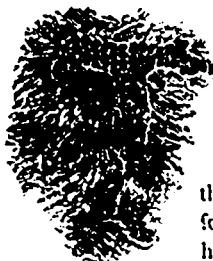
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## THE EXCURSION ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

A RECORD OF THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION'S WESTERN TRIP.

BY ONE WHO WAS ALL THERE



TO ORGANIZE a holiday party of 100 journalists and their ladies; to transport that party over 2,500 miles and back again; to "feed and drink" them during 25 days—that is no small task. By accomplishing it, the present officers of the Canadian Press Association have won for themselves a prominent place in the history of that organization and a warm spot in the heart of every person who

enjoyed the benefit of their energy, their foresight and their unceasing thoughtfulness.

The association has not had an annual excursion for a number of years, and, though the matter was discussed at various annual meetings, there seemed every reason to believe that the last one had been held. However, through the persistent work of Robert Holmes, M.P., and A. G. F. Macdonald, the Department of the Interior suggested to the C.P.R. that it would be a splendid idea to take a party of Ontario journalists to British Columbia, in order that they might see the wonderful development of the West. Accordingly, Mr. Shaughnessy said he would be delighted, and the arrangements were at once taken into consideration. These were worked out by Mr. McNicoll and Mr. Kerr, for the C.P.R., and the president, Mr. Willison, Mr. McKay and the secretary for the press association. Two special conferences were held in Montreal, and a 23 days' trip was planned. To the credit of the C.P.R. and the press committee be it written (and printed) that their programme was carried out absolutely. Only once was a change made in the drafted time-table—and the result was far from pleasing in that instance.

The party left Toronto on August 8, in a special train of C.P.R. sleeping cars—Quebec, Toronto, Nippon and Pekin drawn by a Grand Trunk engine. About 90 persons were aboard, eight others afterwards joining at North Bay, Port

Arthur, Rat Portage and Winnipeg. The full list of the party is as follows:

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 Mrs. Sylvester.  
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 Mrs. Way.  
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 Mrs. McGulley.  
 H. S. Scott, Toronto.  
 Geo. Wrigley, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Wrigley.  
 W. H. Keller, Cambridge.  
 Ed. E. Cameron, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Cameron.  
 A. F. Pirie, Dundas.  
 Mrs. Pirie.  
 H. F. Gardiner, Hamilton.  
 Mrs. Gardiner.  
 J. W. Eedy, St. Marys.  
 Mrs. Eedy.  
 Wm. Watt, Jr., Brantford.  
 Miss Watt.  
 A. T. Willgress, Brockville.  
 Chas. Clark, Kincardine.  
 Miss Weir, London.  
 H. B. Elliott, Wingham.  
 A. McNece, Windsor.  
 Mrs. McNece.  
 Thos. P. Harri, Waterloo.  
 Mrs. P. Harri.  
 John A. Cooper, Toronto.  
 D. Williams, Collingwood.  
 Mrs. Williams.  
 W. M. O'Brien, Stratford.  
 Chas. N. Robertson, Ottawa.  
 Mrs. Robertson.  
 Mrs. Williams, Toronto.  
 H. Hough, Toronto.  
 A. G. F. Macdonald, Alexandria.  
 A. W. Law, Toronto.  
 J. M. Walker, Perth.  
 G. J. Gibbard, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Gibbard.  
 W. W. Cliff, Carleton Place.  
 Mrs. Cliff.  
 George Sawle, Welland.  
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 J. S. Murray, Halifax.  
 W. S. Gray, Millbrook.  
 H. Mathison, Belleville.  
 W. H. Mills, Toronto.  
 D. H. Price, Avonlea.  
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 Miss Buckingham.  
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 Mrs. Scroggie.  
 Mrs. Sprague, Toronto.  
 Miss Sprague.  
 C. A. McArthur, Toronto.  
 Thos. Green, Toronto.  
 A. F. Wallis, Toronto.  
 J. J. Bell, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Bell.  
 Miss Ida Simpson, Toronto.  
 C. A. Matthews, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Matthews.  
 J. H. L. Patterson, Toronto.  
 Fred Cook, Ottawa.  
 Mrs. Cook.  
 Andrew Miller, Ottawa.  
 F. D. L. Smith, Toronto.  
 Miss Cameron, London.  
 Mrs. Magurn, Windup.  
 Mrs. Weld, London.  
 Miss White, Exeter.  
 Miss White, Brandon.

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From the union station to Gravenhurst was the first run. At the latter place, the party was transported to the Minnawaska hotel for supper, and then taken for a sail on Muskoka Lake by The Muskoka Navigation Co.'s Kenozha. Mayor Mickle and Mr. Cockburn did the honors, and everybody wondered at the beautiful scenery of the region—wondered why they hadn't come to see it before. There was a brass band