

Correspondence

McCORD MUSEUM

Extract from a letter received from a Scotch teacher, who visited Canada in the summer of 1931.

"But for you I would have missed the McCord Museum altogether—and that means one of the best things in Montreal, and, therefore, in Canada. The two ladies who were with me enjoyed it thoroughly (and how many museums does one really enjoy) though in their case it was the Indian, rather than the Wolfe exhibits, that pleased them so much. There were other collections upstairs that I feel sure would have interested me more had not the Wolfe room absorbed me so much, and had there been more time at our disposal. It was an altogether delightful museum, and yet I fear the rest of the party missed it altogether. And I expect I told you how, thanks to Dr. Parmelee, a number of us were able to follow the chief moves of Wolfe's dramatic enterprise almost as though we had been eye-witnesses of it.

"I have read that at least one authority rates Quebec among the twenty finest cities in the world—Edinburgh being included in the list, and I have no disposition to quarrel with the inclusion of both.

Would it surprise you, I wonder, to know that I preferred Montreal to Toronto? Except for the university quarters Toronto did not appeal to me particularly—though, after all, this is but an impression three days long—one which might conceivably be revised on a longer acquaintance with such a distinguished city. Hart House alone, entitles it to respect.

"Until ten days ago I have been busy over a lecture on my Canadian experiences and it is not too much to say that every spare moment was taken up on its account for something like three months back. The lecture aroused very considerable interest beforehand and there was a record attendance. But now that it is over I'm afraid it will be principally remembered for its length—the fact being that I had material enough for two, if not three lectures.

"However it's over and done with, and as I soaked myself in the subject, I feel I know a tremendous amount more about Canada than I did a year ago, for instance."