

VISITOR FROM CANADA TELLS OF EVANGELINE

Mrs. Emma Ogden Declares Longfellow Did Not Write in Vain

Just before coming from Canada to California, Mrs. Emma Ogden, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Wilson, of El Segundo, gratified a desire from her childhood and visited the land of Acadia. Mrs. Ogden, who is a cultured, much traveled woman, of broad vision, had this desire born within her, when as a little child a friend gave her Longfellow's beautiful poem, "Evangeline". In speaking of the "Land of Evangeline", Mrs. Ogden said the thoughts that came to her were of a "people who had understood joy, sorrow, toil, who lived a peaceful life, true to themselves, to others and to God. They gradually faded, like the leaf, the

flower, in the land of their birth and Mother Nature has hid them away in her bosom." In a personal interview with John Frederick Herbin, the only living descendant of the exiled people now living in Grand Pre, and author of many books, among them, "History of Grand Pre", "The Heir of Grand Pre" and "The Marshlands", Mrs. Ogden asked: "And there was no real Evangeline?"

"Yes," he answered, reverently lifting his dark eyes heavenward, "there were many of them." In referring to the beauty of his birth place, Mr. Herbin gave an original answer: "Nature never intended for men to live in crowded cities".

After visiting the old town of Grand Pre where are located Longfellow's Memorial Park, Evangeline's Well, and the famous Willows where Evangeline's wedding feast was spread, Mrs. Ogden and her party journeyed to the Gaspereau

valley and other places of interest, but the thought she says she carried with her was that what had been sown in long and bitter anguish, in parting and exile today bore fruit in memory of the departed Acadians in rich farms, orchards and a people who enjoy all the pleasures of modern civilization, yet have learned the art of kindness and the lesson of brotherly love.

"Longfellow will not have lived in vain," said Mrs. Ogden. "If through 'Evangeline' he teaches us a safer, purer political power, above the grasping minds of men, and as a moral example, to a solution of the puzzle now trying the minds of men, and their souls likewise, points to a little village away down in Nova Scotia where 'Evangeline' was conceived.

The above is taken from the El Segundo (California) Herald and refers to a lady who was a recent visitor to Wolfville

and the sanctum of THE ACADIAN. It will be of interest to our readers.

IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY

It is a year ago Friday, Sept. 23rd, the First Canadian Expeditionary Force, 33,000 strong, and then the greatest army of its kind that ever organized for foreign war, left the training camp at Valcartier and marched or rode to Quebec to embark on the great adventure. The work of embarking the great army was completed in three days and, after waiting for a battleship convoy from the royal navy, the fleet sailed from the Bay of Gaspé on Oct. 3, arriving at Devonport 11 days later. "Through the darkness and rain and mud of the night of September 23" says Lord Beaverbrook's account of the happening "the guns crawled down the sixteen miles of valley that brought them to Quebec at daylight, the men drenched, but happy in the knowledge that they were at last off to war. The weather was so bad that the infantry, instead of marching, were brought down in a long succession of heavy trains."

Saturday was the fifth anniversary of the Battle of Loos, in which a smoke screen was first used by the Canadians to conceal their action from the Germans, and to prevent the arrival of Hun reinforcements. Heavy machine gun and artillery fire was reinforced by the heavy smoke of burning wet straw all along the Canadian line, but particularly in front of the First Canadian Division, opposite La Douve Farm.

Little Girl: "Say, Mamma, ain't I made of dust?"
Mother: "Yes, dear."
Little Girl: "Well, why don't I get muddy when I drink?"

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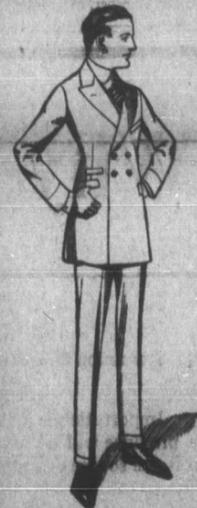
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