

These notes would scarce be complete without making favorable mention of one or two of the institutions of the West. It has been the unpleasant duty of the author to find fault with the accommodations offered to the travelling community in some of our Canadian towns, and the reader who is posted in the matter will admit that reproof has only been applied when absolutely necessary, and the interests of commercial men require it. Mine ease at mine Inn, is a real old English phrase, and one, which, when in reality felt, tends to make the traveller enjoy rather than otherwise his journey. That this remark can so seldom be truthfully applied, only the more enhances its merit when experienced. Probably no hotel in British America has gained a more wide spread and favorable reputation than the Rossin House, Toronto. While writing these lines, the memory, crowded with recollections of the past, vividly calls to mind the many good fellows and true I have met within its walls. It was always one of the favorite rallying points for Canadian guerillas, who, like the gentry from whom they derive their title, have a weakness for the good things of this world; it was a place ever visited with pleasure and departed from with regret. Some five years ago, the house was destroyed by fire, but was again rebuilt, and perfect in all its fittings as the old establishment was admitted to be; its successor is still more complete in all the necessary etcetras of a first-class hotel—the name of the proprietor, Mr. G. P. Shears, is one intimately known to the travelling public, and the thousands of visitors who patronised the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, when under his management, can bear testimony how truthful is the application to him of that Americanism so often misapplied, viz: "He knows how to run a Hotel."

Such, also, is the opinion of commercial travellers who are so egotistical as to consider themselves pretty good judges on the subject.

Great expectations! The same is applicable to other things besides the title page of a novel. Most travellers on their first visit to the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, enter the same with great expectations, formed of the superior accommodation they will receive, and judging from the popular verdict in favor of this House, those expectations are fully realized. Its name is well known to the travel-

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