

after which we were allowed to spend the remainder of the day as we chose; and did so by employing part of it in writing letters, strolling about the town, and seeking such amusements as were to be found; some occupying their time with card-playing, or at billiards, and in drinking, while others visited their fellow-craftsmen, or spent the time in reading and conversation. Collingwood is situated on a very sandy strip of country on the Georgian Bay, with a range of hills a few miles from it in the rear, which reminded me of the hills which surround Hamilton. The town itself, though evidently growing, is very scattered, and does not yet present a very substantial appearance, most of the buildings being frame; however, several brick buildings are now in course of erection, which will much improve it, and as the town is the place of transshipment for nearly all the trade of the Thunder Bay region, as well as other points on the upper lakes, there can be no doubt that there is a prosperous future before it.

FRIDAY, 20th.—Another day of idleness and ennui. There were two parades for us to-day—one at 9 a. m., the other at 2 p. m.—but neither of them lasted half an hour. The weather has turned quite raw and cold, while a strong searching wind blows off the bay, and fills everything and covers everyone with the fine sand of which the streets are composed.

SATURDAY, 21st.—The men from the various districts having arrived yesterday and during last night, we were ordered to parade at the railway station at 9 a. m.; and having assembled at that time and place, were inspected by Colonel Ross, Adj.-General of Militia, who made a short address. We then marched to the wharf, where we were obliged to remain while the stores were being put on board, an operation which occupied nearly four hours. At a little after 1 o'clock we were marched on board the steamer *Chicora*, where we got our dinner, after being

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