

YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

The Acadia land, on the shores of the Bay of Fundy, is a land of exceptional scenic charms and features. You have read or been told of its rare natural beauty, its majestic mountains and transcendentally lovely valleys. I have to take a big discount off those claims in sending them through here for public acceptance. Let the guiding guidebooker suppress his overwrought imagination or he will ruin the present glowing promise of Nova Scotia.

It is not my purpose or wish in the foregoing remarks to deny the existence of natural beauties to be seen in every part of the country actually possessed. There are many pretty spots in Nova Scotia. In fact the whole province may truthfully be called beautiful in its pleasing variety of mountain, meadow and marsh lands, its romantic rivers, bays and coves, its fruitful valleys and virgin forests; but to say as the folder pamphlets do who write the advertising pamphlets for local transportation companies, that this is a land of unequalled natural attractions is putting it much too strong, and such exaggeration will react to the personal and pecuniary detriment of those who practice or foster it.

The debt it will so far posted are negative ones and I will balance this account. There is in N. S. as in all sea coast sections a plague of fog now and then. This plague is most frequent and disagreeable in June, somewhat annoying in July and not prevalent in any appreciable extent in August or September, so time your coming here accordingly if you dislike "the sea god's misty breath."

Yarmouth is just yearning for Yankee coin, and incidentally for Yankee coin, and is prepared to render up for the latter a two or equivalent in the form of health and enjoyment. And the entire coast from Yarmouth to Grand Pre, 150 miles, is one continuous garden spot whose "sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight" gladden the eye and satisfy the soul of the most exacting tourist. Digby, Annapolis, Wolfville and a score or more of delightful villages offer Americans a quiet refuge and retreat from home heat and home work and worry; they offer too a better climate and greater change of air and scene (important factors these in enhancing your health and pleasure) than our own resorts can assure you.

September and October are two of the best months in which to visit the Land of Evangeline. That is the time of year here which Longfellow describes in these persuasive lines: "Then followed that beautiful season, Called by the Acadian peasants the summer of all seasons! Full on the air with a drizzly and magical light; and the landscape Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."

There are several roundabout ways to go to Nova Scotia from the United States, but the short, direct and best route is that of the Yarmouth Steamship Co., which dispatches four boats a week from Boston to this city, making the passage in about 18 hours. Leaving Boston at noon one enjoys a most delightful afternoon sail, takes a refreshing night's sleep, and wakes up in Yarmouth early next morning. It is meet and customary to speak well of the trip, which carries one safely over, and I could very cheerfully linger here to tell my pleasant trip across from Boston, but space is getting scarce and I must refer those who would like more explicit information about the Yarmouth route to write the Co.'s agent, Mr. J. L. Leavelle, at Yarmouth, for a descriptive pamphlet.

In this letter I have only attempted to sketch over the surface and around the edges of my subject so as to crowd within the limits of a newspaper article the basic facts and salient points essential to a general idea and understanding of Nova Scotia as it really is. In future letters I will give detailed descriptions of the various points of interest; tell all that is to be told about the region at and around Grand Pre, with its legendary lore and actual history upon which Longfellow founded his immortal "Tale of Acadie"; tell of Digby and its renowned fisheries; tell of the Bay of Fundy with its phenomenal tides, and of Digby, quaint old Yarmouth with its handsome bridges and flower-flooded gardens; its lovely location, fine harbor and neighboring lakes; its interesting past and promising future; its bracing, enterprising first citizen L. E. Baker, whose directing hand has wrought wonders in the town's development, and whose kindness to visiting Americans entitles him to grateful mention here.

And finally, and best of all in my scheme, I shall have more to tell of Yarmouth's ever glorious air which since I came here but two short weeks ago a wretched victim of insomnia and dyspepsia has medicated me to that sweet sleep, ravenous appetite and royal digestion of childhood I used to revel in as a romping schoolboy forty years ago, but have these many long moons now been unblest with.

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There is an earthly home so rare and precious as good climate, and when "in beginning" this world was all faulted except for some final tokens of the Creator's favor bestowed here and there, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, most certainly has been selected as a special repository of God's best gift to man—pure, health-giving air.

SHERIDAN'S POWDER advertisement with image of a powder tin.

MAKING HENS LAY advertisement for a poultry supplement.

Indian Work advertisement for a clothing store.

Fruit Jars! advertisement for a food product.

Clothing! advertisement for a clothing store.

DULSE! DULSE! advertisement for a food product.

Flour! Meal! FEED! advertisement for a food product.

JOSEPH I. FOSTER advertisement for a clothing store.

Great Slaughter STOVES advertisement for a stove manufacturer.

R. ALLEN CROWE'S advertisement for a hardware store.

J. R. ELLIOTT & CO. advertisement for a grocery store.

Men's Shirts, Boots and Shoes advertisement for a clothing store.

SALE OF GRAVENSTEINS advertisement for a stone dealer.

FLOUR! FLOUR! advertisement for a flour mill.

MARBLE WORKS advertisement for a marble dealer.

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Do You Want Furniture? advertisement for a furniture store.

TUTTLE'S ELIXIR advertisement for a medicinal product.

DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY advertisement for a railway company.

My Baby advertisement for a baby product.

Pyrethrum Cinerariaefolium advertisement for a pest control product.

Powdered Dalmation Insect flowers advertisement for a pest control product.

TERRA COTTA PIPE advertisement for a pipe manufacturer.

St. John Prices advertisement for a clothing store.

GEO. E. CORBITT advertisement for a hardware store.

Liver Troubles Cured advertisement for a medicinal product.

Coal! Coal! advertisement for a coal dealer.

PAGE WOVEN WIRE FENCE advertisement for a wire fence manufacturer.

HIDES AND PELTS WANTED advertisement for a hide dealer.

The Household. Joke's Corner. advertisement for a household product.

Some Definitions of Home. A young courtier, who had recently taken orders, was appointed to a church where the vicar was extremely energetic, so much so that when he had been there six months he had never had a chance of preaching.

My dear brethren, before I proceed to christen this child I would like to address a few words to the sponsors as to its future welfare. It is an old saying and a true one that the child is father to the man. Now, this infant I hold in my arms may, if properly trained, rise to great eminence. He might one day, if well brought up, get into parliament and become a second Disraeli or Gladstone, and pass such laws as will benefit the whole of the British Empire.

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