

The Portland Committee he met next morning as arranged, and found them most polite and obliging, anxious to meet his views and forestall his wishes. At this meeting it was arranged that the Montreal visitors should be received at the Depot, on arrival in Portland, with the usual military courtesies, by a guard of honor composed of the Portland Volunteer Companies, and escorted thence by them to Maj.-General Smith's quarters, who, after being received with the military honors due his rank, would then accompany them in their march through the city to Munjoy Hill, where it was most kindly arranged by their Portland comrades to have tents pitched and a camp formed for their reception. After the review of the Montreal force, fixed for eleven o'clock, was over, the visitors were to be taken to the Armory of the Portland companies, there to deposit their arms, and thence proceed together to the public dinner with which they were to be honored. Next day it was arranged to have an excursion down the Bay, and a pic-nic (or *grand chowder*, as it was called) on one of the many beautiful islands with which it abounds.

After thus satisfactorily arranging these details, the Lt. Colonel next made arrangements at the restaurant in the Portland depot, which he decided upon making his head-quarters during his stay, for the meals and refreshments of the men, which were to be furnished to them at twenty-five cents a meal, the men to be provided with tickets issued by the Committee, to be afterwards redeemed by the latter in cash. Mr. Corser, the Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Portland, most kindly and liberally placed the depot there almost entirely at the disposal of the Lt. Colonel. In fact, the kindness and attention of this gentleman, both then and subsequently, was such as to merit the warmest thanks and gratitude of every officer and man composing the Montreal detachment.

Having satisfactorily arranged these preliminaries, the Lt. Colonel returned to Montreal on Saturday the 7th August, and reported progress, which met with the entire approbation of all concerned.

All now went on swimmingly. The press, ever vigilant of passing events, took note of the Excursion, and most favorably