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How To See London

Times' Correspondent Advises Canadian Holiday-Makers in Empire Metropolis

(Times Special Correspondence) London, Jan. 28.—The holiday season is sufficiently near to make appropriate a few hints as to how to make the best of a stay in London. Beginning in April hundreds of Canadians will arrive here each week. Some will have visited the metropolis on more than one occasion, but many will come for the first time.

Even the seasoned Canadian visitor, however, may find something of interest in this letter for it is remarkable how little the average Canadian sees of the sights of the city which he visits. London is a city without signposts and there are some interesting spots so near to the main business streets that you never dream of looking for them.

To illustrate: I spent two hours showing a Toronto man around last week. We did not go farther away from Fleet street than could be covered in three minutes, yet he told me he had passed the most interesting afternoon since his arrival in London.

The first suggestion is that Canadians should look their accommodation as soon as they have decided to make the trip. It is, of course, a matter of little moment to the man with unlimited means that he should pay higher rates because accommodation is scarce and that only the most expensive rooms are vacant; but to the greater number of Canadian visitors who want to spend their money on sight seeing rather than on high priced accommodation it is of some importance if it happens to cost twenty-five per cent more than they anticipated. On my arrival when I found that I was crowded, and apart altogether from the question of expense it is a wearying experience to have to drive round looking for rooms. By all means read some London papers and make your arrangements before you come. Instead of going to a hotel you may prefer apartments, and if as you will find what you require in the columns of say the "Morning Post," or the "Telegraph."

If you are going to make a tour through England you will be wise to determine on some headquarters. For instance, Chester is convenient for North Wales, and York for the lake district and the Peak country. In addition you have the advantage of staying in two of the most interesting cathedral cities in the country. In the south, Bristol in the west, and London in the east, are good headquarters, the first being well situated for visits to the Dukeries, Shakespeare's country, the cathedral cities and the southwest of England.

Arrived in London it is well to make day trips to the surrounding interesting country. The universities, the Thames valley, Pevensey, where William of Normandy landed, and Canterbury, are only a few of the interesting places within easy reach. Buy a good guide book and you will be surprised how interesting and enjoyable your visit can be made.

The Doomsday Book My experience with Canadians indicate that most of them return to Canada having seen practically nothing of the sights of London except those places which cannot be missed, such as the houses of parliament, Westminster, St. Paul's Cathedral and the National Gallery. How many Canadians who walk down Fleet street know that the famous Doomsday Book can be seen in the Public Record Office one minute's walk up Chancery Lane, on the corner of which Isaac Walton once kept a hosiery shop and was churchwarden at the neighboring church of Dunston's.

Or, again, there is the Middle Temple just opposite. I asked the attendant there if many Canadians or Americans came to view this masterpiece, the only place of its kind in London, and learned that the total number of visitors daily was "a dozen to a score." Yet it is open daily, is free and is passed by everyone who goes from the Strand to Ludgate Circus. Indeed those small, dark courts running off Fleet street reveal some of the most curious and picturesque places in old London. Dickens, Johnson, Goldsmith, Lamb and other men famous in the world of letters all either lived or worked in this neighborhood.

Within easy reach of the various Canadian and provincial offices are situated many interesting places, and it is a good plan to seek the advice of the resident officials. Almost at the back of Lord Strathcona's office, for example, you find the winding picturesque Georgian streets with houses which have never been changed.

Dear, Yard is here, too, and once there you will find it difficult to believe you are in the centre of crowded London. The Nova Scotia office is in the centre of the historical district of St. James. At the British Columbia office you are within a stone's throw of the magnificent City Companies' Halls and which surrounded the old Roman wall of Londinium. A minute from the Ontario man bath a restaurant the Roman occupation, and at the back of the Quebec houses is Lincoln's Inn Fields in one of the most famous streets of London. To his first read "The Christmas Carol" to the

You may visit the Mansion House residence of the Lord Mayor of London on presentation of your card. For the Bank of England the representative of your province here can secure you a card of admission as well as to parts of the Tower of London not shown to the ordinary visitor, and to other places about which you cannot be expected to know. Armed with your guide-book a walk from Charing Cross to the bank by the back streets will bring you to so many interesting places that this journey which can be made in half an hour, will take you several days if you want to see everything there is to see and you will return to Canada feeling that you know something of old London.

SUNDAY SERVICES OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN LOCAL CHURCHES Rev. J. S. Shearer, secretary for moral and social reform for the Presbyterian church in Canada spoke in St. David's church last evening telling of the work being carried on by the church for social betterment including the activities on behalf of the immigrants, for temperance and for the rescue of fallen women. He preached in St. Stephen's church at the morning service.

Addresses in the interests of the Laysmen's Missionary Movement were given in several of the Anglican churches yesterday. R. Allen spoke in St. David's church, Dr. Archer on the work in India at Trinity; Rev. G. E. Spriggs on home missions in St. James church; Rev. C. G. Lawrence in St. Paul's on the Country Parson and in the Mission church Bishop Richardson spoke in the morning on the Educational Campaign and Rev. Henry Watterton preached at the evening service.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough spoke in Centenary church yesterday on society's treatment of the destitute. Mr. Barraclough said it is a shame that so much money should be spent in social enjoyment while many people in the city are destitute. He thought the city should make a grant to the Salvation Army for the maintenance of a new home to replace the metropolis which was destroyed by fire last week.

Dr. Hutchinson, pastor of the Main street Baptist church, warned his congregation last evening to beware of treatment in Victoria street. Baptist church to a close yesterday when he addressed three large gatherings. During his stay in St. John 150 persons have confessed conversion.

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