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ECHOES OF THE MONTH.



ARRIVED safe, all well" was the cable message from Quebec that will have brought the news to Dr. Barnardo of the safe landing in Canada of the third immigration party for the present season.

We left Liverpool in a hurricane of wind on the night of Thursday, the 8th of October, and disembarked at Quebec on the afternoon of Saturday the 17th. Our starting out was certainly one of the roughest experiences we have yet had to encounter. Tremendous seas were

running all round the coast and we fought our way out of the Mersey and "down channel" in the teeth of one of the worst gales of the season. The good ship *Scotsman* behaved herself magnificently, and rode over the turmoil of waters as easily and comfortably as if she were in a river. Certainly there was considerable motion, and our young people were not slow to realize it. We were not many yards from the dock gates before the process of "upheaval" had set in, and the fun was fast and furious during the whole night long. Words would fail to describe the miseries of the first two days. The boys were as bad or worse than the girls, and the big ones shared the same fate as the small. It was useless to assure the

sufferers that they would soon be better, and that before the end of the passage they would be sorry to leave the ship. We seemed to them as "one that mocked," and it really took the Sunday plum pudding to create a diversion. The tempests might howl outside and indescribable sensations might be producing misery within, but it would never do to let good rich plum pudding go untasted, and a general recovery dated from the advent of the first whiff of "duff." The weather was more or less "dirty" during the greater part of the voyage and it was a typical autumn passage, but after sickness was well over we managed to make our-

selves happy in spite of wind and rain, and be it recorded that the conduct and general behaviour were most satisfactory and admirable. No one gave trouble or showed any disposition to do so, and if our girls and boys acquit themselves as well in Canada and create as favourable impressions as they did on the *Scotsman*, Dr. Barnardo's third party for 1896 will be one that he may well be proud of.

Our numbers were nearly the same as the August party, and included 87 girls and 127 boys. Of the latter we handed over 34 to Mr. Struthers at Quebec to be escorted under his

were in Toronto before midday and the girls were filing up to the door at Hazel Brae at 10.15 in the morning. The ladies in charge could hardly forgive us for arriving so unexpectedly early and upsetting all their calculations, but they none the less cordially welcomed us, and personally I was most thankful to hand over thus early this important part of my charge and to follow the rest of the party to Toronto.

Most thankful, also, was I to find that "all was well" at the Home in Toronto, and that a goodly number of the youngsters left in residence a month ago had been placed in situations.

There has been a good brisk demand during the last three or four weeks, and Mr. Davis has been busy in sending boys out as the vacancies have offered. Other branches of our work have been going steadily ahead, and the news of our big family which has come in from letters and Visitors' Reports has been in the main most satisfactory and encouraging. There has been little or no sickness amongst our number, no death, no serious accident, no conviction for crime, and very few complaints of misconduct. Surely the good hand of our God has been upon us and to His name be the praise.

The least satisfactory piece of news awaiting me was that of the judgment against us in the action we felt

compelled to bring against the trustees of a school section in Muskoka, who, in the most arbitrary and offensive manner, had refused admission to any of our boys. The decision was based on the ground that the farmer with whom the boy was placed was not the latter's legal guardian, and the boys were therefore deprived of the privileges of residents. How, in a country where the law makes education free and compulsory, and which prides itself upon its educational system, the exclusion of a child from school is permissible on the ground of a legal flaw in the guardianship of the person under whose charge it has been placed, and the



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charge to the Farm Home at Russell, Manitoba, and with 87 girls and 93 boys we left Point Levis by the Grand Trunk at 5.50 p.m. The railway officials had arranged a special train for us, and we made one of the fastest "runs" ever made with such a special over the Grand Trunk system. At some parts of the journey our speed was over a mile a minute, and no delays were permitted at any point on the line. The girls were destined for Peterborough and the boys for Toronto, the party dividing at Belleville Junction, and we had not expected to reach the journey's end in either case before the afternoon or evening. Instead of this, the boys