

QUEBEC TO CACOUNA.

On leaving St. Anne de la Pique, it was decided between your correspondents and a few friends that we should take advantage of the privilege allowed in our programme to take a stay over at the lake and vicinity.

The present city of Quebec no signs of decay or backwardness on the contrary the inhabitants seem to be active, alert and full of business. Hundreds of visitors arriving at the hotels or returning to the wharves and depots, and wagons laden with goods are constantly rolling up or creeping down the sloping avenues of the ancient capital.

New frontages and plate glass windows along the busy streets with all the luxuries and comforts of modern modes and inventions of style and fashion displayed in rich profusion are evidence to the passing tourist, that Quebec in push and energy is fully abreast of its sister cities in this Dominion.

We visited the Citadel, the military enclosure appointed to safeguard us from the lurking dangers at the mouth of the canon, and to explain the use of shrapnel and conical balls, and rotary engines of warfare, was an Irishman who had seen service in India, and had just returned from active duty in Vancouver Island.

As a matter of course we were shown the exact spot where Montgomery fell, as also the landing place of the Highlanders, who passed under the forts in the darkness of night with muffled ears, and were found in great force next morning facing general Montcalm on the plain of Abraham.

A very fine marble shaft stands right in these plains on the very spot where General Wolfe fell in advance of the British troops, as sword in hand, he cheered them on to victory.

In compliment to French bravery and, no doubt, as a mark of the fraternal feeling and Canadian national unity that should exist between victors and vanquished, a splendid monument is erected in memory of the war, to the joint memory of the two opposing Generals, Wolfe and Montcalm.

From the Citadel a magnificent view is obtained of the St. Lawrence river that flows beneath and on which vessels of every size and distinction may be seen, from the fishing little boats crossing and re-crossing to Pointe Levis, to the ocean steamers that move majestically homeward bound or outgoing to their several destinations.

Beyond the river Levis is distinctly seen, with its churches, convents and extensive hospitals and asylums.

The country for many miles east, west and south of Levis offers to the view a most charming landscape, of cultivated fields dotted here and there with small villages, each having its descent church and gleaming spire; while wooded hills in the distant horizon close in the magnificent panorama.

We visited several of the churches Quebec may proudly boast of. The Basilica is very gorgeous and imposing, the beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart on the Gospel side, with bright light falling on it from some hidden source, is very remarkable, the impression for which it leaves on the devout beholder cannot soon be effaced or forgotten.

Jeau the Baptist church is a new and costly structure and in many respects is equal in grandeur to the Cathedral or Basilica. St. Patrick's church looks old and dingy beside the others, but it is richly adorned with its altars, and no doubt when first built, was one of the grandest in Quebec. The galleries which are necessary for the accommodation of a very large English speaking population, impart to the otherwise handsome building a close and crowded appearance on the inside. It was built by Father McMahon, in whose memory a marble slab is set up, with the inscription that during a pastorate of twenty-five years, he endeared himself to the love and lasting remembrance of rich and poor, especially of his fellow countrymen to whose temporal and spiritual interests he was ever fondly and incessantly devoted. He died anno Domini 1844.

Having passed through the art gallery and museum of Laval University, we sought repose and needed refreshment at our Hotel, the Victoria. This with the Frontenac are the principal hostleries of the ancient city. The Frontenac is the more pretentious and more costly of the

two. The Victoria, in charge of Monsieur Trudel, is a very commodious and popular place of call. Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Sheriff Brady, of Woodstock, and County Crown Attorney Donohue, of L'Ange, were among the guests during my short stay.

The city clock was striking the hour at 8 a.m. when the steamer Carmania left her docks and moved out into mid sea on the majestic St. Lawrence. Soon she rounded Point Levis and bore down stream within full view of the bold cliffs of green and church spires and snow white cottages, for which the island of Orleans is celebrated.

Our fellow travellers were American tourists for the most part. There were also a large number of Canadian, French and English, on their way to the watering places and cool resorts, such as Murray Bay, River de Loup, Cacouna and Tadoussac. The Americans with a few Ontarians, after leaving Tadoussac, pursued their way up the Saguenay river, which empties into the St. Lawrence at that point. Tourists make this trip from Quebec to Chicoutimi and return, for the purpose of enjoying the cool breezes and sea air of the Gulf, and also of enjoying the magnificent scenery afforded by the towering cliffs and wooded heights, which rise perpendicularly along its whole course from the banks on both sides of the Saguenay river.

On a ledge of Cape Trinity, eight hundred feet above the water's edge is seen a white bronze statue of the Blessed Virgin. How it ever got there is a mystery to those who have not studied or appreciated the simple faith of the French Canadian habitant. Nothing is impossible to him who believes and loves.

Two years ago when passing Cape Trinity, a large number of French Canadian priests who had just finished their ecclesiastical retreat under Bishop Begin at Chicoutimi, and were on their way home to their parishes, gathered on the forward upper deck and sang in unison the "Ave Maria Stella." Their grand, rich voices repeated by echoes along the waters and up the heights, were listened to with silent admiration and wonder by the Americans, most of whom were non-Catholics. Several of the latter copied the words afterwards from the priests' breviaries and had them translated into the vernacular.

I reached Cacouna on the eve of Friday the 2nd August. If you have no objection, let me the Globe and Mail high toned journals are just now indulging in editorial correspondence, I may give you next week my impressions of the lower Province and its people.

DIVYUS.

The School Board.

Vicar-General McCann presided on Tuesday evening at the School Board. Others present were, Father Rohleder, Rev. Father Grimes, Rev. Father Morley, Father Carberry, Messrs. James Ryan, M. Walsh, Wm. Rae, P. J. Mulqueen and V. Fayle. The payment of accounts aggregating \$125 was authorized. The purchase was authorized of 36 single desks for the fourth form of St. Paul's School. Owing to the delay which tendering would involve it was not insisted on. The board agreed to give the pupils a holiday on School Children's Day at the Exhibition, and a half holiday on Citizen's Day. On a proposition to increase the salary of caretaker Tracy of St. Helen's School from \$15 to \$21 a month, Father Rohleder stated on the authority of Burns who is in charge of the furnace, that quantities of coal had been carried away in bags from the school. Mr. Fayle said it was extraordinary that the man who claimed to have this theft should have permitted it. He said Burns had been in faulting himself. The board authorized the engagement of a teacher for the second class in Gerrard Street School at a salary of \$200 a year.

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From the Timesbury Observer. Mr. W. J. Kennedy, who resides on the 8th continent of the Province of Ontario, is one of the most respected farmers in the township. Recently an Observer representative visited his home for the purpose of learning the cause of his recovery of his daughter, Miss Alice Kennedy, from a severe and trying illness, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, after medical assistance had failed. Miss Kennedy was present at the appearance of a healthy and active young woman of twenty, and bears no indication of having passed through an illness that baffled the doctors' skill. To the reporter she said that in the autumn of 1893 she was taken ill and a physician was called in. Despite all the doctor did for her, she continued to grow worse. She suffered from severe headaches, became very pale, rapidly lost flesh, and her limbs were cold and swollen. She said she feared great pain and it was with much difficulty she could get up, and would sometimes lie for hours in a half stupor. At last the doctor said he could do nothing more for her, and the family asked his advice as to her going to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He said he was of the opinion that they would not help her. In spite of this adverse opinion, however, she determined to give them a trial, and before the first bottle was finished the pain of the doctor was made manifest. An improvement was noticed and with joy Miss Kennedy continued taking the Pink Pills until she had used fourteen boxes, when she felt that she was completely cured. She has not taken any since the early summer, and has not had any recurrence of her old trouble, and never feels the least weakness. Miss Kennedy says as a result of the Pink Pills treatment she has gained 25 pounds in weight. A short time after she began the use of the Pink Pills the doctor who had previously attended her, called on her and was much surprised at the improvement in the young lady's appearance, and said that if Pink Pills had caused the transformation by all means to continue to use them. Miss Kennedy's statements were corroborated by her father and sister, both of whom give all the credit for her marvelous recovery to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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