

THE C.M.A. TRIP TO EUROPE.

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“THERE will never be another trip of a like kind; so fortunate in conception, scope, and carrying out, so harmonious in its personnel, and so successful in achieving its object.” Something like this sentiment has been in the minds and on the tongues of many who took part in the Canadian Manufacturers Excursion across the Atlantic in 1905. And, indeed, there is reason for the opinion. Of all the happy outings of this important body, the European trip was the most adventurous, as well as the largest in point of numbers. And it is not belittling those delightful excursions of other years in our own happy land to say that this one was enjoyed the most, since it opened to its participants a larger field and sources of observation as profitable as they were unexpected.

One does not need, although it is a pleasant retrospect, to linger over the preparatory stages. The trip itself is the object of description in these pages. To spend a month in the British Islands; to see what we had read of, heard of, dreamed of, in the grand old motherland; to observe for ourselves what are the sources of her prosperity, the secret of her power; to ascertain at first hand the sentiments of her people, and to feast upon the beauties of her landscape, the historic landmarks of a marvellous past—such, in brief, were the aims of the C.M.A. excursionists of 1905.

Behold us, then, 278 in number, on board the good ship *Victorian* of the Allan Line, at Montreal wharves, on the 9th June. The party was swelled, when England had been reached, by accessions which brought the number to more than 300; a large body of men and women to handle; but the way they were handled, nay, the way they took care of themselves,