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Notice C. E. R. Adv^{nt} in
the middle of this paper. P. 56.
The covers having been printed
beforehand for a few
months in succession, it has
not been convenient to change
the reading matter of the same.

During the month of July
an excursion was enjoyed, which
is described in the following Pages.

Kamloops July 16, 1899

Dear Lizette,

want to write
a few lines to tell you about
our long trip to Jasper Island.
You know we left Kamloops,
with Sister M. Stanislas, Saturday
morning July 1st 1899. I thought
I would feel lonely, but I did
not, nor Aimée either, for we
saw so many things, as the
train went along, that I could
never remember them all to tell
you about them. I wished I had
four eyes. for while I was

looking out one side of the car,
I missed a great many things
the other side.

We stopped at Savona, at
Ashcroft, at Spence's Bridge
and at Lytton where some
girls saw us and gave us some
flowers.

Then the train stopped a
long time at North Bend, so
we could see the place very
well. We stopped again at
Yale, Hope, Agassiz, Harrison
and at last arrived at Mission
about six o'clock in the evening.

There were a lot of girls at the St. Mary's Mission School, and they were all very glad to see us, so that we did not feel lonesome at all, although it rained very much. Oh my! how it rained there: I never saw it raining like that at Kamloops. But we played and enjoyed ourselves very much inside the house since we could not go outside.

On Tuesday evening, July 4th Rev. Father Carion & R. F. LeFevre arrived also at St.

Mary's, with Sister M. Joacim,
 & Sister M. Paula. We went to
 visit the Cemetery which is close
 to the Sisters' Convent, & we saw
 the tombs of the Bishops and of
 the late Father Le Targ. On
 Thursday Morning we went to the
 Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes
 which is very nice. We saw there
 Bernadette with a lighted candle
 in her hand, kneeling before the
 Blessed Virgin.

On Friday at 11.0 clock we
 left the Mission, & took the fast
 train for Vancouver. Oh my!

how fast it ran. We ate our lunch on the train, and we were hardly through, when we arrived at Vancouver. Vancouver is a very big town. we could see houses every where we looked. The Fathers hired a very nice buggy, which they call there a Gurney, to take us to the sister's house. As we got there, we heard that some of the Sisters had just left to go across to the Skwamish Indian Village, which is across the Inlet, three miles from Vancouver. So we went down to the landing.

where there were Indians with big boats, to take us across. There were seven sisters, the two Fathers, and us two. We all went into the same boat. They told us we were now on salt water, so I dipped my hand into the water, and took it to my mouth. Oh! how salty it tasted! We were not long in going across, because the Indians had a big sail to their boat and it went very fast.

When we got there, the Sisters of the Instruction of the Infant Jesus, who are there, took us to their

convent, where they served us a very nice lunch, all kinds of fruits. I also pine apples.

I suppose Lizette, you never ate pine apples. They are very nice. The sisters all enjoyed themselves very much, and did not find the time long. But at six o'clock in the evening, we had to return to Vancouver, and the sisters of the Skwamish came across with us in the boat. The sister Superior's name is Sister Aimée; and there was also Sister Mary Ann with us. so.

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Aimee and myself were very glad to have God mother sisters along with us.

They are building a very big Church at Vancouver all of big big stones. They say it is 160 feet long by 105 feet wide, and that the Steeple will be 190 feet high.

Next morning, the Fathers took us to the park. We went in the street cars, which run so easy, and stop along the road to take people in or let them off. We saw some rabbits.

doves, parrots. There were also a lot of owls, that were asleep, then we saw a small bear, to which we threw a candy. Next a monkey, which amused us very much. There were also three wild cats, but they were asleep. We saw also three big bears in a pit, and three young deer in the woods. They were very tame and gentle.

After coming back to Vancouver, we went to see the big boat, Empress of China. Oh, what a long boat. I think she is as long

as the bridge across the Thomson at Kaimloops.

After dinner we went on the boat to Nanaimo. When we went out of the Port of Vancouver, we could see but water all around, as far as we could see. Oh! my the Ocean is very big indeed.

We arrived at Nanaimo at supper time and went to the sister's house. Next morning we went off on a small steamer the "Thistle" to go to Kuper Island. But we were disappointed.

for they could not find us at Kuper Island, but took us five miles further, and we were very much afraid that we were lost. But Father Le Terme talked with a man that was there, and he said he could take us to Kuper Island in a boat. We had to walk two miles and then he got a boat, and took us right to the school. We got there about three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. Father Dumoulin had been with his boat at Chemainus looking for us. because we should

have come by train instead of taking the boat. But we had made a mistake.

Any how we were now at Kuper Island and everybody there came soon to welcome us. The house at Kuper Island is like the school house at Hamboya only every thing is on the opposite side. I was always looking for the stairs on the wrong side.

Sunday July 9th The children sang the Royal High Mass. and in the afternoon we went across the Island to the In-

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dian village, where the steamer could not land us the day before, because there was no body there to come out for us, all the Indians having gone to the Salmon canneries.

On Monday we had a picnic in the boats, we went past two or three islands, and landed on a small island. We had lunch with us, and also a few pails of fresh water, because there is no fresh water on this island, and they said we could not very well drink salt water.

After we landed on the Island, the girls began to set the lines. When it was nearly ready, there was a big fire started on the island, and for some time we thought that the whole island was going to be burned out. All the girls went to beat the fire with branches, and it was soon put out.

In the afternoon, Aimee and I went with some of the Kuper Island girls across to another island, to look for fresh water, but we could find

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none. But we found heaps
of shells, and we picked up
as many as we cared for.

Later on we put on bathing
dresses, and went a bathing
in the sea water. Annee got
her mouth full of salt water,
and she said she tasted it
till evening.

I have no more space so
I must close for this time.

Good bye Lizette.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Ann.