## The Victoria Warder

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British Columbia.

To the Editor of The Warder. DEAR SIR-A large number of my plends in the county of Victoria wished me to write them an account of my trin

me to write them an account of my trip to this province; and as it would make a great inroad on my time to write to all of them individually, will you kindly permit me space in your paper for a short letter. I will not attempt a full description of the journey, for the grandeur is gar beyond my power of representation in language. I will only notice a few details of the trip which may be of interest to my many friends.

We left Toronto at 10.45 on Saturday, July 9th, reaching Owen Sound at 3.30, where we boarded the Athabasca, an elegant Clyde-built steamship having a measurement of 270 feet in length, and 1,800 tons, with every convenience for comfort and enjoyment. Passing down the freedight experience of sea sickness, but during the night we passed into Lake Muron, which was caimer. Sunday merning was bright and clear, and all were alive to fill their lungs with the fresh, invigorating air of the beautiful lake. During the forenoon we all gathered in the cabin and listened with interest and profit to a Church of England bishop preach from Matt. 14:27. In the evening we again gathered in the cabin, the first lime the motioned Lady Glendower to his bedside. She then saw that he was is tears. It was the first time the had ever seen the least stan of emotion with the old Earl, and now he seemed completely overceme. He then told her that he could not die holding such terrible spite against a daughter who had been first time the had ever seen the first time the had ever seen the first time the had ever seen the least stan of emotion with the old Earl, and now he seemed completely overceme. He then told her that he could not die holding such terrible spite against a daughter who had select her if ever each time the first time the had ever seen the least stan of emotion with the clot and power can be ever the could Earl, and now he seemed completely overceme. He then told her that he could not die holding such terrible spite against a daughter who had he could Earl, and now he seemed completely overceme. He then tol

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oatmeal mills. On either side of Brandon the country is very good for agricultural purposes, and is pretty well settled. At 19.40 c'clock we reached Broadview, where we got mountain time, which was just two hours behind Toronto time. During the night we passed some places, as Qu'Appelle, Regina and Moosejaw, which I would have been glad to have seen. Though deprived of this we had daylight to pass through Swift Current and by Goose Lake, places which brought very vividly to my mind incidents connected with the late North-west rebellion. During this day's ride, though there was an absence of variety and scenery, the monotony was broken by Indians appearing at the stations daubed with paint and in their blankets, and by watching the little gophers dodging about. They are a species of ground squirrel—some call them prairie dogs—and are said to be very destructive to the crops. A story was told on the train of a man who offered a bounty of five cents for each gopher killed, and as a proof of death the tail was to be brought in. The best way to catch them is to place a noose over the hole or burrow, and noose them. The Indians entered into the traffic, and soon tailless gophers were all around. They had no desire to decrease their traffic had been and a control of the traffic, and soon tailless gophers were all around.

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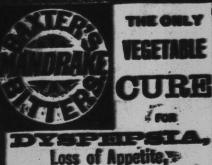
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