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INTERESTING NOTES OF A HOLIDAY TRIP

PLACES AND PEOPLE—CROPS AND STOCK—CLIMATE—COAL MINES—OLD FRIENDS IN NEW HOMES—A GREAT COUNTRY.

(Special Correspondence to The Watchman) Thinking that a short account of my recent trip out west might be interesting to many of THE WATCHMAN'S readers, pardon me for seeking space in your columns.

The increased numbers who take advantage of the "Homeseekers Excursions" show them to be a popular means of travel with the public. The reduced rates place the great west within the reach of all, while the accommodation is all that could be desired.

My travelling companion, W. J. Lang of Poplar Point, Manitoba, who had been visiting friends in Peterboro and the surrounding country, and your humble servant left Peterboro on July 13th.

From Peterboro to Smith's Falls the country has much the appearance of our own north country.

All along the line the effects of the late frost could be seen on the fields and gardens. Here and there along the line small towns are springing up while numerous lakes and streams show it to be an angler's paradise.

At Arnprior we had a splendid view of the noble Ottawa, and for miles our course lay along its banks. Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke and Mattawa are smart tidy-looking towns, each carrying on a large lumber business.

"The Bay," as it is commonly called, is a thriving town of some 2800 inhabitants, and with Mattawa does the chief business of the Nipissing district. Owing to its location it bids fair to become one of the leading towns of the province.

tinnous chain, with it the Mattawa takes its rise and flows eastward to the Ottawa. Around "The Bay" are many interesting places. Trout lake to the south east is annually visited by hundreds of American tourists.

But again we turn westward for we find would see the boundless prairie. Past Sturgeon Falls, Sudbury with its copper mines and Chapleau, Lake Superior is reached. The journey for the last few hours has been very monotonous, but from here the scenery to Port Arthur is grand beyond description.

As the shades of night sink around us, our train pulls out of the station, bearing for the most part a gay crowd of pleasure-seekers on their way to their western homes. All speak in glowing terms of Winnipeg's great fair.

For miles around the town, the scene reminds one of some of the older settled parts of our own province. Handsome brick and frame houses have taken the place of the log houses of the first settlers.

In Carberry are many who formerly live in this district. Indeed we were told that 30 copies of the Lindsay papers find their way to that office. Amongst those we met here were Fred Baldwin, who has put in a good season laying brick, Jno. Sloan of Hill Head and others.

It being the week of the Brandon fair we decided to take it in. A local train now runs from Winnipeg to Brandon for the convenience of the local travelling public and so got me into Brandon just noon. It is a town of about the same population as Lindsay but in many respects it surpasses it.

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It was indeed a pleasure to find ourselves grasping once more the hand of our old friend S. H. Calvert, formerly of Lindsay, now head of the hardware department of McNaughton & Co's big store.

Moosomin has never been boomed. It does a business from Cannington Manor on the south to the Qu'Appelle on the north. To the north is a fine country while away to the south-west are the districts of Rosedale, Fairmead and Brookside as good land as the sun sets on.

A jog of twenty miles to the south-west brought us to Fairmead one of the best agricultural districts in Eastern Assinabois. The farmers here are mostly from Bruce county; indeed Bruce leads in the pioneer work of settling the west.

On our way northward to the town of Wapella we passed the little school house the scene of a summer's labor where we gained our first experience in teaching a prairie school. The trail now takes us through the Crofter settlement of Father Gillis, till the town is reached.

Our ticket was marked Estevan, so we had to retrace our steps to Kenawy junction some few miles west of Brandon. A run of some twenty miles and in the midst of a violent thunder shower the train pulled into Souris. Souris is beautifully situated on the Souris river and looks very much to us like an eastern town.

Pierson, Gainsboro and Carnduff are growing towns. At Carvale three families from Haliburton leave the train. It is pleasant to witness the happy reunion of wife and husband, but on we go to our destination which is Oxbow. "The Bow," as it is commonly called there, appears to have been built with an eye to business rather than beauty.

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Among those we had the pleasure of meeting were Messrs. R. Swain, of Valentin and W. Irwin of Glendine. "Will" had wheeled over from Neepawa and speaks in glowing terms of that town. Mr. Swain has, we understand, purchased land in the neighborhood of Morden. Moosomin was our next stopping place. All along the line are growing towns and at Fleming we crossed the line into Assinabois.

over the dash-board. On our way we passed Alameda, a pretty little town with a fairly good farming country around it. At Hirsch, a Jewish colony, we fed and had dinner. This is the place so recently visited by a cyclone which demolished houses, stables and crops.

Our return trip was without incident of note, and the same day we started for the west. All along the line harvesting had begun and the hum of the binder was to be heard in every direction.

GEN. GORDON AVENGED.

KHARTOUM TAKEN BY THE AN-GLO-EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION.

GREAT BATTLE NEAR THE CITY.—20,000 BRITISH AGAINST 40,000 NATIVES—WONDERFUL DARING ON BOTH SIDES. On Saturday the strong expedition under Gen. Kitchener reached Omdurman, a town about 8 miles from Khartoum, where Gordon fell 13 years ago.

At last the supreme moment came. The flower of the Khalifa's army was caught in a depression, and within a zone of withering crossfire from three brigades, with the attendant artillery. The devoted Mahdists strove heroically to make headway; but every rush was stopped, while their main body was literally mown down by a sustained deadly crossfire.

Editorial Notes

The protest against Mr. Calder, who defeated Mr. John Dryden in South Ontario has been dismissed. The petitioner was an alien and hence was not qualified to lodge the petition.

It is to be regretted that their have been several cases of typhoid fever in Lindsay, but it is also a pity that there is ground to believe that some of our medical men have given exaggerated statements of the number of cases under their care.

OBITUARY.

—Rev. Mr. Curry, who was in charge of Kirkfield and Balsore Presbyterian churches for about four years, died in Peterboro hospital on Thursday last, and his remains were taken to Stayner for burial on Saturday. Rev. Mr. Curry retired from active service in the ministry about a year ago, owing to ill-health, and a surgical operation was found necessary for his relief, but it proved unsuccessful.

—Seventy-one years ago Thos. Paul was born in county, Cavan, Ireland, and on Saturday last he died at his home in Manvers, after an active and honorable career. Deceased came from the old soil to Quebec at the age of twelve, and two years later settled with his parents in the township where his remains are at rest.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

—The steamer Del Norte arrived at Seattle on Saturday from St. Michael's with a hundred disappointed Klondike miners, some of whom were almost penniless.

—M. B. Markin of Buffalo and Constable Mackenzie of Lewiston were drowned in Niagara River opposite Lewiston on Saturday afternoon. The men were in a small row-boat and foolishly ventured up the river until they encountered the boiling water of the rapids, where their boat overturned.

—James B. Campbell, of St. Vincent, had his arm taken off in a threshing machine while working on the farm of John Campbell, near Meaford, Ont. The men had just finished threshing, and were closing down the machinery for the night. Campbell was helping to move the guards, when his left arm caught in the cylinder, and was drawn in, mashing it up to the elbow.

—Mr. C. C. McCaul, Q. C., of Calgary who is acting in the interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway before the Crow's Nest Pass railway commission, which intends closing its sittings by a session at Ottawa, which commences on the 10th inst., is in Toronto. Mr. McCaul and Judge Clark will look over the evidence in the case ready for argument on September 10.

—It is understood that the capital case of William J. Hammond, awaiting execution in Barrie jail on Sept. 15th for the murder of his wife, Kate Tough, at Gravenhurst, has been before council at Ottawa. It is probable that the law will be allowed to take its course, as the atrocity of the crime and the evidence of the man's guilt lead to the conclusion that it is not a case calling for executive clemency.

—A terrible accident took place Friday at Wellingsborough railway station, in Northamptonshire, England, on the London and North-western railway. Two boys pushed a loaded luggage "trolley" on the track just as the express was approaching at a speed of 50 miles an hour. The train was derailed, and a fearful scene ensued. The wreckage of the railway carriages caught fire. The engine, fireman, and two passengers were killed, and many others were seriously injured.

—Fifty dead and over 100 prostrations in one day is the record of the heat in New York on Saturday. The sun beat relentlessly on the sweltering city all day long.

Night followed almost like day and deaths from the heat were reported at intervals in the various city hospitals, police headquarters and the coroner's office. The highest point reached by the thermometer was at 2 o'clock, when the mercury registered 92 degrees. The humidity averaged 85 per cent.

—The United States commission of international revenue has revoked a former ruling that steamship passage tickets issued in Canada and used on vessels sailing from ports of United States need not pay the war revenue tax of \$1, \$3 or \$5 according to cost. It was found that this was being used as a means of evading the tax by travellers who did not come from Canada. Revenue agents at the various ports have been instructed to allow no passengers for foreign countries to embark unless their tickets bear the proper stamps.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

—Saturday evening Mr. Brandon of Reboro, accompanied by his sister and Miss Molly Burke of Lindsay, were driving near Reboro, when their horse slipped at a cowling near the roadside and bolted. The rig was overturned, falling on the occupants. Mr. Brandon escaped with a few slight bruises, but his sister was injured seriously internally. Miss Burke fared badly, her nose being broken by the fall and her body severely bruised. The injured ladies were conveyed to the residence of Mr. Thorn, near by, where they remained unconscious for several hours. They were finally removed to their respective homes, and medical aid summoned. Miss Burke who is under the care of Dr. White is progressing favorably, but Miss Brandon is still in a very serious condition.

—Another has been added to the already long list of drownings at Sturgeon lake, on Monday afternoon. Mr. Samuel Campbell who lived on the west shore, not far from Cameron went out in his boat to fish. He was an old man, having reached the age of 85, and was subject of late to fainting spells. During the afternoon he was found leaning over the side of the boat with his face and one arm in the water. He was dead. It is supposed that he had reached for a pair of pliers that were in the boat and suddenly becoming weak was unable to recover himself. Mr. Campbell was an old settler and a thoroughly upright and highly-esteemed man. Although he had gone far past the years allotted to man, yet his tragic taking off has spread a gloom over the neighborhood. Four daughters, one son and a widow survive him.

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