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EVENINGS

### Christopher Columbus' City And a Trip up the Mountain

Mr. and Mrs. John Cardare are this week sightseeing in Geone and Letter No. 11 tells of some of the historical sights here. Next week Venical

Genoa, Italy. We arrived at Genoa and started out to look for a hotel, but every hotel reported full up. This is a shipping port and 12 million people had entered in one day. There were thousands of them leaving next day for other

Now it is four o'clock and in our search for a hotel we came across the shipping office of the "llome lines". and since our purpose for visiting here was to see about our passage home we were glad we had found it. we had taken passage home on the Queen Fredericks of Naples but discovered our cabin on the return trip was not nearly so nice as the one we had on the Homeric going over. To our satisfaction we found that there were only two cabins left on the Homeric and one was A107 which was the one we had coming over so the only difference is that instead of sailing from Naples we have to go all the way back to Le Havre by train. We told the agent at the Home Lines our troubles in not getting a hotel and he kindly phoned for reservations for us to a very good place, City Hotel. So here we are!

Today we went on a sight seeing tour In one part of the city is a very beautiful cemetery. It is divided into 3 parts. Catholic, Protestant and a place for the poor. I never saw so much pure white marble, graves are very close together and on every grave were flowers. Outside the gates. are stalls all along the way where those visiting may purchase flowers and candles, etc. Then there is a large building, something like a promenade. There are graves under foot every inch of the way and huge monuments with their backs to the wall. I . have never seen any like it, each rep resents something. There was one that was the picture of an old woman about the same type as Queen Victoria - only this was a poor woman - she worked all her life to pay for that monument. Her husband was a drinker, so she refused to have him buried with her, saying she wanted to be alone It is beautifully portrayed, with the shawl around her shoulders. Then our guide told us she had it made and paid for during her life but only lived six months after it was paid

Another historic spot was the home of Christopher Columbus. The home he lived in is still preserved, all covered with ivy and weeds, it stands right in the middle of the city. Then we were taken to Genoa's highest skyscraper, 32 or 35 stories high, it is the tallest in all Italy. Our guide was surprised to learn they have one in New

York 102 stories high. At the top is a restaurant complete with orchestra. Here we sat for a drink and looked out over the city. I forgot to tell you that at that cemetery they have family homes for the dead. That is only for the rich. From the cemetery you can see them all up the hillside. They look like small churches, with spires just like a

church. Next we were taken to the cathedral; over the entrance hung two rather faded red curtains which we pushed aside to enter. Our guides took us to one place after another, where altars had been set up, some with candles burning. However, 1 was struck once again with the emptiness of the nave of the church, only a few chairs or benches before one of the many altars. Then to my surprise I heard a bell and a procession of about five or six priests entered from a side door, they paid no attention to the sightseers but started their

service at the rear of the chancel. Tomorrow we go for a tour of the Riviers Am beginning to pick up a

Dear Editor:

Have covered a lot of ground since my last letter. I told you we were going on an excursion down the Riviera, We left Genoa at 9.1n the morning for the most beautiful drive I have ever had. My only complaint, if any, was that our night seeing bus travelled too fast Several times I tried to capture the beauty of the picture that we saw, but the speed of the bus was too fast and we either travelled past the spot I wanted to shoot or we swerved around a corner and it was gone. did get a few shots. If they don't the printed word sometimes has -make us dizzy looking at them. Tho roads are not so smooth here as in Canada, and it's hard to keep the cam-

We stopped at Porto Fino, which is a little fishing village. The main street is on the edge of the water. We stalls where one could buy souvenirs and cards, etc. It was a very pretty spot. Next we went to Rappello, where we had lunch at the Savoi Hotel. If anyone had ever told me I would cat/octopus I would never believe them, but to my surprise-when I ordered mixed little fish, they brought us a variety of little fishes and among them tiny octopus. . At first I did not like the thought of eating them and changed with John, but when he ate his with relish, I decided

to try one. They were good! Next we went to the top of the mountain. I shall never forget that ride. It wound around in serpentine

Chatting... with M. H. B. '

HOPE YOU DIDN'T miss getting out to see the Fair. The park looked so pretty with tha maples turning crimson and gold. They made colourful backdrop for one of the highlights in the life of our small town . . Or our not so-small town now, according to the latest consus figures . . . The sun beat down with a welcome warmth as we waited in the crisp October air for the kiddies to get on and off the rides on the. midway. And after a walk up the shaded path to the grandstand, we were glad to be back in the sunht midwaysection again, and grateful too, for the

warmth of the Exhibit Hall ... Learning from experience how difficult it is to appreciate the Hall exhibits on Fair Day, when the excitement of the merry go round and the treats beckon the children, we went out on Friday night to have a really good look. And it was well worth-

I DON'T THINK the hall has ever looked nicer The flowers. fruit, and vegetables were a sight to behold. With no frost to spoil them, they were at their best. I've never seen such enormous pumpkins and canteloupes . . . The flowers were plentiful and beautiful . . thought the arrangement of asters in

a basket of a hollowed out hubbard squash was original and very effective. Then in the same section you could hardly help noticing a foliage plant I'll wager was four feet across at the top . . .

AT THE END OF THE siste of flowers, there was another flower display - this time on a quilt made by the Ballinafad WI. was appliqued with flowers of the different provinces. I hadn't realized before how ignorant I was of the provincial emblems. I know our own tril lium of course, but I didn't remember that British Columbia has Dogwood for its emblem, Saskatchewan the Prairie Lily; Nova Scotia, the May Flower, Quebec, the Wild Iris; PEI. the Lady Slipper; Alberta, the Wild Rose; Manitoba, the Wild Crocus; New Brunswick, the Violet, and Newfoundland, the Pitcher Plant, did you?

ANOTHER DISPLAY that caught our eye was "50 Years of Achievement," arranged by the Silver wood W.I. It was a display of a bride's going-away ensemble, and several other antiques of half a century ago. Looking at the elaborate cinnamoncoloured coat, black ostrich bos and high-button shoes, I thought the title of the display very aptly chosen. Perhaps 50 years hence tho, our "achievements" won't look so chic either .

The school sections were excellent too. It seemed to me there was a larger variety of collections than usual. The paper serviette collection was something a little different, also collections of tiny match boxes, buttle caps and shells .

. And it goes almost without saying how delectable the domestic science entries looked. Along with everyone else, I think, the big entry of pies made by the little boys, appealed to us in more ways than one. They certainly looked good. The little girls entered a lot of delicious looking

. Talking about pies, however, reminds me of a recipe I read recently in a supplementary recipe sheet put out by the Conservator of Brampton. It was for a butter pecan pie, and all the ingredients necessary were listed including a baked pie shell. The first sentence of the "method" said to combine all the ingredients "except the pie shell " Well, honeatly! . . .

TO GO BACK TO the fair for a minute. I noticed how many fund raising local efforts there had carmarked their proceeds for the Community Swimming Fund campaign It was good to see. The committee, just getting things really organized, tell me that Mrs. W. G. Fiebig, Victoria Crescent, is now acting as secretary for the campaign. I see a good start has been made at the preliminary landscaping around the pool . . .

. JUST TO PROVE that you never know what far reaching effects

we could look down on the road we had travelled. At times I thought we surely must drive right off into space. At last we reached the top, 3.000 feet-above and level, mountains all went down a narrow street lined with - around us. Here there was once a first class restaurant, today we stood on the terraced top of the rulns and gazed on just another sample of the destruction left by the war. The once beautiful marble terrace that so many enjoyed is no more, only a dilapidated ton room just below the top remains for us to take a cup of tea. Then down-those serpentine roads again. I wondered many times while on the train how the people ever reached the top of the hills . . . now I know that many of the terraces that I saw from the train, are actually roads that run parallel with each other, but about twenty feet above each other.

Tomorrow we leave for Venice. It's fashion. I think we went only a few a nine hour trip by train — all night, bus lengths in one direction, with the but I must see Venice, even though high mountain on one side and the it is so far out of our way. I have steep sides on the other, then around dreamed of riding in a gondola ever a sharp hairpin corner to retrace our since I was a girl so what is an all-

particularly of course, when it is printed in the Herald . . . Mrs. John Bell told us of a pleasant surprise her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snelgrove, Toronto, received recently, as a result of a little news item which appeared in the Herald . . .

... A parcel arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Snelgrove in the mail, which, when opened, proved to be a nice set of linen - sheet and pillow slips - from Dominion Textiles Ltd., Montreal. A little note with the gift congratulated the Snelgroves, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Agear. Apparently someone connected with the firm had noticed a news item in the Herald concerning a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rell here, to relebrate the anniversary. Since the Dominion Textile firm is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year, as a good-will gesture they are sending gifts of linen to couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

ENJOYED A DRIVE to see the leaves on the weekend. But' do you know that some of the prettiest and most vivid maples are right here in town. Made me all the more wishful that some public spirited groups get together in the various new subdivisions, as friend editor has already suggested, to plant and care for trees along the boulevards. And just as a purely personal opinion, I think our hard maples are pretty hard

to beat After discussing such lofty topics, it seems too had to end the column on to wit, bugs But I a lowly plane wonder what kind they are The other day a neighbor of ours had the whole side of their brick house covered with them I've seen them around our house, too, and heard others in town complain about them. They're about an inch long, with an inverted orange V on their wings, and they fly. They have 6 legs and antennae. Does anyone know what they are?

#### Leslie, Souther Get S&S, Silver Awards

William Leslie, son of Roxy Theatre owner Bill and Mrs Leslie, and a first year engineering student at the University of Toronto has been awar-

ded a Smith & Stone scholarship The second such award since the local firm inaugurated the award three years ago, it has a potential value of \$600, and is given in annual instalments of \$150 during the university course The scholarship was first won by Elling Berg, now in his third year at Varsity Last year there was

no winner William has already been given a dominion provincial bursary to help him on his way to an engineering de-

Another engineering student, Don Souther won the H Silver memorial award this year Established by clothing merchant Sid Silver in memory of his father Hyman Silver ,this is an annual \$150 award to a deserving student. Mr Silver also contributes awards to the public schools, honouring top students in Grade 8.

#### SERVICE CLUBS HAVE JOINT LADIES NIGHT

Ninety four Lions and Rotarians and their ladies enjoyed a roast turkey dinner at North Halton Golf and Country Club last Wednesday night, as well as entertainment by master of ceremonies Billy Meck, Nancy McCuaig.

accordionist and an acrobatic dancer. Jim Jones was chairman for the dinner, and called on Mayor Jack Armstrong to say Grace. Lion Harold McClure spoke a few words on behalf of the Lions and presented the president of the Rotary Club with a year's supply of servicites. Rotarian James Ritchie replied to Lion McClure, expressing the appreciation of the Rotary Club. Rotarian Steamer Emmerson proposed a toast to the ladies, to which Lionness Eleanor Gunning replied. Jim Ritchie proposed a vote of thanks to Ray Whitmee and his staff

who had catered for the dinner. Dancing to music by Doris Hulls' Orchestra followed the dinner and

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