

Nearing Home . . . And Good English Fried Fish

Letters No. 19 from the travelling Cordaro, finds them back in England after extensive travelling on the continent.

London, England, From Torino, Italy, we went to Paris France. Here once again we had wet weather but we still managed to take in some of the sights and do quite a lot of window shopping. Our next move was to Le Havre where we stayed overnight and visited the high spots the next day.

Outside the station is a long street lined both sides with shops. Here in Le Havre the merchants believe in taking their goods to the public. All along the streets each side is lined with stalls where one can buy anything from peanuts to elephants. It's just like a huge midway. There are fried cakes and candy stalls, all kinds of amusement stalls where the prizes run from dolls to clocks, further down is clothing of all description, even shoes and boots. One stall was all buttons, many stalls were jewelry and pots and pans. Across the street were the butchers, grocery, meats all cooked, butter and cheese, etc. then the section for amusement round a leaf, houses, cars, just like the exhibition. One could spend hours in looking at the various stalls on this street alone.

We walked over to the British rail ways at the docks to get our tickets for the channel crossing to Southampton and on the way noticed a lot of new buildings, also a tremendous lot of bus camps being erected. When we made enquiries about this, they told us that it was not the Germans who had bombed it so badly, but the Americans and Canadians. They said there were no Germans there at all when it was bombed, that the Germans had all gone. It seems fantastic that De Havre should have been laid in ruin by her own allies.

We took our ferry at 8:30 p.m. and sailed at 11:30 arriving at Southampton at 6 o'clock Sunday morning where we boarded our train for London. Oh, the blessed relief to hear an English voice after all the French and Italian. Now I decided my first meal would be good old English fried fish and it was. Now I could ask for bacon and eggs for breakfast. How I did miss that in Italy. Now I could get a steak and kidney pie as only the English can cook it. Now I could get a cup of coffee fit to drink, to say nothing of a good cup of tea. In the afternoon we went to Trafalgar Square and down by the Thames River. We took pictures of Big Ben, now under repairs. We went through St. Margaret's Church and viewed the Coronation chair with its Stone of Scone.

It was a beautiful day, sun shining and warm, very different from the wet cold weather in Paris and Rome. We walked in St. James Park and we watched the people feeding the swans and thousands of birds there, then we took some pictures of the changing of the guard. I saw all the old familiar names on those double decked buses, such as Marble Arch, Willesden, Piccadilly, Charing Cross, etc. We are only a few doors from Russell Square tube station, and we can travel to Piccadilly Circus in 5 minutes. Today we fed the pigeons in Trafalgar Square and visited the British museum. Tomorrow we may go to Southend by tube. It's only 7 shillings and 3 pence, that's about \$1.03 return. Then before we leave old England's shore we plan on another short visit to Cheltenham, to bid farewell to my relatives.

We have made the most of every hour of our trip. I never believed it possible for us to travel and see such wonderful sights and we only hope that our films will tell a little of the wonderful things we have seen. Soon we shall be sailing home once more to Canada, our trip over but the memory will last as long as we live. It was well worth it, both of us are getting along in years, travelling is not easy but we made it, and maybe someday we shall be able to take that longed-for trip to Jerusalem also.

Kay Cordaro.

Prizewinners at Lions Family Turkey Draw

Last Thursday evening the Lions Club held their "Family Night" turkey draw, in the Rose Room. It was a novel night and the club members had put an enormous amount of work and thought into the evening to make it something a family could enjoy. Unfortunately there wasn't too large a crowd, due perhaps to the fact that it was nomination night. Nevertheless one could say that it was a success. Everyone had a good time particularly those who were fortunate enough to win those lovely turkeys. The lucky people were: Stan Wade, Johnny Haines (2), Jim Jones, Gordon Preston, Cliff Pound, Jerry Gudgeon, Bud Gibbs, Joe Rice, Murray Malby, Tom Peavoy (2), Aileen Bradley, Jack McDougall, Mrs. Wesley Fiebig, the door prize of a large turkey. Gordon Preston won the two tires. Joan Harrison the radio, Jack Gunning the shot gun.

The fourth prize of \$25.00 merchandise at Scott Motors Limited is still unclaimed. The number is 745 but the name on the ticket is illegible. The club would appreciate holders of tickets checking their numbers to see if they are in possession of this lucky number.

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