

Arrival of Excursionists.

To the Editor of the Leader.

Sir.—The steamer Cumberland arrived in this port at six o'clock p. m., on Monday, the 10th inst., having on board a large number of excursionists, among whom were Messrs Laratt Smith, J. Patterson and Family, Frank F. Phillips, Alex. A. Allan, A. L. Wilson, J. H. Mitchell, W. Roof, F. K. Roof, Mrs F. Smith and family, Mrs Fog and family, and others from Toronto; also J. Briden and A. Malloch from Winnipeg, Thos. Dowse, of Duluth, and a number of American gentlemen. Most of the excursionists made the round trip from Toronto to Duluth and return. Starting from Toronto on Friday, 31st ult., by the Steamboat Express, we reached Collingwood at 5:30 p. m., when we were delayed for about three hours until a train conveying 500 Menonites from Toronto arrived. About 200 of them were taken on board the steamer started at 7:30 p. m., in the midst of a terrific thunder storm, and reached Owen Sound the same evening. In consequence of the storm we did not leave the Sound until five o'clock Saturday morning, when the weather proving favourable we proceeded to Bruce Mines, calling at Killarney and Smith Current, arriving at Bruce Mines at 8 o'clock a. m., Monday. The excursionists proceeded to the Mines, and although the works were closed they were enabled to examine the shafts and variety of specimens in iron and copper ore. We remained one hour and then started for Sauble, Marie, who we arrived at 6 p. m., then crossed to the American side, and were delayed about one hour passing through the canal, from this we made Silver Islet, about 7:30 p. m. Monday, and remained about half an hour, reaching Prince Arthur's Landing at 10:30 p. m. Most of the Toronto excursionists remained here until the return of the boat, visiting the Canada First Silver Mine, the 3 A. and silver mines in this locality, the rest proceeding to Duluth. The boat returned to Prince Arthur's Landing on Wednesday at 6 p. m., and on returning called at the same places as she had stopped at going up, the captain allowing the passengers 4 hours for fishing at Nipigon. The varied scenery from Killarney to Duluth gave the utmost satisfaction to the most fastidious of the excursionists, the steamer now passing through channels scarcely wide enough apparently to admit of her width and now gliding over shallow water where boulders could be easily seen at a depth of from 10 to 12 feet below the surface. About six miles of solid rock rising to a height of from 400 to 1,200 feet above the water, succeeded by a level plain or undulating stratification covered with stunted trees would for a time attract the attention. Again the steamer would wind its course among a cluster of islands, some rising to a great height, other just above the surface of the water, and it would at times appear to the uninitiated that the passage of the steamer must be obstructed, when suddenly she would swing from the channel and launch into the broad expanse of water. The scenery and novelties on this tour can scarcely be surpassed for variety or attractiveness, and the excursionists had every opportunity afforded to them through the kindness of Captain Parsons, not only of viewing the varied scenery, but also of examining and purchasing mineral ore and Indian work, fishing, &c. at the different ports or harbors. Indeed, the kindness and courtesy of the captain, praefer and officers of the steamer Cumberland towards the passengers seemed to engender a friendly and harmonious feeling among all the passengers themselves, so that not the slightest disturbance or discord occurred during the whole tour. We passed the steamer Ontario between Thunder Bay and Silver Islet, met the Chicora at Nipigon, and several other boats on our return trip. The weather, generally speaking, was beautiful, excepting a dense fog through which we passed on Thursday the 6th inst., and even this was an additional novelty as the fog whistles, which can be heard for 10 miles were almost constantly blowing. Altogether, the trip was a delightful one, and those who have experienced its pleasures can easily afford to accept the situation of an ordinary home pursuits while pleasing reminiscences of this Lake Superior Tour will more than compensate for the change.

Steamer Burned on Lake Huron.

OWEN SOUND, Aug. 22.—On the night of the 20th inst., as the steamer "City of London," owned in this town, was lying at the dock at Collins' Inlet, taking on board a cargo of lumber for Chicago, fire was observed to break out suddenly. An alarm was at once raised by those on deck, and it was with the greatest difficulty that those who had litged could make their escape to the dock, losing their wearing apparel and other effects. Unfortunately, Alexander Campbell, a young man, native of this town, perished in the flames. The boat is a total loss, burning to the water's edge. It is understood that there is an insurance of \$8000 on her. The company will be heavy losers. There is very little loss on the cargo, as there was only a small quantity of lumber on board.

Another Account.

The steamer "Silver Spray" arrived this morning from Sauble Marie, and reports as follows:—At half past nine o'clock Thursday night the "City of London," whilst lying at the dock in Collins' Inlet, took fire some where near the engine-room, and in a few minutes was in a mass of flames. She had about thirty passengers on board, who were in bed at the time, and barely escaped with their lives. So rapid was the spread of the fire that nearly all the passengers and boat hands lost their personal effects, and a great number jumped on the dock in their night-clothes. A tug was sent to Killarney to procure blankets and other necessaries for the sufferers. A deck hand named Archy Campbell, was burned to death. The "Silver Spray" brought the passengers here this morning. The purser of the "City of London" had not gone to bed when the alarm was given and cannot account for the origin of it. Within five minutes after it was discovered, the vessel was enveloped in flames. The officers and others lost every thing they had on board and only escaped with what clothing they had on. A man named Johnson, with his family, eight in all from the township of Arvon, was removing to Michigam, jacking with him household effects, stock and implements. He has lost everything, and had to borrow enough clothing from the mill hands to cover his family. The boat was insured with the Western for \$18,000. She is burned to the water's edge and lies in about 11 feet of water. About one hundred thousand feet of lumber on the dock was burned.

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