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## Diary of Trip Through West Indies and Tropical Regions by Claude V. Wright of Richmond Hill Who Recently Returned From Interesting Tour.

Travelling in New Places and Seeing New Things with Richmond Hill Resident

LADY NELSON. ON BOARD DESCRIPTION OF THE WEST INDIAN TOUR

Heavy showers of rain.

Second day, much better, wind going first time, climate getting much warbe felt. We are now only a short more lively. The ship has a splendid penetrate the harbor unless a ship distance from Bermuda. The Lady library, books to suit all tastes from stays in a few days. When you are 66 Nelson is a well appointed ship, the cream is served now which helps to of black children follow you wherever latest thing in comfort and elegance. | cool us off a little. ce, pleasant stewards, very courteous the Tropics and the sea is a glorious seemed contented with their lot in and obliging and willing to give you seen and this morning a large white February 15, 1930-Arrived at the any information. All in all so far a mird, with an extremely long tail was Island of Antigua and anchored about pleasant trip. I may say from the seen, this bird who's name at present a mile from shore. I did not go acaptain to the crew all are nice fellows, nothing to do but eat and sleep motion, rather clumsy and awkward in is a wonderful blue at Antigua, this and pay social visits with our travell- the extreme. The day is filled with is the first place I saw sharks, small ing companions.

ton the capital, rather a small town, awning was put over the ship to keep ged and mountainous island volcanic totally lacking in motor cars. Only off the rays of the sun while the vari-Beautiful white coral houses gleaming lots took part. Everybody seems to men. The people of this island have person stayed long enough. Made a Last night we had horse races, small tai of the island is Plymouth and a tour of the island in an old fashioned bets were placed and lots of fun was very quaint old town, it is. All kinds Victoria with a colored driver, who had by all. We shall be at St. Kitts of tropical fruits grow here, if given interest, including the famous Wond- after leaving Bermuda. The boat is of lack of cultivation. The people erland cave of Coral way down in the making good time and doing splendid-Langing from the top and stalagmites rises and sunsets. Altogether this is number the men, and try to improve sticking up from the bottom. These quite an education one, never to be themselves as much as possible. coral formations form wonderful forgotten for a long, long time, one vegetable forms, at the bottom clear winter for summer, but so it is and for permission to publish the diary sparkling water, which would at first the actual facts are with us. We sight to be only a few inches deep, but on investigation proved to be more thirteen years of age on the ship, so than thirty feet deep. This water has a strong quantity of lime and when dripping down the (Stalagmites) Chrystalizes and becomes hard. On tapping various stallagmites with a small hammer various musical notes of the scale are sounded producing giorious tropical moon is shining, it music and harmony. The vegetation of this island is semi-tropic, numerou cocoanut palms, sago palms, date palms, banana trees and coffee tree abound; also fire dragon Bougainville paw, paw trees and the magnificent royal palm. The Bermuda cedar aso Oleanders, then there is the Screw

the roadways are solid and are formed ashore and saw the sights of the town of coral and are excellent for wheels, which is called Basse. Terre, and is While the waterfront seems to be the the capital of the island, this island oldest part of the town and really not has great sugar plantations, wondervery clean, still it is very interesting, ful fields of sugar cane, it is also very especially the old fashioned spiral iron mountainous. The town is an ancistair cases, which reach to the upper ent one, old fashioned streets, houses stories. We paid a visit to the with great thick walls, wonderful co-Cathedral, and were shown around by coanut palms, and all kinds of tropical the Portugese verger who explained fruits, at the present time the island to us the numerous details, this Cath- is in a bad way commercially, they edral is especially interesting because are unable to find a market for their of the material which comprises its sugar, the price being very low, gasobuilding, wonderful coral and lime-line comes very high here, also other stone, including Nova Scotia lime- products. The female population also stone, and Caen stone from France. predominated like the other islands, made for weeks and perhaps months The stained glass windows are beauti- negroes loll and lie all over the streets of medical attention with nothing ful, the woodwork, Bermuda cedar, not much work seems to be done. It and Nova Scotia pine. Wonderful is very hot in the streets, the sun residences abound with their luxurious beats down vertically, and certainly tropic verdure in the gardens. The scorches one. The town of Basse negroes are interesting and very cour-lTerre is not very big, I would judge tegus, with English accents, they are about 8000 people, it nestles at the very nicely dressed, and remarkably foot of a fairly big mountain range. clean. Girls certainly abound on this Life in these islands I fancy is rather island, there are also numerous Port- slow, and a person would die of nothugese descendants here. During our irg to do. It is well policed, and the limited stay we had a very pleasant beggars are kept away very politely. time. I don't think I would care to After staying in the town for a while stay here all my life. I think I would I was glad to come back on the boat be bored to death. However every- to get cool, we have to be rowed a-

cedar, and here and there mangrove

c'clock a. m. we left Bermuda, it was the negro population is quite a proba cool morning and the water in the lem, it is pretty hard to know what to harbour was much rougher. We are give them to do, they must live someapproaching the tropic zone, the sky; how, and work is none to plentiful in has been cloudy all day but the ocean the West Indies. calmed down somewhat, nothing much | February 14th, 1930-Left St. Kitts

board having a jolly good time. ntario sun this morning was very hot and ing to help and assist the visitors in

fans going to cool us off. I caughtlook funny, but are kept spotlessly a slight cold in Bermuda but it is pas- clean, and considering the island is in sing away. Having a good salt wat- the tropics fairly cool the streets beer bath every morning and feeling fine ing well tempered by the sea-breeze.

tions very entertaining and amusing. ing creature, and the way he dives in-Left Halifax 12.30 a. m. Saturday, So far have had no sea-sickness, prov- to the water after fish is a great thing first day out was very rough and ing a pretty good sailor, let's hope it to see. This is a great island for squally, with choppy seas. Ship continues as I think it will. The sea cocoanuts, groves and groves of cocoapitching and tossing considerably, a the farther we go south, and such bundance. The bread fruit tree also large number of passengers sick. beautiful sunsets to are a delight to grows thick on this island. It is a the eye. These ships do not speed, great place for cactus. I picked one but keep a steady run all the time. It and got my fingers full of pricks. down and sea much calmer, but still full capacity speed and much easier tainous being of volcanic origin. All with a heavy swell, the ship still roll- on her engines. She is an oil burner the mountains are extinct volcanoes ing somewhat, passengers beginning and remarkably clean and spick and enormous craters showing in every to appear now quite a number for the span, no coal dust to annoy very easy one. This is the place to get tanned mer, we are now in the Gulf stream. bacco smoke. Dancing has commen- round these islands and also very The sun's rays are also beginning to ced and made the evenings a little deep, sharks are outside, but do not

February 13, 1930-We are now in ies. They are happy go-lucky and is unknown, has a peculiar motion in shore at this place but intend to visit using its wings a kind of a flopping it on the return journey. The water glorious sunshine, well tempered by ones. The sharks are thick in this Monday, February 10, 1930. Arriv- the sea breeze, last night was a beaut- vicinity. Left Antigua at 1 p. m. ed at Bermuda a glorious, beautiful iful moonlight one. The moon seems and after a four hours sail arrived at prorning. The bluest of blue seas, so close in these regions, and extra the island of Montserrat the place varying in all shades of blue, Hamil- bright. Today for the first time an famous for it's limes. This is a rugsaw one truck in the whole island. ous deck games were indulged in and was rowed as usual by native boata dazzling radiance in the sun. Rather have got over their seasickness now, a slight Irish brogue, having been sethard on the eyes, I should fancy if a and so things are merry and bright. tled at one time by Irish. The capito-morrow. Our first port of call a chance, but the island shows signs ly. The tropics have wonderful sun- same usual thing the women far out-

shapes resembling various animal and can hardly realise, that we have left have only one boy about twelve or I have a great time keeping him amused, because he is too shy to play and visits of the tour, but of course with the little girls. To-night at 7 o'clock, we sighted the lighthouse on Sombrero Island the

first sight of land for three days. shines with a far greater brilliance than in temperate zones. The sea gets calmer the farther we go south. Hats off, coats off just imagine in Febfruary, hardly believable but true all night, April 4th are now on sale. the same. We are having a progressive bridge to-night in aid of the seabounds everywhere, lillies and onions mans and orphans fund, I am not hibiscus, which lines the roadways; al- taking part myself but there is a good crowd nevertheless.

February 14, 1930-Arrived at St. Kitts, Leeward Islands, a beautiful Palms for most part line the streets morning, a real tropic morning. Went shore by native boatmen at a shilling Tuesday, February 11, 1930, at 7 ahead. It gives them employment,

of interest is happening just now, as at 1.30 and sailed for the island of the Lady Nelson plows her way south. Nevis, which is only twelve miles dis-Her cargoe is much lighter, but she is tant, arrived there at half past two riding the seas steadily and truly. o'clock. Was rowed ashore by Nat-This is the first day we have indulged ive boatmen and paid an interesting in deck games, which helps to bring visit to the town of Charleston which the passengers closer together. A is the capital. This is a very ancient strange thing thus far and that is we town, full of history, especially conhave had no dances, people must be nected with Nelson who met his future fed up or something. Radio music is wife here and was also married at a the only orchestra we have on board, place called fig-tree which is only five I may say that the meals on board miles from this town. The town itare certainly fine quality, being the self is very clean, especially the water keynote all through. This vessel front. The native quarter however while not appearing big, certainly is very dirty and dilanidated and the holds a great cargo, where she puts natives are a miserable looking lot it I don't know. Everybody on rays and tatters, lazy and indolent but the same remarkable thing about February 12, 1930. The good ship this island as about St. Kitts is the still plowing her way south, this is a cleanness and neatness of the native day of squalls, but the sea very calm, girls who are very nice and polite, and signs of the tropics are now beginning like the other island abound in great to be seen. We saw our first flying numbers. The police are all Black. ishes to-day-a school of them. This and are smart, spick and span in neat ship's officers changed from blue uni- white uniforms, and have a fine miliforms to white also to-day. The tary carriage. They are always willwe had to take off some clothes, the every way. The streets of this ancideck games continued and everyone ent town are very interesting, narrow seemed happy, and still enjoying the and quaint and are reminiscent of voyage. We shall soon have all the France, the little old fashioned stores,

I have two wonderful cabin compan- The great Pelican bird is an interestis much cheaper not to run them to This island like St. Kitts is very mounon the clothes and soforth. Smoke is with the tropical sun and you certaina scarce article on board except to- ly do get it. The water is very blue

you go persistently begging for penn-

(We are indebted to Mr. Wright kept on his recent tour of the West Indies. We are assured that it is a faithful record of outstanding events we cannot vouch that it included everything that happened on the trip. We are sure it will be interesting to our readers. (Ed.)

Tickets for the Board of Trade hanquet which will be held Friday Municipality of the Township of Vaughan

# Notice re Roads

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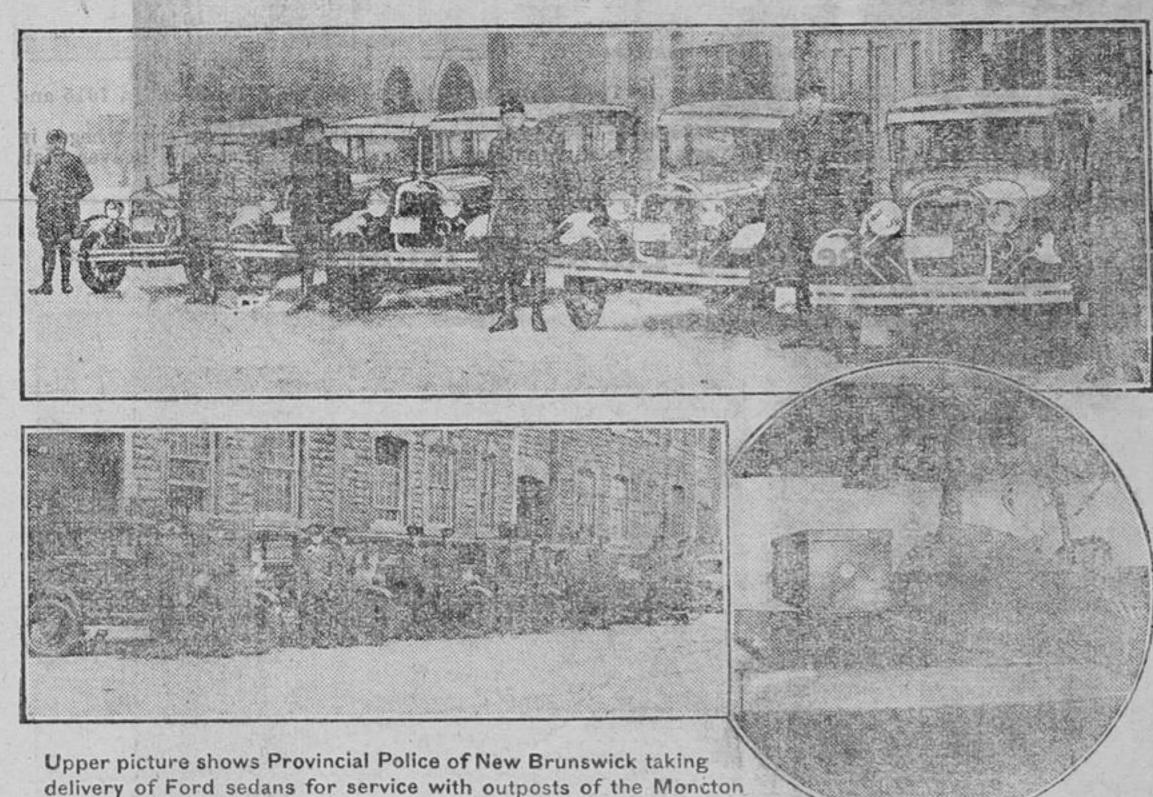


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## Police of Canada and States Enlist Auto and Radio for Crime Detection



delivery of Ford sedans for service with outposts of the Moncton district. Below are six additional cars which increase the fleet of the Customs Excise Preventive Police to 73. In the circle is one of the fleet of radio-equipped Fords used by the Detroit police force.

ANADIAN police are included | They are operated over all kinds of Camong those officials who believe that the mental effect of quick capture is a powerful deterrent to crime. With the advent of the telephone, the morale of law offenders began to weaken and the arm of the authorities was strengthened.

Now comes the automobile as an accessory in crime-chasing and detection. And to it, in various cities | of the States, is being added the advantage of radio communication with central headquarters.

The Provincial Police of New Brunswick are using a fleet of Ford sedans for service with outposts of the Moncton district with Police Sergeant Nicholson supervising their operation.

The total fleet of the same type of car in use throughout the Dominion by the Customs-Excise Preventive Service has been increased recently to 73. These cars are used for border patrol work along the

roads and in all kinds of weather and temperatures. Records of performance have caused the service to standardize on this one type of Canadian-built car. It is the experience of police officials in all parts of the North American continent that the sedan type of car proves the most dependable and adaptable for police needs.

"Shock" Service in Toronto

"Shock troop" service is the use that Toronto police make of 25 Fords. A car is allocated to each district station and is in readiness at all times for cases that demand

quick action.

police cars. "The new fast, light car is admirably adapted to police work," he writes, adding: "I believe that and other cities have large motor

motorcycles which are now being used for the purpose of regulating persons who drive recklessly."

Close cost statistics were kept on two Ford sedans used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police between June 2 and August 31, 1929. Oné was driven 3955 miles at a cost of \$.0222 a mile and the other 3194 miles at a cost of \$.0224 a mile. The first did 20.39 miles per gallon of gasoline and the second 19.48 miles. Repairs cost \$14.65 for the first and \$10.95 for the second.

In the United States, Detroit and other cities have gone a step further and equipped motor fleets with radio, so that information may be sent to them while they are in motion. Secrecy is maintained by the short wave lengths used by the police broadcasting stations. Since Chief of Police C. H. Newton, of last April more than 1000 import-Winnipeg, is among those who find | ant arrests have been accomplishadded service in the availability of | ed in Detroit alone within three minutes from the time the warn-

ing was broadcast. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia Canadian-United States boundary. | before long they will supercede the | fleets of "bandit chasers."