

THE TRIBUNE

is published
THURSDAY AFTERNOON
 TERMS—2.00 a year in advance
 A. V. Nolan, publisher
 STOUFFVILLE ONT.

VISITING THE ALLIES

It's a fine thing to actually feel that the best part of a great and important holiday tour is the coming home, and being able to mingle once again with fellow townsmen. Such is the experience of the editor of The Tribune after an absence of nearly two months spent in Belgium, France and the United Kingdom, with a party of Canadian editors. In as brief a space as possible we shall give a resume of our trip in this and the next two issues of the Tribune.

Our party went aboard the C.P.R. steamship, The Melita, at Montreal on the morning of June 11th, and were soon on the way out the St. Lawrence River, the length of which is a revelation to any who have not travelled its seemingly unending course, and it was therefore two days before we saw the last sight of land.

On being assigned our staterooms, we were soon exploiting the boat, and learning about the Melita. She is a second-class passenger vessel of 14,000 tons displacement, and while there are larger vessels afloat, there are also many ocean going boats of 6000 tons. It was impossible for our party to travel by larger craft owing to our destination being Antwerp, an European city situated well inland on the River Scheldt, in Belgium which since the war has never been dredged owing to the proverty of the Belgium government, and our vessel was towed up that water-way by tug boats.

Breakfast was served aboard the liner immediately after she left the harbor. It was the first meal on an ocean liner partaken of by most of our party, and was a revelation in its variety.

This was the menu:
 Bananas, oranges, apples, Compote of Prunes, Stewed Peaches, Stewed Figs, Quaker Oats, Force Cream of Wheat, Post Toasties, Grape Nuts, Corn Flakes, Puffed Rice, Crumbled Bran, Puffed Wheat, Fried Whiting, Findon Haddie in Cream, Eggs, Boiled, Poached or Country style (to order), Fried or Turned Egg.

Omelette: Plain, Ham or Parsley (5 minutes).
 Broiled Canadian Bacon, Hashed Lamb and Walnuts, American Dry Hash Cake.

To order from Grill: (10 minutes) Cumberland Ham.

Buffet: Boar's Head, Galantine of Veal, White and Graham Rolls, Roast Griddle Cakes, Corn Muffins, Scotch Baps, Bath Buns, Jam, Honey Marmalade, Tea, Cocoa, Coffee.

Our ship carried 2500 persons, more than twice the population of Stouffville, 750 of this number made up the crew, while the remainder were 3rd class passengers, excepting 500 of which we were part, composing the mono-class (a combination of 1st and 2nd class). The dining room had a seating capacity for about 300 persons, so that it required two sittings to feed the people in our part of the boat. The 3rd class, of course, had a separate dining room, and a good one it was too. In addition to this there were various tea rooms, a lounge room and smoking room. The many big fire places which add to the cheeriness of the rooms are operated by electricity, while any additional heat is provided by steam process.

During the voyage I took a trip through the 3rd class quarters and was surprised to find such splendid accommodation provided in that class. Many well-to-do people travel in the third class now-a-days for it is much superior to what it was some years ago. The meals include five and six courses, and compare well with those served to the other classes.

An interesting feature on the boat is the nursery where babes in arms and up to six years are cared for by the ship's nurses. The room is provided with rocking horses, kiddie cars, black boards, and all manner of amusements, as well as cots for the weary ones to rest in. When I visited the place there were fourteen little folks making a din of noise.

There were a great many passengers of interest on board and some of them we had an opportunity to meet. Old country people returning home, some having made good in Canada, while others made almost a failure, and returned home to seek work. An interesting gentleman was Father Vacher, a missionary on the Mackenzie River, 1200 miles from Edmonton. He ministers to the Indians, and teaches the children the French language. It is 25 years since Father Vacher first went out from his home in France, and he had never seen an electric light until he came out this time. Although Fort Smith, his home among the Indians, has a very short summer, the days are so long that they are able to raise grain and vegetables successfully. Miss Helms, a former school teacher in Stouffville, was among the party representing her father's paper in Essex County.

Out in the Gulf of St. Lawrence we saw our first and only whale on the trip across. We were attracted by his antics of sending a great shower of water into the air, as if spouted from some huge fountain. During our second night on the open sea we passed the 'Empress of France', and her signal informed us that they had had fair weather and an uneventful voyage across. Had these boats passed at a greater distance the wireless would have been used, but we were close enough to use the flash signal, such as is used between the vessels of the fleet,

as we learned afterwards. Cricket, tennis and shuttleball are the chief deck sports. The latter game is similar to lawn bowling or curling, and they all serve to provide the needed exercise while on board.

Seasickness is the common form of illness, and we fell a prey to it for a couple of days. Following a heavy sea more than 75 per cent of the people at the sitting in our dining-room were missing from meals for from one to three days, and some never turned up until we reached Antwerp. The recollection of that sickness is now only a horrible memory to me, and I am mighty thankful it is something we escape on land.

Our boat had been travelling about 375 miles per day of 24 hours, and this soon brought us to Southampton where the party disembarked for a brief spell to travel through a portion of the famous old forest planted in the days of the Normans, and whose towering oaks are the admiration of visitors. Returning to the boat we were again on our way for an afternoon and evening trip to Antwerp, our final destination by boat. Sailing up the Channel we had an excellent view of the Isle of Wight and when we reached the Scheldt River, we got our only glimpse of Holland with its dikes and straw covered dwellings. On the morning of June 22nd we landed at Antwerp, where we were given a Civic reception, and an opportunity to inspect the docks, said to be the third largest in the world, being surpassed by London and Liverpool.

Here and There

Radio stations are to be established near Montreal and Vancouver as links in the Empire wireless station program as the result of arrangements just completed between the British Government, the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada and the affiliated Marconi companies.

The Manitoba Pulp and Paper Company will, it is understood, shortly establish a plant at St. Boniface, near Winnipeg, Man. The company plans to expend \$3,600,000 of its \$5,000,000 capital on immediate operations, and to build a 200-ton newsprint mill, employing about 700 men.

Canada's trade is growing at a faster ratio than ever before, despite the war. She now sells to 100 and buys from 77 countries. Her total foreign trade, in the calendar year 1923, reached \$1,918,264,789, an increase of 16 per cent in one year, and her interchange of commerce increased 70 per cent between 1913-14 and the past year.

John B. Thompson, noted sportsman and writer on the out-of-doors, widely and popularly known by his pen name of "Ozark Ripley", is visiting the Canadian Pacific bungalow camps in Ontario, giving demonstrations of his skill as a fly and bait caster, as well as free casting lessons to guests and informal talks on fishing and other outdoor subjects.

Creating a new record for the 15 years it has been in business, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company will have handled 50,000,000 bushels of grain through its commission department in the 1923-4 season, it is announced. The estimate of grain handled through terminal elevators for the 1923-4 season is 58,000,000 bushels.

The steel superstructure of the new Ste. Anne de Beaupre Basilica, which is to replace the destroyed edifice at the famous shrine, has now been completed and it is expected that by next July the exterior of the church will be nearly finished. It is not anticipated, however, that the building will be entirely ready until July, 1926. In the meantime, thousands of pilgrims continue to visit the shrine and several miracles have been recently reported.

Figures issued by the Department of Agriculture for the Province of Quebec show that there has been a marked improvement in the condition of farmers of the province over last year, due to good crops, to such an extent that, instead of distributing grain seeds to the value of over \$125,000 as was the case last year, only \$60,000 worth was necessary to meet this year's requirements. Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture for the province, basing his anticipations on present crop prospects, expects a still further improvement in the near future.

"Never has the opportunity for Canadian business in the Orient been so good as it is today," said Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in Montreal recently. "It is true that the general volume of business in China and Japan is somewhat below normal owing to both local and world conditions, but if Canadian manufacturers and producers now fail to make an effort to secure the large share of Oriental trade that would naturally come to them, the opportunity will pass and someone else will get the business."

Following its success at the British Empire Exhibition, the Canadian Pacific Railway is arranging unusually fine displays for fall exhibitions in Canada. At Toronto, the exhibits will include a Northern Ontario hunting scene, having a painted background sixty by sixteen feet, a feature of which will be moose and deer moving through the forest and an attendant guide to give information to enquirers. A full-sized model of the front of a Canadian Pacific engine and other displays illustrative of the company's many activities will also be shown.

CHERRIES

Montmorency Cherries will be ready in a few days

let us have your orders early. The same

good quality as usual.

RATCLIFF & CO.

GREAT BARGAINS

TO CLEAR OUT STOCK

- 11 pair Men's Tan Oxfords\$3.49
- Women's Sandals, patent and tan at.....\$1.99
- 12 pairs Women's Patent Boots to go at....\$1.99
- Women's White Canvas Shoes, leather soles, only 49c.

A. G. LEHMAN
 FOOTWEAR OF MERIT
 STOUFFVILLE ONT.
 PHONE 4301

Clearing Prices

- Men's fine Shirts reg \$1.50 Sale price \$1.00
- Men's Work shirts 75c.
- Men's Khaki Pants \$1.35
- Peabody's Overalls Reg. \$3.00 Sale price \$2.00
- Men's Running Shoes Reg. \$1.75 Sale price \$1.50
- Boy's Running Shoes Reg. \$1.75 Sale price \$1.25
- All Shoes at reduced prices; call and see them before you buy

J. L. LITTLE

WEST END, STOUFFVILLE

COAL, CEMENT, SALT, TILE and FLOUR

COAL—Select Lump Steam Coal, Lehigh Valley Stove, Chestnut and Pea sizes. Solway Coke.

CEMENT—Canada Brand

SALT—50 lb., 100 lb.; 200 lb. sacks and bbls.

FLOUR and FEED—Bran; Shorts; Manitoba Oats; Oil Cake; Five Crown Flour for Bread; Jubilee for Pastry

TILE—3 inch; 4 inch and 6 inch on hand

Highest Prices Paid for Alsike and Grain of all kinds

W. S. COOK

Telephones—Office 169, Residence 171

STOUFFVILLE MARKETS

August 13th:

Dairy	
Eggs	27 to 28
Butter	29 to 30
Cattle, Hogs, etc.	
Hogs Smooth	8.50
Hogs Select	9.40
Butchers	4 to 6
Cows	3 to 4
Calves	7.00 to 9.00
Common Calves	4.50
Butchers	7.00
GRAIN	
Oats	40 to 46
Fall Wheat	1.00
Goose Wheat	90
Barley	62 to 67

Agents Wanted

The careful attention to our customers' orders and the splendid stock supplied for years past warrants us in having a representative or two in this county. Liberal Commissions. Free Outfit. Write at once for Exclusive Territory.

THOS. W. BOWMAN & SON COMPANY
 RIDGEVILLE, ONT.
 STAR NURSERIES

FAT HENS
 I will pay a special price for Fat Hens. Sam Golden. Apply at Pen-nock's Livery.

W. H. SHAW'S

Still Further Reductions

Our Mid-Summer Clearing Sale is STILL GOING ON. We have a great number of summer goods we must clear out at further reduced prices.

- Ladies Voile Dresses, reg. \$6.00, Sale Price \$3.00
- Ladies' Gingham Dresses reg. \$3.50 and \$5.00 Sale Price \$2.19
- 3 pieces of Voile left, Sale Price 19c yard
- Ladies' White Voile Blouses Clearing at 19c.
- Boys' Wash Suits, Sale Price 39c.
- Ginghams reg. 25c. Sale Price 19c.
- Ladies' Fancy Collars Sale Price 19c.
- Children's Gingham Dresses Sale Price \$1.00
- Men's Fine Shirts reg. \$1.50, and \$2.00. Sale Price \$1.00
- Men's Balbriggan Underwear reg. 75c. Sale Price 39c
- Purses, reg. \$2.00 Sale Price \$1.19
- Purses, reg. \$2.5 and \$5.00 Sale Price \$1.98
- Ladies' and Children's Cotton Hose reg. 35c. Sale Price 19c.
- Boy's Caps reg. \$1.00 Sale Price 39c.

W. H. SHAW

PHONE 9512 STOUFFVILLE

Store remains open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings

Closes Friday at 12 o'clock

F. T. HILL & CO., Limited

SUCCESSORS TO TODD & COOK

Highest Prices Paid for Alsike, Red Clover, Timothy, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover

Bags supplied if desired

OFFICE PHONE 1401, HOUSE 189

L. E. TODD, Managing Director.