

ST. STEPHEN LADY WRITES
VERY ENTERTAININGLY OF
AUTO TRIP TO SUNNY SOUTH

(Mrs. C. A. Murphy in St. Stephen Courier.)
When leaving Saint Stephen, I promised to write you of our trip to Florida. Well here goes.

We made the trip from St. Stephen to Boston in fourteen hours, over a trail so well known to people who read the Courier that it is unnecessary to describe it. We visited friends in Roxbury, Lynn, Mattapan and Dorchester for three weeks and then hit the pike for Florida.

The first three days the weather was cold, we left in December, then we had a week of rain, now we are looking in heat similar to a hot July in St. Stephen. We came by way of Providence, New London and to White Plains, New Jersey, then over the Nyack ferry, down river to Hoboken left the car there and crossed over the Hoboken ferry into New York to see Miss Kaye C. Kurn. We were disappointed there for she was away from home and as there were two cars of us traveling together we couldn't spare the time to wait, so called on others and crossed back to Hoboken.

Busy New York.
New York is very busy, has wonderful buildings, is the largest and wealthiest city in the world, according to report. They claim it has ten million workers! Its wealth overvalues ten billion dollars, its luxury outlives all earth's Babylons, it handles one-half of the United States imports and exports, produces one-eighth of the United States manufactured goods, sews one-half of the United States clothing, prints one-half of the United States books and magazines, has more immense skyscrapers than any other four cities in the world and larger extent of subway. "Watch your step" is the password and I would like to add "Make it lively too." I would like to say that I think Boston can run it a close second in most things, especially subways, but I would have to get out of New York to say it, or do so in a whisper. They are jealous of their reputation in the world's busiest city. They claim Fifth Avenue stands fifth in New York but first in the world, and is the earth's most brilliant, opulent way. They are welcome to it. I don't want to live there. Central Park is its only bit of real country, the West side is the home of the bourgeoisie, the East side of the Bolshevik and Billionaire, Riverside Drive is beautiful along the Hudson River. So much for New York.

From Hoboken we passed into Newark and found the heaviest traffic we encountered on the trip. It is a very busy manufacturing city. They tell us Newark does the heavy manufacturing for Manhattan in cotton, leather and iron.

Philadelphia.
I liked Philadelphia best of all the

cities we visited. It is Pennsylvania's Metropolis, situated on broad flats between two rivers, the home of Benjamin Franklin, who was the leading citizen of his time. The chief steps of the Revolution took place there. It has a wealth of small houses mostly red brick with beautiful white steps and green shutters and the city is splendidly laid off with long, wide streets and Fairmont Park, the largest in the United States is the city's pride. It boasts of being the world's workshop and has seventy-five freight stations. Thirty miles of wharves make it mighty in sea trade. Factories lead in locomotives, ships, textiles. City Hall's huge pile, with William Penn atop, centers all. Broad street station is the lair of Pennsylvania R. R.'s Reading station is the head of a great coal road. Wanamaker's is John's original store enlarged. Independence Hall saw the Declaration of Independence signed in 1776 and first congress was held in Carpenter's Hall in 1774. It has a Historical Society, Academy of Fine Arts, United States Mint, Old Swedes church marks the 1638 colony. Betsy Ross sewed the first Stars and Stripes there in 1777. League Island is the largest base of the U. S. Navy and it has many other interesting buildings and institutes which I haven't space to describe.

From here we went on to Baltimore over the Capital Trail which is a beautiful thoroughfare, more commonly known as the Lincoln Trail Highway. Baltimore is a great canning centre and the metropolis of Maryland. Old National Road was the first highway to Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad laid the first rails over the Alleghenies, Washington's Monument surveys the city. It has several fine institutions, chief among them Peabody's Institute, books, paintings, statuary, Wallace collection. The cathedral is the chief seat of Catholics in the United States. John Hopkins Hospital sets the pace in surgery and John Hopkins University leads in research. Druid Hill Park Baltimore's pride, is loveliness personified. Eutaw Place is beautiful with palatial homes. It is beautiful now and must be magnificent dressed in summer colors.

The U. S. Capital.
From Baltimore we went on to Washington, America's capital and the world's loveliest city, site selected by General Washington in 1790. The city is laid off by diagonal avenues bisecting rectangular streets. The avenues are named after the 48 states in the Union. The streets north and south are numbered, east and west are lettered. The circles are named for noted men. The capital dome dominates the city from its hill. Visitors are allowed in the East Room only from 10 to 2. It contains Statuary Hall with its paintings and statues, supreme

court, Houses of Senators and Representatives, Library of Congress Agricultural Department displays, plants from bud to fruit, engraving and printing bureau, makes greenbacks. Treasury Building holds Uncle Sam's pocket book. War departments spends most of the money. The White House is the president's home and office. There we have the Census Bureau, Naval Observatory, Weather Bureau forecasting "old Probabilities", and other bureaus too numerous to mention. Ford's Theatre, where Booth shot Lincoln, is in Washington, now called Lincoln Memorial mourning the great emancipator, Washington Monument is 555 feet high. Potomac Park has public golf, tennis, boating.

Next we have Richmond, the metropolis of Virginia. As a confederate capital it was Union goal 1861-5. Factory negroes roll billions of cigarettes. The capital, sits in the park, ringed round by public edifices, confederate "White House" is now a museum. Richmond can boast of historical relics, local curios, etc. Hollywood came here, has noted Virginian's graves. Monument avenue honors leaders of the "Lost Cause". Here it began to rain and it rained all the time we were going through North and South Carolina and Georgia and long after we crossed the line into Florida.

Great Pine Forests.

North and South Carolina have immense pine forests. Georgia splendid cotton fields. The Carolinas have splendid roads, but it took us three days to get through the Georgia mud and we still have some of it on our cars.

We have been over a goodly portion of the state of Florida and it is all beautiful with color and sunshine but we have concluded that the climate is all they have to sell down here and as long as the northerners come here they will continue to sell it at good prices too. Florida has splendid orange groves, grape fruit, coconut palms, etc. The banana season is over now but the trees are still left and are very graceful looking. The Indian River country, from Daytona south, is very beautiful with its winding, shady drives and splendid foliage, and cool breezes.

Miami, the magic city of Florida is a busy city of pleasure seekers. It is called "the land winter forgot" but I can assure the world the sun hasn't forgotten it and was betide the one who comes with a flat pocket book. Skyscrapers attest local faith in its future but a good deal of its business is being done on paper and some day will be "pay day" then what. Somebody will pay. If you want to spend a lot of money come to Miami. A Mediterranean climate forces tropic growth it has sea breezes, midnight rains mellow the heat only for that northerners could not live. A million dollar causeway leads to a sea Eden and it has a 40 mile seaboard with splendid speedway, the Miami Riviera, but I wouldn't give a nice comfortable home in New Brunswick for it all, and we have some State of Maine boys with us who say "Them's my sentiments too."

Some Adventures.
We had several amusing adventures on our trip, notable among them—one. In a small place on the border of Bridgeport we stopped and got permission to pitch our tents for the night. While we were getting settled an officer appeared and demanded our papers, licenses, etc. In looking over our passports he said "Who are these Murphys." My husband said "I am John Murphy, this is Mrs. Murphy and this is Claude Murphy". The officer turned round with a broad grin and said (holding out his hand) "Shake, my name is O'Brien, tear up your papers." But we didn't tear them up, we still have them and may need them yet. We may meet others who are no O'Briens.

While I am writing sitting in the tent, there is a little chap about two years old parading back and forth with the suit our Mother Nature gave him and a small diaper and he looks very cool. I am wishing I was two years old, too, and could appear in public dressed just as he is.

While in South Carolina we met a car with two young fellows going back north and all over their car they had written in chalk, letters six inches long, "Back to the snow balls for mine." If they hadn't been going so fast I would have liked to shake hands with them.

Trying to Come Back.
Another time we met a man with his wife trudging along beside him and he was pushing a wheelbarrow containing two children. Upon inquiry we found he had to sell his car to provide food for them and was going back to Pennsylvania. A collection was taken up in the tourist camp and he got \$35.00 which would help some. At one camp we met a couple who had failed in Florida, or had probably gone there expecting too much and regretted the fact that they hadn't made a fortune in a month. The lady was very bitter. When asked what

the natives did for a living she snapped out, "They skin the rattlesnakes in summer and the Yankees in winter."

All Disgusted.
Another car we met contained five smart looking young men bound back north. On the back of their car they had written in chalk, "Five disgusted millionaires." They had eight dollars and expected to reach Newark, New Jersey. They were in Virginia. I don't think there is any need of that for there is plenty of work and all those stories of the high cost of provisions are not true. You can get board and room here in Hollywood for twelve dollars a week, and we haven't seen anybody who wanted \$4.00 a night for allowing you the privilege of sleeping on a verandah. There are lots of tourist camp grounds provided with light and water and all sanitary conveniences and the most we have had to pay yet for space for our car and tent was fifty cents a day; and they will run an electric light line into your tent for 25 cents a week. Potatoes are \$8.00 a barrel, meat averages about the same as in St. Stephen, canned goods about the same, bread 15 cents for a small loaf, 18 for a large one, and both are large and good bread, butter 60 cents a pound, sugar 9 cents a pound, milk 15 cents a quart, tea 60 cents a pound, and and other things accordingly.

Masons get \$2.00 an hour, rough carpenters, \$1.00, good first class carpenters \$1.12, plumbers most anything they ask, truck drivers \$25.00 a week, and retail men, all the rest. They are the people who make money. We met a Mr. Cotton who formerly lived in Calais. He is now in Daytona. He told us as an example, he got a letter from a man who had land to sell, asking for an offer. He wrote him he would give his "\$50.00 an acre for it but it was worth more." His offer was accepted and next day he sold it for \$800.00 an acre. Do real estate men make money? I'll say they do. Real estate and climate are all Florida has. It doesn't grow anything except native fruits. Has no manufacturing plants, too far from the base of supplies, and the cost of transportation is too great. The soil is mostly a white sand. You can buy lumber here far cheaper than you can in any part of New Brunswick and it is all planned smooth, even the studding for most all the buildings we have seen yet.

A Big Hotel.
Here in Hollywood now they are clearing up ground to build the world's largest Hotel about two miles from where our tent is. They tell us the thermometer only registers 87 and 98 in summer but I take notice that all the northerners we have seen yet say they go back north by the first of May on account of the heat. The mosquitos here now, are as big as our June bugs, and the June bugs here look like mud turtles.

In one of the North Carolina tourist camps a dance was in progress as we arrived and it was the funniest performance I ever saw. I'm going to illustrate it for Miss Mowatt to put in her pageant for 1926 and I know it will bring down the house. The music was a violin and banjo, the tune "The Arkansas Traveller" and heavens, couldn't those boys and girls dance, fast and furious is the way to express it. A North Carolinian called it off and it sounded like this. "All hands rayound", "heads and feets in", "sides in", ladies chain and hoof it dayown", "swing yo partners and all hands rayound." Fun, I'll say it was fun, I laughed till I cried. Now if this is worth printing, go to it.

In the three prairie provinces Canada has set apart 28,422,000 acres for forestry purposes.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to the provisions of the Fredericton Assessment Act of 1907, there will for the purpose of satisfying the arrears of City taxes for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 inclusive, made and assessed against Arthur Gray (and owned by Henry Montgomery-Campbell and Herbert Montgomery-Campbell) and amounting in all to \$189.45, unless the said sum together with the costs of this notice are sooner paid, be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Fredericton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1926, all the right, title and interest of Arthur Gray and of Henry Montgomery-Campbell and Herbert Montgomery-Campbell in and to the lands and premises following:

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