

FROM FREDERICTON TO CALIFORNIA BY AUTO, 4,000 MILES WITH NO PUNCTURE

Mrs. M. I. F. Carvell of This City Writes Interestingly of Her Trip Through Southern and Western States

(Continued)
Monday, Oct. 19. Leaving Birmingham at 9.30 on a sunny hot morning. We kept to our southwest No. 11 Lee Highway. In passing great stretches of cotton fields we saw very black Negroes of all ages trailing long cotton bolls from their shoulders as they picked the bursted bolls. I longed to hear them sing a Southern song. Teams of mules four or six were pulling great carts of cotton on the highways or returning with carts full of cotton seed. I obtained many samples of cotton and mailed them back to traders in New Brunswick.

At Tuscaloosa and Eutaw, the highway and railroad, running parallel, were elevated on trestle work for miles. The Tombigbee River gave us a surprise as its banks were like walls of white chalk. By noon, we had entered the state of Mississippi at a small town, Cuba. Reaching Meridian, Miss., we bade farewell to Route No. 11 which led South to New Orleans, taking up Route 80 due West. Mississippi was the most interesting poorly cultivated, low level state we had travelled over. The land seemed blocked off in vast estates, their owners living far back from the highway. Wretched Negro huts were everywhere. Why the State permits owners of lands to allow their workers houses in such poverty was indeed a mystery. Few panes of glass were in the windows, their absence meant old rags stuffed in openings; dooryards were untidy, inmates poorly clad and dirty. The squalor was depressing. The city of Jackson seemed to be the largest central city. Late afternoon brought us to the interesting city of Vicksburg and a sight of "Old Man Ribber," the Mississippi. We had been accustomed to elevated highways approaching it and received a clearer knowledge of what it must mean for the Mississippi to go on a rampage, to scan our large route maps, showed up the endless curves this river takes to reach the sea, no wonder it overflows thousands of miles in a freshet. Vicksburg, however, was situated on a high bank, we had been advised that service stations would sell 50 cent passages over the toll bridge, but missing the right station, we were compelled to pay a toll of \$1.70 for a one way passage over a bridge like that at Fredericton, perhaps not so long. When we reached the other side of the river we were in Louisiana, but as this bank was low it seemed we travelled 30 times the length of the actual bridge on elevated highways before we reached the regular roadbed.

What a change in productive crops and prosperous homes. Beautiful cotton fields made a delightful white dotted panorama. Great trucks and six mule teams driven by very black Negroes were hauling cotton to gin mills, which hurled a cloud of dust in the air. Conveyers such as used in our lumber mills to dump sawdust were emptying pyramids of cotton seed forty feet high. This seed was in turn shovelled into trucks to be carted to the oil pressing machines. The day was hot and semi-tropical foliage was showing up great plots of pampus grass interested me, their white plumes waving gracefully in the air. Sunset found us entering the city of Monroe. We were one third the distance across Louisiana.

Tuesday, October 20. As usual, we had gone many miles by sunrise. I found it interesting, in the cool of the morning to note the smoke of breakfast fires curling upward from these Negro shacks. I wondered what sort of a breakfast satisfied them with a hard hot day of picking cotton before them. We passed the cities of Ruston Arcadia which name suggested descendants of ousted Acadians to me, and Minden. At Shreveport we crossed the Red River. It showed plenty of channel for a freshet but only a mere trickle of water, no doubt much of its water had been pumped up to irrigate level cotton fields. After travelling 123 miles further west from Shreveport we reached the border of mighty Texas at a little town Waskom. A superior three lane highway had been opened up two days before, sometimes a narrow ribbon of 30 or 50 miles without a curve, stretched away west to the horizon over country as level as Fredericton, and again hills were surmounted which led to higher level plains as vast as those below.

Thousands of Hereford cattle were grazing, all true to type (white faces and plump red bodies). The city of Marshall was not far from the border of Texas and then Longview, a city ten years old, growing up around more than 1,000 oil well towers. I

was amazed to note that oilwells are bored on the hillsides, rather than valleys or levels. Tremendous stretches of cotton fields were passed, wherever irrigation served to moisten the soil.

There was so much sameness to these wide plains, sparsely settled, that road signs and posters proved interesting. The Rhymes of Burma Shave a few words to a panel, and Crazy Crystals, or invitations to stop at the Centennials of Dallas and Porth Worth made constant appearance.

Dallas was dressed up in real style for their celebration. Its population in 100 years is 260,475. We stopped for a brief time to enjoy the Fair Grounds. Flags and bunting floated over the immense crowds attending the celebration which had been running for weeks. Traffic increased amazingly over a four lane highway between Dallas and Porth Worth. Much attention had been given to make the centre parkway a long garden spot, with foliage and flowers I could not name. We were 2,288 miles from Fredericton at Dallas, Texas. Porth Worth, some 40 miles distant had grown in 100 years to a population of 163,450. These cities are hundreds of miles inland on sparsely settled plains. I wondered why they should grow so much faster than our New Brunswick cities or how two cities could in so short a distance carry on simultaneously a centennial which could attract such throngs of people.

Leaving these gala cities we were soon travelling over tremendous prairie plains again. A big horse breeding ranch broke the spell of grazing cattle, the owners had a racing track which seemed to be dotted with prospective buyers watching tryouts of animals about to be purchased.

As night drew nigh, we were about one third across Texas, and in the distance a lofty six-story building surrounded by a small town appeared on the horizon. We resolved to make it, and at dusk we entered the main street, across which was stretched a white banner bearing the legend, "You are entering the home of Crazy Crystals, Mineral Springs. The large building was the hotel, it occupied an entire block, and invited the rheumatic and bilious to stop and drink and live. We passed by on one side, and at the western outskirts of the town found the most luxurious court enroute, the Grande Cabins. They were constructed of stucco painted sand and green and housed 100 guests in 3 and 4 roomed apartments. The heat had been increasing from the border of Tennessee but the cool of the evening and electric fans gave us refreshing sleep and rest.

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In An Old Newspaper File

How quaint they seem! these tales of love and woe,
Of bridal, birth, and schooners hurricane-tost!
Of Argonauts! and pioneers that forced
A skull-marked trail through prairie and plateau!
How pale this news of shipments, and the flow
Of gold! of fire, and loot's red crumpling cost!
Lifeless as ashes, for the spark is lost,
And all the actors vanished long ago!

So shall we seem to him who, now unborn,
Peers at these pages in the aftertime,
Finding our ways mysterious as the Sphinx,
Our doings stranger than the unicorn.
Then shuts the books and, while he yawns and blinks,
Commemorates us in a casual rhyme!
—Stanton A. Coblenz.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Charles E. Barry and members of his family wish to thank most sincerely the many friends who extended kindness and sympathy to them in their recent bereavement, the death of their daughter-in-law, the late Mrs. John Barry, especially for the many floral tributes, mass cards, those who loaned cars or in any way helped them in their sorrow. A special word of thanks is extended to the many kind friends in Edmundston.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. E. M. Young entertained last evening at her home at a charmingly arranged dinner bridge party. The decorations were roses and valentine favors. Bridge was played at seven tables the prizes being won by Mrs. J. G. Blaine Pugh, Mrs. Allan Good, and Mrs. Harold Imerick. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Willard Kitchen Mrs. H. S. Wright, Mrs. A. F. Belding Mrs. G. R. Lister and Mrs. F. E. MacDiarmid.

U. N. B. Students Resume Classes
Students who have resumed classes after being detained at home through accident include Miss Marion Hubbard who suffered a broken ankle and Miss Mary Neville a sprained wrist, both accident occurring while the students were skiing. Byron Fisher, who was the victim of a broken collar bone which necessitated his absence from classes for several weeks resumed classes yesterday morning.

W.C.T.U. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. D. Ferguson, George street. The president, Mrs. A. A. Waters, presided and there was a goodly number of members present and two visitors. The devotions were led by Mrs. C. H. MacQuarrie, with prayers by several members. Roll call of officers was followed by the reading of the minutes of the January meeting, which were approved as read. A committee reported on visiting the sick and shut-ins, the hospital also was visited and flowers were sent to three of our sick members. Mrs. MacQuarrie reported on jail work, one Sunday afternoon service being held with Rev. F. A. Dunlap conducting the service and Rev. J. S. Gregg assisting with the singing. Mrs. Clark reported on the Social Service meeting held in January. A reading on the life of Frances Willard was given by Mrs. J. S. Gregg also readings by Mrs. F. Wishart and Mrs. P. J. Trafton. Mrs. Ashley Estabrooks gave a delightful vocal solo. It was decided to hold a parlour social during the month. The meeting closed with the Atonic benediction. The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. Kelly, Saunders street.

Sir Howard Douglas Chapter I.O.D.E.

The Sir Howard Douglas Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire held their annual meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. John Neill on Church street. The meeting opened with the prayer of the order and salutation of the flag after which the regular reports were given. Arrangements were made to take part in the League of Nations drive and four members offered to assist in this. The regent, Mr. C. D. Richards was appointed delegate to the newly formed Peace Action Council. A donation was made to the local Red Cross in answer to the emergency appeal from the flood area in the United States. The chapter decided to assist in providing milk for the school children at the Morrison Mill school. The unconfirmed minutes of the provincial executive were read and discussed. A committee was appointed to look after the Lenten Sewing meetings when layettes will be made for the use of the Victorian Order of Nurses in their work. The various annual reports were read and adopted showing receipts of \$360.73 and expenditures of \$316.70. The aims of the order have been well supported and much profitable work done including work in India, educational work, League of Nations Society, Social Service work and the Endowment Fund. The Catherine E. Black Memorial fund has been helped through our Chapter.

The election of officers took place as follows: Honorary regent, Mrs. A. J. Gregory; Honorary vice-regent, Mrs. A. T. McMurray; regent, Mrs. C. D. Richards; 1st vice-regent, Mrs. A. P. Crockett; 2nd vice-regent, Mrs. John Neill; secretary, Mrs. George W. Brown; assistant secretary, Mrs. John Malcom; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Veness; educational secretary, Mrs. B. B. Barnes; echoes secretary, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau; standard bearer, Mrs. W. H. Robinson; councillors, Mrs. John Stevens Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges; Mrs. S. F. A. Wainwright, Miss Mabel Sterling; provincial councillors nominated, Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mrs. C. D. Richards, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau; national councillor nominated, Mrs. H. F. McLeod, members of the Advisory Board, Mrs. C. D. Richards; Mrs. George W. Brown; press representative, Mrs. George W. Brown.

During the social period which followed Mrs. A. P. Crockett in a few well chosen words presented a basket of flowers to the retiring regent, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau in token of the esteem in which she is held. Other members also spoke a few words. Mrs. Mersereau replied thanking them briefly. Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Wainwright, Mrs. McMurray and Miss Sterling were hostesses of the evening.

J. Mac O'Brien of Nelson, N. B., is spending a few days in the city with Mrs. O'Brien and small daughter, Mary Reta, at the home of her parents, Chief Justice and Mrs. J. H. Barry.

H. B. Durost Addresses Men's Club

The regular weekly meeting of the Cathedral Men's Club was held last evening in the Memorial hall, Church street, with a good attendance. After the usual opening with prayer in unison, the members had a ten minute singing period before the introduction of H. B. Durost, as speaker of the evening. Mr. Durost who is internationally known for his successful efforts to improve the quality and conditions of sale of commercial fertilizers, as well as other branches of agricultural chemistry, chose as his subject, Sugar. In a most interesting manner, the speaker explained how sugar in its various forms, as well as all the food we eat and all clothes we wear, have as their only origin, plant life. A detailed explanation was given showing how sugar, though having a simple chemical formula, could only be produced in nature's laboratory, all efforts of scientists to develop a synthetic duplication being unsuccessful. The sincere thanks of the audience was tendered Mr. Durost for his very informative talk. Play was then resumed in the cumulative card tournaments. The high scores for the evening were made by Martin Horncastle, among the bridge players, and Fred Parr in the forty-five section. The usual light refreshments followed by the National Anthem ended still another most interesting and educational evening for the Cathedral Men's Club.

Victor Hatheway Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The annual meeting of the Victor Hatheway Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held last night at the Goody Shop. The meeting took the form of a supper meeting. The Regent, Miss Harriet VanWart was in the chair and thirty-three members were present. Following the opening prayer and salutation of the flag, the minutes of the last

annual meeting were read, after which the reports of the various officers and convenors of sub-committees were read. These reports showed a great deal of interest in the Chapter work, particularly along educational and Empire Study lines, and showed the Chapter to be one hundred per cent. Echoes subscribing. Upon motion, the resignation of one of the Chapter's members was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Frank Corbin and Miss Rita Underhill were named as additional members of the League of Nations' Drive. Various activities for this year's work were discussed and several plans were advanced for raising Chapter funds.

Following the report of the Nominating committee, the election of officers took place, with Mrs. A. McF. Limerick and Mrs. K. R. McAdam acting as scrutineers. The slate of officers for this year is as follows: Honorary Regent, Mrs. Geo. Howie; Honorary Vice-Regent, Miss Harriet VanWart; Regent, Mrs. A. McF. Limerick; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Emerson Skene; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. K. R. McAdam; Secretary, Mrs. W. Hedley Wilson; 1st assistant Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Moore; 2nd assistant Secretary, Mrs. Don Harvey; Echoes Secretary, Miss Edith McLeod; Educational Secretary, Miss Marguerite McNair; Treasurer, Miss Mary Marie; Standard Bearer, Miss Madge Smith. Mrs. A. McF. Limerick, Mrs. Emerson Skene and Miss Harriet VanWart were named Provincial Councillors. The convenors of the sub-committees were nominated and the mystery box was won by Mrs. Emerson Skene.

The newly elected Regent expressed the appreciation of the Chapter to Miss Harriet VanWart for her great interest and untiring work during her term of office. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Minnie Smith M.S.

The February meeting of the Minnie Smith Missionary Society was held Wednesday evening in Wilmot

vestry, under the leadership of the president, Miss Helen Young. The devotional service included a very interesting reading by Mrs. Harry Young. The business of the society was next discussed. Committees for the next month's programme and other activities were appointed. The president made some announcements concerning the United services to be held during the next few weeks. Miss Boyd and Miss Hamilton took charge of the programme. Various members assisted in the reading of reports from China and the hospital work carried on in Canada by our missionaries. The meeting closed with a hymn and Mizpah benediction.

Annual Banquet of Parish Church

The annual banquet of the St. Anne's Parish Church took place last evening and proved an enjoyable affair. About fifty guests were present. Roy Colwell, superintendent of the Sunday school, was chairman and the guest speaker of the evening was Rev. H. E. Dysart who spoke on Sunday school work. Special guests included Rev. Dean and Mrs. Moorhead. The toast list was as follows: The King proposed by the chairman responded to by the National Anthem; Sunday school proposed by Rev. D. Haviland, responded to by Rev. H. Dysart; the guests proposed by Secretary F. Barnes responded to by Very Rev. Dean Moorhead and Mrs. A. E. Mathewson; the ladies proposed by E. Dougherty responded to by Mrs. Foster; Sunday school teachers proposed by Rev. J. E. Gregg responded to by Mrs. C. W. Wade; ladies in kitchen proposed by R. Dann responded to by Mrs. H. Titus, waitresses proposed by Mrs. B. Law and responded to by the guests.

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