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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

OLD TIMES OVER AGAIN—THE CORBERS OF RUSTY MEMORIES BRUSHED AWAY—“THE! FUGACES LABENTUR ANNI.”

Dear old RECORD!—Many weary days have passed since my pen intruded its scribbles into your news columns, and as you have regularly visited me I have concluded to do something to “even up.”

Your readers doubtless remember the disgusting description I gave last fall of the city of Victoria. It struck me then that Victoria ought to go over to Palsine where nothing but an occasional tourist would disturb the quiet tomb-like stillness of its ancient walls. Well, I've changed my mind now and my conscience has been annoying me for some time and prompting me to write to you and take it all back. You see it makes quite a difference when a fellow is getting a handsome salary for living in a place and a two months' residence here has convinced me that Victoria is almost as stirring and populous as—Jarvis.

I have read with no small degree of interest the story of the changes that are taking place in and around Jarvis from week to week, and I must confess that if a few more of the young people get married the place will about lose all interest for me.

I happen to know the successor to my late Superintendent on the Jarvis Circuit, and when I saw the name of Rev. C. R. Morrow on the list of stations for Jarvis my first impulse was to enter an action against the stationing committee for their cruelty in imposing upon a single horse the task of trilling so huge a piece of adipose corporeity through the Walpole sand! I learn, however, that the “Victory” society for the prevention of cruelty, etc., have no jurisdiction in Ontario. My intentions are good enough though, and in order that they may not be barren of good results, just let me say to Jarvis Methodists if you ever get the impression that your Pastor intends to sit down anywhere vacate the premises at once.

This is the “tourist” season in this city and we are bothered (2) with strangers from all over. Everybody is agreed that the drives in the park and about the suburbs are the finest on the continent. Then there is “the gorge,” an arm of the sea extending miles inland, mandering among rocky bluffs and plunging plateaus of fern and foliage, furnishing a chance for boating that does not go unimproved. At one place (the gorge proper) the stream narrows down to a few yards and the vast body of water rushing through and providing a miniature of the Lachine rapids makes the navigation of the stream tremendously exciting. I went up there last Saturday evening (it's moonlight now you know), with a Y. L. from Ontario. Of course in order to prevent the feeling of homesickness coming over me we took a Y. L. from Victoria too.

Well, the Y. L. from Home was a veritable female Goliath in frame, and as I didn't care to pull a heavy boat I took a light one and put her in the stern. She didn't seem to understand the rudder and to my great annoyance frequently made a plaything of it. But when we got into “the gorge” things began to wear a serious aspect, and—well I shan't tell you what happened: there wasn't anybody near only we three so it can't get into the Victoria papers and I guess I won't let it out!!! But I set out to describe Victoria. It's a quiet place in many respects but there is a large number of saloons and like most Pacific cities, little regard is paid to the Sunday observance or morals in general. I think, however, when the new sewers are completed and the citizens breathe a purer atmosphere their morals will improve. There are 10 Protestant churches besides the R. C. and a Jewish synagogue.

The climate of Victoria is peculiar to itself, surrounded on all sides by the salt water and occupying a level very little higher than the sea, the temperature of the atmosphere is surprisingly equable.

Its big drawback as an elysium or

tourists paradise is the dust. You start out on a breezy day and if you want to cross the street you “wait till the clouds roll by,” and if you meet anybody you have a grudge against him (or she) is so begrimed with dust that you are almost sure to speak to him before you find out our mistake. Why only the other day I almost had my pockets picked simply because the rascal couldn't recognize the person whose pockets are never worth picking. The city has two or three fountains and several water carts but they are all like the play of Hamlet without Hamlet. The fountains don't “fount” and the water carts don't water so the dust gets the “inside” trick every time.

Four miles from here is the Naval ship yard and Government Dry Docks, the fortifications and the anchorage of the British fleet. This is a place of historic interest. A few weeks ago four of H. M. warships were lying in the harbour and through the kindness of one of the officers I was courteously shown the admirals ship “Swiftsure.” My! Wasn't it a sight! Six hundred and twenty men armed to the teeth. Fourteen heavy guns and a large number of quick-firing smaller guns. The manipulation of each of these in action was fully explained but must be seen to be appreciated. The ships are constructed something like a bumble-bee. I mean that you can remove three or four sections and the danger is still there. Cut off the entire prow of the vessel and the officers simply look up two steel doors 18 inches thick and water tight, and the fury of destruction still goes on. A torpedo is an interesting thing too, but I haven't time to describe it. I simply write you this letter to let you know there are some interesting things outside of Jarvis. Yours sincerely

August 5th, 1889. X. Y. Z.

CURRENT NOTES.

The Hamilton Times says that country editors sometimes hit vicious blows even if they do edit their papers with shovels. Granted. We would rather use a shovel than a mature fork.—Cayuga Advocate.

Contradictory reports have been circulated as to the wheat crop in Manitoba, but it is now certain that, owing to the fact that there is a much larger acreage than last year, the crop, taking it altogether, will be a fair average one.

The expense attending the English naval manoeuvres may be estimated from the fact that of the vessels comprising the British fleet the Devastation expends forty tons of coal a day, the Northumberland and thirty-eight tons, the Camperdown and the Iron Duke thirty-five tons, the Iris thirty-nine tons and the Anson twenty-six tons.

Refrigerators of enormous size are now being placed in all large commission houses in Cleveland. Some of them are large enough for the storage of from 10,000 to 40,000 pounds of butter. The temperature within them is kept at twenty degrees and the public has the entire thing sight of seeing ice form on buckets of water in midsummer.

There were 536 vessels of 929,611 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended June 30. The total number under construction at the same period last year was 377, of an aggregate of 608,118 tons. Among the vessels under construction 381 are steel steamers and sixty-eight iron steamers. The increase in the ship-building trade has been of similar proportions at all the centers in the kingdom.

The dried leaves of the coca plant, when cultivated on the slopes of the Andes form an important article of internal trade estimated that not less than 30,000,000 pounds are consumed annually. After the morning meal men and women alike take a mouthful of the leaves mixed with a little lime; fresh leaves are added throughout the day and without any additional food the consumer is enabled to do a hard day's work.

Some readers of Bertha M. Clay's novels may be surprised to learn that there is no Bertha M. Clay. A Chicago newspaper says that an English writer, Mrs. Charlotte M. Braeme, wrote stories for an English family newspaper. As first as they appeared they were stolen by a story paper in New York, which attributed them to “Bertha M. Clay,” a fictitious name. Mrs. Braeme died in 1883, but so popular had the stories of “Bertha M. Clay” become that the proprietors of the New York paper hired a number of writers to furnish similar stories, all attributed to “Bertha M. Clay” and thus have kept the name before their readers ever since.

The reaping and other agricultural machines shown at the Paris Exhibition have been tested on the great farm at Noisiel, of Mme. Menier, the head of the chocolate-making house, she having put her land and harvest at the disposal of the jury. The manufactory at Noisiel turns out about 40,000,000 pounds of chocolate a year. The tin paper with which the cakes are covered costs \$100,000 per annum, and the work of wrapping up the cakes gives employment to

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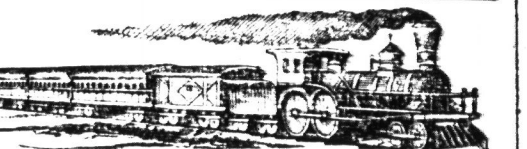
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