

April

Maire assists me in packing &c.
The boys were delighted with having obtained permission to go for Sap, and off they went and had their fill of the saccharine fluid.

Tonight father & I sipe the deed of the lot I brought from him, & then he & I discuss our hotel property, changes to be made therein &c.

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Before I was up the three boys came to my bed and bid me adieu as they were off to school. Although I am accustomed leaving home yet with advancing years as the boys are growing up and my joy and pleasure in them increasing, home is becoming an ever dearer spot to me. But bread and butter that great incentive to activity annually tears me from the dear ones.

As a new carpet is needed in our drawing room Maire accompanies me to Toronto to buy one. It was 2 P.M. as we arrived there, and after dinner bought a handsome carpet, & some hurried shopping filled the limited time at Maire's disposal. I accompanied her to the station — a fond embrace — & we were separated again for the season. — Walking and King St. I met Major Webb and Hugh Wilson. We sat down at Kirk's, where soon left, Webb & I chatted for an hour or so & then left. After supper Geo. Chase & M. A. Abbey called on me at the Residee. After they left Major Webb came again and we chatted till next train time. — There being a large number of immigrants our train was 1/2 hour late in starting.

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We arrived at North Bay at 10 1/2 a.m. about 2 hours late, & here we had to wait till 1 P.M. ere the clearest train came to proceed. After again getting under way I made the acquaintance of — McDonald forest ranger for the Ontario Govt, and also of Mr. Tuff post owner of the Sackville gold mine, he showed me some specimens, which were fabulously rich. — Our stop was well represented by clerics, 1 Presbyterian preacher, 2 Catholic priests & 3 missionary students. I find that Catholic priests