

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 fallen, I sife the deed of the lot I brought from town, & then he paid. I discuss our hotel property, changes to be made therein &c.

Tuesday 3  
five

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 Reside. 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.

Wednesday 4  
five

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

are far less obnoxious as travelling companions than protestant ones, the latter are too ready to talk "shop" & thrust themselves upon one than the former. In this case the former had surplus of hymns & prayers - "Ain't they?" - altho' the car was crowded I found no one to whom I felt specially drawn. I passed my time smoking and at some problems in mathematics. - I met Mr. Lupperty <sup>traveller</sup> from Calgary and was enabled to speak with him of some common acquaintances.

Thursday 4  
fine & cool, rain  
after five

Hurrying all day through rocky country still in winter garb, at places picturesque as described in former trips. Port Arthur was reached at 7:30 P.M., and being a divisional point a short time was afforded for a brief walk in the cold crisp air, I looked for Mr. Timmenau the Superintendent but found him away on a tour of inspection. Again hurrying on my eyes surveyed the Sleeping Giant now encircled by ice chains, Pie Island Mt. McKay and then the Northern passed before my view, closed for the winter, - desolate - deserted. I viewed the familiar verandah, where Marie & I & Mea many an evening sat gazing onto the waken scene where skiffs and boats were quietly rocking.  
Frimorning brought me first quiet  
That quiet me with navy musicians think. -

- July two meals were served us today, so that when I retired towards midnight my stomach was not in the best of spirits

Friday 5  
Cold  
pleasant

After rising hunger was soon dispelled by a hearty breakfast. Mr. Williams & his two daughters (one Mrs. Mann & the other half grown) occupied the stateroom, but have during the past two days occupied my seat more or less in the car, as I was a great deal in the smoking room. Returning