

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 ^{traveller} 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.

Frühmorgens bringt mir laut Geräusch
Was spricht mir mit wavyangianen Ohren. -

- 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

April

By my seat today I found Mrs Mann there, with a
 book & seated myself and entered into a conversation,
 she soon learned who I was or rather who I was not,
 for she said - "Yesterday when you were passing into the
 smoking room (past the windows of the state room) my
 sister said - 'That's the Reverend Mr Fraser who will
 preach in St. Andrews on Sunday' - I threw
 up my hands in amazement at the comparison
 laughed, & added "I'll put the clippers on this ere
 I leave the car." - We chatted away
 for an hour or two (her husband I knew for years)
 Time came for getting ready for our arrival
 in Wimpsey, when I had my overcoat on I
 went to the state room, the door being open, & looked
 in; Mrs Mann arose but her sister was not there
 I could not resist & started to laugh, Mrs M. follow-
 ing knowing what I wanted to do. I feared my
 plan would fail but by a vigorous stroke of my
 hand over my face - it was done - slowly I turned
 & went into the narrow passage outside where
 stood my victim - I bowed & said - I
 hope you will attend divine service on
 Sunday at St. Andrews. - With large eyes
 & open countenance she replied - Thank you
 I will try for I want to attend ever so much,
 - adding - at what time - at half past
 10 I replied, bowed - slowly turned away
 & safely arrived at the state room door where
 leaning against the door I heartily laughed & the
 voice & was joined by Mrs Mann who had witnessed
 all through the window. - Thus ended a
 journey that seemed to be most agreeable &
 dreary. -

At St. My Wimpsey was reached, & I soon quon-
 bered at the success. Within half an hour I was at work
 looking up the Government list, interviewing the occupant &c.
 & Doupe did come to see me this evening on my appointment

re this lot. The remainder of the evening I spent with Mr. & Mrs. Levitt lot. —

Saturday 6
five

Snow is still lying here, but no drifting. — I was very busy all day. First to the Registry office to search the title of the Gov't lot, I found everything save that the Gov't owned the lot, rather a serious missing link. I then interviewed Mr. Penrose who had been for years caretaker thereof — i.e. he used it without paying any rent, he gave me a satisfactory history of the lot. Then I twice called to see Mr. G. M. Knicker re the lot but he was not in, then I proceeded to Mr. Wheeler Dom. Land agt, he knew not as much as Mr. Penrose about, but promised to hunt up the deed for it. — In the afternoon I called on Mr. B. S. Jenkins Manager C.P.R. telegraph lines & made satisfactory arrangements with him for the summer's longitude de work. Then I unpacked the case containing the shroud for our new transit. — Then went with Mr. Hespeler to the club for a short time. — After dinner in the evening had a chat with consul Taylor, then W. Clarke & J. Doupe all business. At 9 P.M. left & spent the remainder of the evening with Mr & Mrs. Hespeler.

Sunday 8
six

Busy writing. — At 11 A.M. I dined at Mr. Hespeler's, and spent the afternoon pleasantly till 5 P.M. — Spent part of the evening at Levi Lot's. — I met R. Haudisty St. B. Co. Chief Factor, and was Secretary also, — I had a chat with him, I also met his wife & daughter.

Monday 9
five

In morning made arrangements for clearing up our Government lot & sold the Gov't building thereon, making a good bargain. I then called on J. Wrigley, Commissioner of the St. B. Co. Our conversation immediately turned over to Alaska, in the boundary question of which he takes a most lively interest. In speaking