Trip to NZ 1934 N.Z.S.Co. Ruahine Tuesday

Oct 1 I had meant to take many of my luggage down in the car to save freight but it was pouring wet morning & I knew that things would get very wet so I took three things down to the station & sent them off by train. They cost me £1. I did not get off till 11. – I had been up till 4.30 am packing & was up again at 6.45. I started with the hotel & had breakfast at Barclay Bank. Met a friend & I walked down to the wharf & got to Southwell at 1.45. I got a man to take the car & it was quite noisy. I saw Mrs Charles & did not get away till 3.45. I was so tired that I got bananas & chocolate in Kingston & at Otira as it drove. I got back at Rangiora & I was sick after that. At Christchurch I turned round to Lyttelton. Met Stokes who the A.A. had suggested. At Christchurch the man had failed us again. It was 8.30 when I got home & I had been up to hotel, visited the police. They said my luggage the Salvation Army! I finally found a "bakery" where I got a bun but could not get a bit till the football meeting was on in the way home! I went out & got fish & chips! All I could find, & returned to the house at 10.30 & got a cup of tea & turned in. The streets were black. It was raining & I took till this morning.

Oct 2 I got up at 6.45 & got a bath & breakfast 8/6 in all. After that I got the car rearranged my luggage & met the A.A. man at 8.10 & he drove. We went thro the City & finally got to the Docks about 11. We had to arrange about the car. & got away at 12.30 & turned to Auckland N.Z. & I came on to the Club. I went out to Barron to see Mrs Hubert Ormes there, Back to the hotel & as I had been short of meals I went to the Cafe for a meal.

Oct 3 I was at Shakkin until morning & then walked thro S.P.C.K. about ten & lunched with Dorothy Gibson. In the afternoon Maurice Bevan Brown & arranged for both I & Sons food at Lyons & came to.

[illegible] very hot at last night & felt very cold. Church, so I stay up after [illegible] at Lyons Corner House at 10.45. I got some impression out of [illegible], I bought a clothes for the [illegible] & off my washing & Hongkong [illegible] – was packed & busy [illegible] Street. It reminded me of [illegible] train went at 3.50 & we were [illegible] Chamberlain met us & we [illegible] Parsons. I had tea & got [illegible] & stay which is thing [illegible] I then at the second dinner [illegible]. We got off about [illegible] complete a great improvement [illegible] at 11.01 & 15.07. We got away at 7.50, big letting in out of the dock.

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Oct 5. The boat was very steady & I slept well. Tea came in at 7.30 & after that I bath & I walk back breakfast at 9. I went on deck & got my chair, finding there was a mail going ashore at Plymouth I wrote letters. After lunch I slept on deck but was very cold. We passed an empty dirigible & saw a warship firing. Places for meals were arranged at 5 pm. We came in at Plymouth & the boat came off. I got a Times & an argosy. We got off at 10.45 & all ran first class boat 1h 17 min.

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Oct 6. A cold dull morning but very little sea. We passed a Cable boat after breakfast – played a game of Deck Golf. Slept after lunch, played Deck Quoits. got ready for Sunday. After dinner got caught by a lady who talked for an hour after about the Trinity.

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