

N 2. 1885. Voyage N.Z. to Canada

May 2. Thu. One of my old stable companions insisted on getting up & dressing at 3 am. I wrote letters all morning & part of Suva slept in the afternoon. A letter free on less day.

May 3 Fri. Out of 325 passengers 170 are landing at Suva. When we got up the island of Kaudan was faint clear on the starboard side. We got in at 11 a beautiful day with a sea breeze that held all day. After the passengers had landed, I went ashore, changed some money & sent Sam p.c.s. Had some tea at a cafe opposite the museum. Went out with seeing. I walked further along the beach road & turned up to my left for some plants & then went on to the Botanical Garden. Two nice left. Had a fellow passenger & talked for a bit sitting under a tree. Then back for my plants. I was very anxious to get a Cassin's finch, but could not get the right light. Wandered up & back to the shop. My O.L. 5 inch had been clean about 200 & had a bath & a change. We got away to Suva. I had enjoyed Suva very much.

May 3 Sat. I arranged all my baggage as I had the cabin to myself. a general meeting for a special Committee. Did not go till 10 o'clock. A dull & cloudy day. In the afternoon we passed two small islands on the port side, the Hoorn of Cap. discovered & named May 19 1616. & annexed France in 1888. Futuna rising to 2500 ft. separated by a mile is Alopi rising to 1200 ft. I saw the presence of a celebration on Sunday. Just back in silk shirt.

May 4 Sat. Jinked off with a start. In morning had to go then passed for a while. I slept after lunch just a bit of voyage - a heavy shower. Very hot. got ready for the celebration.

May 5 Sun. I took H.S. 7 am. & present. The Captain took to 11 o'clock service. After lunch Neptune came aboard with his gun & scullies, heard of the Duke of Edinburgh playing the bagpipes. About 2 o'clock we showed & ducked. It was a very amusing show. I took some plants. In the afternoon we passed an island. Can't see the northern part of the Phoenix group - 8 scattered small islands.

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1031 for Suva

ending for 2 1/2 south to 4 1/2 south. Can't see about 8 1/2 x 3 1/2 miles. had up 10-12 ft. above sea level. It is a perfect example of the Atoll type. It contains a spacious lagoon, abundant Corals & coral patches. Deciduous cover most of the island, Coconuts were plentiful for a while. had it was unutilized except for piglets, birds, & tortoise. Passed the Phoenix about 6 pm to port.

May 6 Mon. Crossed the line at 5-45. In the morning paper an account of the Jubilee Jubilee at Sydney etc. As we had in a day after leaving Suva then happened yesterday to them. There was also a short news of the London service as we did not get the news ahead of London. There was a gathering at 11 & the address of Sir Stanley Aggle - rector of Premier of Queensland - & an address. I played off & got beaten at Drak & air & singles. I then was Harry & Ben Ball after dinner for all the sleep. I had a deer choker after dinner to show up at it. The dresses were excellent. One of the best "Cumbrian" was 2 pieces in brown paper as clothes paper with a line between & washing on it & a grassy washerwoman. Two of "Fiji" & the "Mickly" name were good. I turned in about 10-30.

May 7 Tues. Another fine day, with rather more wind, but the ship clearly has got better. I played off deck game & darts & was beaten. wrote letters changed some Fiji money at 4-20 U.S. to Fiji £. & bought some Canadian dollar at 3-75 to the N.Z. £. The highest of 16 was 4-75 Canadian dollar. In the evening went to the "Catholics" a very interesting one of the way the "prickly pear" has been got. under in Australia & mean of a parasite grub that had to be used to make sure that it would not breed other things such as the sugar cane.

May 8 Wed. Took a photo of "Mickly" with letters. It was really quite cool with the strong trade wind.

May 9 Thurs. We got back to Suva & blanketed our y & shrouds in the cabin. I had an & got cabin is better than a hot one. read book "Poling the Plains" a history of the Royal N.W. Mounted Police most interesting. Partly cloudy day but the sun came out. We are "dodging along" as we arrive at 6-30 tomorrow.

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