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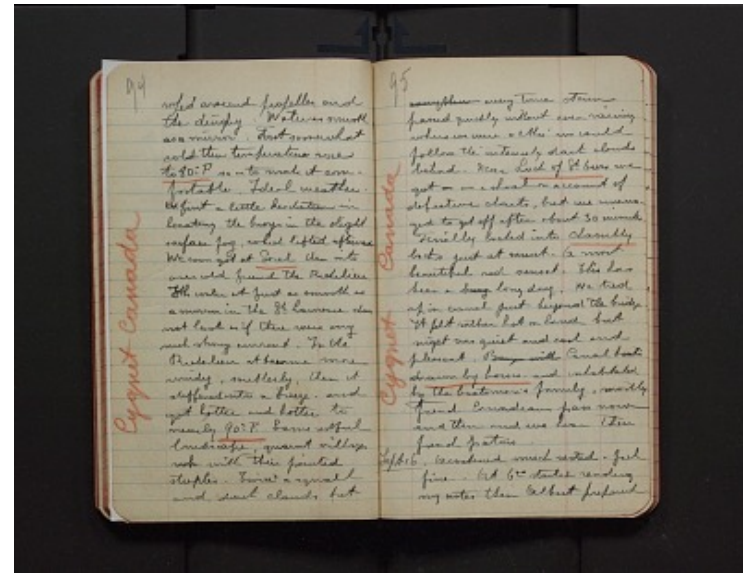
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roped around propeller and the dinghy. Water as smooth as a mirror.
First somewhat cold then temperature rose to 80°F so as to make it comfortable. Ideal weather. At first a little hesitation in locating the buoys in the slight surface fog, which lifted afterwards. We soon got at Sorel then into our old friend the Richelieu. The water at first as smooth as a mirror in the St Lawrence does not look as if there were any much strong current. In the Richelieu it became more windy, southerly, then it stiffened into a breeze, and got hotter and hotter to nearly 90°F. Same restful landscape, quaint villages ~~wh~~ with their pointed steeples. Twice a squall and dark clouds but

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~~everythin~~ every time storm passed quickly without even raining where we were altho' we could follow the intensely dark clouds behind. Near Lock of St Ours we got ~~in~~ on a shoal on account of defective charts, but we managed to get off after about 30 minutes. Finally locked into Chambly locks just at sunset. A most beautiful red sunset. This has been a ~~busy~~ long day. We tied up in canal just beyond the bridge. It felt rather hot on land but night was quiet and cool and pleasant. ~~Barges with~~ Canal boats drawn by horses and inhabited by the boatsman's family, mostly french Canadians pass now and then and we hear their french patois.

Sept 16. Awakened much rested - feel fine. At 6:00 started reading my notes then Albert prepared



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