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Endless successions of sugar cane and Rhum distilleries, toward end of the road one of the largest called St. James where the famous Rhum St. James, exported to France is made

Mount Pelée gray and sinister looking in the background and topped by a gray cloud. Finally reach the little village St. Pierre which has been rebuilt since its destruction in 1902. Mount Pelée Charred remains near new houses. Fish and vegetable market going on by a new generation born since the eruption and situated close to the sea where fishermen bring tropical fish in their little boats; the various colored fish being freshly caught about that time the other passengers of the Nerissa arrived in two crowded [end page] [start page]

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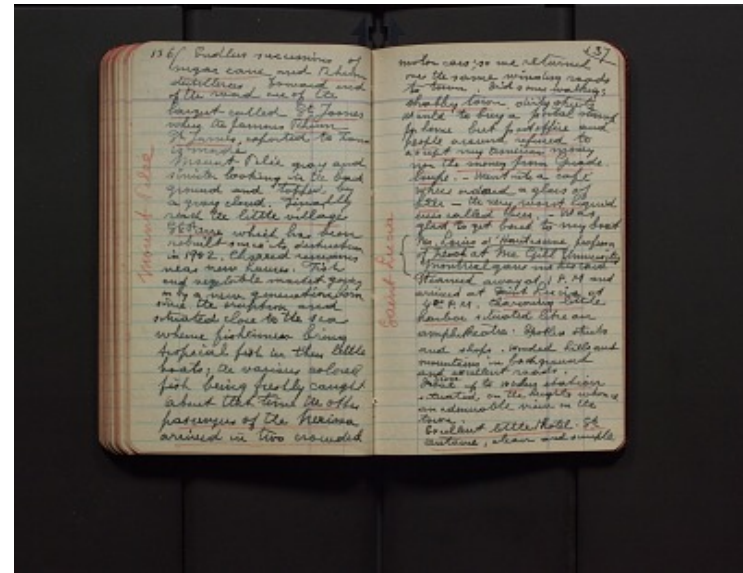
motor cars; so we returned over the same winding roads to town. Did some walking; shabby town dirty streets Wanted to buy a postal stamp for home but post office and people around refused to accept my American money nor the money from Guadeloupe. Went into a cafe where ordered a glass of beer - the very worst liquid ever called beer. Was glad to get back to my boat.

Saint Lucia

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Mr. Louis d'Hauterive, professor of French at McGill University Montreal gave me his card

Steamed away at 1 P.M. and arrived at Saint Lucia at 4:00 P.M. charming little harbor situated like an amphitheatre. Spotless streets and shops. Wooded hills and mountains in background and excellent roads. Drove ~~Drove~~ up to Winders station situated on the heights where I had an admirable view of the town. Excellent little hotel. St. Antoine, clean and simple



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