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THE FIRST ONE

There he was, standing proud, awaiting our cameras. His home is Winnipeg Beach, MB, CA. The town is about 40 or so miles north of Winnipeg. In its 1905 heyday, Winnipeg Beach was the Coney Island of Manitoba. It was accessible by train, and hundreds of people ensconced themselves on the beach, fully clothed in bloomers of the day, and full coverage bathing suits!

We stayed in a Provincial Park called Birds Hill, which was still open at this time of the year. I made a miscalculation, and thought it was 560 miles to North Bay. It turns out that it was really 1250 miles!

The TransCanada Highway across the Provinces passes thru very few towns and gas stations are few and far between. They charge a lot! We paid \$5.24/gal for gas today. So far we have found some RV parks still open. We see maybe one or two RV's a day!

Around Thunder Bay on Lake Superior, the terrain gets beautiful, with rolling hills and golden leafed trees covering the slopes, in addition to jack pine trees with some cedar trees mixed in. This morning we had our first ice on the windshield!

Our next goal is Sault St. Marie, and then one more day to North Bay. The hit of the day, really was a hit! Exiting a gas station with a tight turn, the rear luggage door smashed into a steel pipe by the pumps. The door still latches but will require a new one at the end of the trip.

Dave, Bonnie & Marti

