

Steel Plant Office
Sault Ste Marie
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Mon. Sept 21st '08

Dear Lois

I would love to have dated this on Sunday but I'm too honest. Please note my address.

It was great to get a letter from you yesterday, even if I did have to wait all afternoon and evening to read it.

It was sent to my cousin, whose maiden name was Winslow, and I went there and got it.

We had to see some people off on the S.S. "Assinaria" (I did not know it was so hard to spell when I began) which was 6 hrs late and so I was late

getting home and could not write,
well, so much for explanations,
excuses, etc. etc.

You certainly must be having an
exciting time.

Have any of you begun to cry yet?
I believe I can put any old thing, —
xxx's or anything — you will be too
excited to more than glance at this
anyway.

Your artistic creations almost
make me aspire to drawing you out
some rail sections or something
equally beautiful.

It was rather nice of George to take
you for a walk. I don't blame him a
bit. I'll do the same myself if I ever
get a chance. I do admire that boy's
taste.

I have been keeping a diary which I had hoped would be useful to me when I wanted to write a letter, but I find on referring to it that there is nothing but work-work-work.

That's very laudable, I consider, but is not highly interesting in a letter. I goes rather like this. -

Rose. - 6 A.M., at work 7 A.M., Lunch 11.30 to 1.30 P.M. Left work 5.30. Clean & in right mind & clothes 6.30. And bed very soon.

It takes 15 minutes to get out to the Steel Plant, if you catch the car.

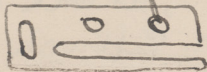
Mr. King (my boss) is exceedingly kind in showing me everything he can.

We have been turning out a little more than 400 tons per day.

A 33 ft (standard length) 85 lb rail of course weighs 935 lbs. So that we inspect

Somewhere about 800 rails a day.
Presently when they get the blast
furnace going, they expect to do much
better than this.

The biggest part of my work is to see
that the drilling, at each end of these
rails is correct. This is tested by means
of a template which fits over the end
of the rail



The top and bottom of each rail
has also got to be carefully walked
over and inspected for flaws. There
is also the "drop test" to test the mech-
anical strength.

I'm afraid, however, that this place
has got to be seen to be appreciated.

I'm in a perfectly fine boarding
house for \$20⁰⁰ a month, but I'll
tell you it's hard to make ends meet.

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I don't know anyone here yet except
my own relations and I don't think
I ever will be able to, as I haven't
got tickets yet clean and go anywhere
except perhaps once a week and
I expect the relations will stand
for that.

I'll go to a dance though, if they
have one because I can get making
to take my early work for me in a
way.

Sons, are you going to do me a ~~pillow~~
cushion cover, 2.5 a stencil or something?

I would love to have you do me
one if I thought you would take
about a year to it and not bother about
hurrying. In goodness sake get all

the fun you can and don't be too
in distress.

Well I see I'm going to worry
over your health if I keep on so
with all sorts of love to yourself
and several sorts to the rest of the
family. I am

Yours Edward

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secret

I'm afraid you know I'm
in quarantine
I'm there what you wrote
I'm afraid you know I'm

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]

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