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Steamer Sarnia

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Dearest Love,

I sent you a postal  
card from Pt. Levis this morning  
and now I find that it will  
be possible to send letters this  
evening when the pilot leaves  
us. We had a very comfortable  
journey to Quebec where we  
remained for an hour and a  
half before the tender took us  
out to the steamer. There was  
therefore plenty of time for breakfast  
and I got a very fair one for  
35 cents at a small but neat  
hotel in the lower town. It was  
a rainy night, but this morning  
the sun came out, and the day

has been fine though cold.

Old Montmorenci Falls looked grand as we passed, twice as large as they usually appear when seen in midsummer. The hills down here are beginning to look green, but all the way from Quebec, even on the island of Orleans numerous patches of snow may still be seen.

I like my room & the ship generally and if we only have good weather am sure the voyage will be pleasant. There are about thirty passengers, most of them not much to look at, though a few of them give promise of being agreeable. As yet I have learned the names of but few. [On my left at table is a Miss Russell from Quebec - no beauty & evidently not interesting.]

On my right is a Mr Wood,  
 (a young man from Woodstock  
 Ont.) who appears to have just  
 taken his degree in medicine  
 and is on his way to London to  
 study there. He says he is a  
 friend of Carlyle the science  
 student. Nearly opposite me  
 are two remarkable looking English  
 ladies with noses long enough  
 to compensate for the shortness of  
 their hair. They are the best  
 example of family likeness which  
 I ever saw - exactly made to  
 match. I cannot help thinking  
 of their parents' distress when the  
 second turned up.

Having a slight headache I have  
 reclined in my cabin most of the  
 day, but headache notwithstanding  
 am ravenously hungry. We are  
 to have breakfast at 8.30, lunch



at 1, dinner at six and  
supper between 9 and 10. -

Pray tell your mother that the  
flowers have kept quite fresh and  
will give me great pleasure. I  
have them in my cabin. The jinger  
too will I am sure be grateful.

[You can also tell Edith and Clara  
that I was very glad to have the  
~~many~~ luncheon which <sup>was</sup> prepared  
for me and that the orange  
was a particularly good one.]

In case my postal card does  
not reach you I should say  
that I neglected to give Mr Baynes  
the number of my account at the  
City & District Savings Bank. Kindly  
tell him before the 1<sup>st</sup> of June that  
it is 54254.

I hope dearest that you have  
been able to get a little rest after  
all the fatigue of yesterday. I should  
never have got all my things so well  
arranged without your loving and  
thoughtful aid. How glad I should