

White Trout Lake
Sunday May 15th 1904

Dear Mother,

I hope everybody is well down below there. I have been a kind of deck hand for the last week on an Alligator they have got up here. I suppose you know that it is a kind of a tug but with a flat bottom and the best of it is that it can pencil itself from one lake to another by the use of a long cable. We had to tow 65,000 logs about six miles but of course we only tow 20,000 at a time. It was lots of fun running on the logs when they were floating I found it quite easy. There was no very much work to do

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only very often we did not get into bed till eleven and then up at a quarter past three. And we had some good fishing one night we caught nineteen grey trout running from five to ten pounds in weight. The other morning we had about three inches of snow but it is all gone now and the leaves are coming out and the dog tooth-violet and ^{red} trilliums but I have not seen any white ones yet. I wish I could stay up here till the end of June and then go down to Arctis. I am getting as brown as a berry up here and also putting on a few pounds. I received the fishhooks all O. K. and also several papers and

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 magazines. I saw three deer swimming across the lake the other morning. I wish I could shoot a wolf, there is a \$16.00 bounty on them. A man shot one the other day and it had eight young ones with it and he caught them all therefore getting \$135.00 for a few minutes trouble.

There are quite a lot of gulls and loons up here and the frogs make the funniest noise not merely the same noise as the ones below. There are quite a lot of American tourists pass through here and about eight have passed here so far.

Remain
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 Yours affecⁿly
 Bernard.

P. S.

One of you people posted a letter to me a while ago without any stamp on it and I had to send a 2¢ stamp to the dead letter office at Toronto for it