

Charlotte to her brother
Bernard H., a
rather nice and
quite interesting
letter.

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both Mamma and Mary prefer
it infinitely to Tadoussac - we
have met very nice people
& being so near the City &
near Cusling's Island gives
us nice variety - I have
spent one day & night with
the C's & they are anxious
to have me remain longer
with them but on the whole
I much prefer being here -
They invited us to a moon-
light excursion a few evening
ago that was very enjoyable.
The night was perfect, clear &
not cold - The little steamer chartered
for the trip went sailing about
among the islands, the names
of the said islands however did
not add to the romance of the
thing, fancy being sentimental
or poetical with a "Great Hog"
& a "Little Hog" on one side of
you a "Turkey" and a "Buzzar"
ahead "goose" near "Clapboard"
& "Hound" in the vicinity - "Pumpkin

"Kno" on the right & "Kam" in
the rear direction - Not a pleasant
idea when one remembers
the propensities of such creatures
However there was music on
board & pleasant society &
we enjoyed it exceedingly
it went off so quietly that
even Mamma had no
cause to get nervous -

The next morning we met
the Cushing party at Portland
& all went to Richard Beech
Mr & Mrs Stoneas Knible &
Mr Robert In - accompanying
us - had a pleasant day
but our gaiety was marred
at the close for just as we
were leaving the Portland Wharf
a destructive fire broke out
among the shipping and we
saw the passengers on board
the New York Steamer which
was just starting for that city

Threw themselves into the water
I escape the flames - a few
lives were lost, but you will
see more in the papers -

I think Mamma seems much
better & Mary has improved greatly
she went with us to Richard's Regh
and you know our excursions
of that kind is always tiring -
she came home the horse today
for she went to Church in the morning
quite a distance up hill - and
this evening went for a walk out
to the rocks - Prof. Gavin preached
on the morning & Mr Robert Middle
introduced Mamma to him on
the way home from Church - & they
walked down together - after we left
them the Prof. asked me for the name
of that "very superiour lady with
whom he had been conferring" -
The Misses Soy in Portland have
been very polite & we have been
invited there to lunch - I am
glad you enjoyed your trip &
hope it will prove beneficial -
Mary thanks you for your kind welcome
I will purchase you a birthday present
with some of it - May each succeeding

This morning I went to gather
sea weed, but was too far for
the steers, I called for the
shepherds but they were all
out so I "helped my own
company" & succeeded very
well. — there are no pretty
shells here —

I do wish papa could leave
home for a week and
come down here. — He could
afford it for for Louisa
money will cover our expenses
& on the strength of that,
papa might indulge, it
would do him so much
good — I am glad you
have heard from Berrie
I wish he would send a
letter down here or better
still give us a call — by
the way when you write him
there is a letter advertised
in the Gazette for Bernard Har-
vington that he might like
to get — I am glad you are keeping
free from headache, it is lucky
for you must have had your
hands full with so much com-

Shepherd's sisters - Mrs Bowie
from Ottawa & Miss Shepherd
who keeps house for the Capl -
in Montreal - In the same
house the Rev Mr Thornton from
Worship's Church is boarding -
Leon Baskin introduced him
& he called - such a jolly
minister, I wish he boarded
here we need some one to
stick us up - There are other
Montrealers but none with
whom we are acquainted -

Minnie Baskin came last
week & has been here since
& we went over there and
spent the afternoon, the
Hotel was for from full then
but it may have filled up
since - This warm weather
will induce people to leave
home, but last Saturday
here, it poured rain and
was so cold that we were
glad to gather round the
stove - Today the sun is
very warm, but the house
cool -