

St Peter marked with stakes

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Dear George & Anna

In my last letter, I left off just when we were coming near the upper end of Lake St Peter, and here the River appeared to have several mouths - a stranger would have been puzzled to know which to take - but our steamer struck off for the one on the left hand and we found the channel staked all the way up on both sides - the stakes on either side were all driven in the mud and were painted Red on the top; when we came into the mouth of the River or rather Branch - for it was only about 1/2 a mile wide the Banks presented the most beautiful Lybany scenery we had yet seen in Canada - on our left we saw the mouth of a River opening up, the Pilot told us it was the River

Richelieu. The Land, about its  
mouth, appeared to be in a high  
State of Cultivation - plenty of pretty  
White houses - corn fields, many  
of which were getting their Garden  
Hues, and some of them were al-  
ready cut down, and the grain  
in Stacks. On our Night the  
Land on Natives Islands were  
perfectly level to the Water Edge,  
but so much higher than our  
Deck, that we could not see  
along the level till we climbed  
up the Shrouds a little way,  
then we saw that they were  
all covered with beautiful  
meadow Hay - waving in the  
wind with here and there a  
pretty Elm - Oak, Birch or  
willow Tree - and as we went  
very close to the Shore in some  
places we were delighted to hear  
the feathered Songsters making  
the Wood Melodious with their

Working & thin, Long. This part  
of the St Lawrence resembles long  
much, - at the on a small scale  
the Mouths of the River Nile,  
Ganges and the Danube, - now  
let me ask you in what respect  
this part of the St Lawrence re-  
sembles these Great Rivers? &  
at the same time give me any  
answer to the following questions  
Through what Country does the  
Danube flow to the Sea? Into  
what Sea does it discharge?  
Through what Country does  
the Nile flow to the Sea?  
Into what Sea does it discharge?  
Through what Country does  
the Ganges flow to the Sea?  
Into what Sea does the Ganges dis-  
charge? In your next letter  
you will please answer  
all these simple Questions,  
which you can easily do by  
looking at a Map of the World

I have not got your Band of hope  
yet from Halifax, our hands are  
all blacked up with snow,  
and sleds can not travel.  
If you were here you could  
make great Snow Houses.

In my next letter I will tell  
you all about my buyings  
up to the Wharf at Montreal  
mean time I hope you will  
both be very good to Papa &  
Mama, attentive to your lessons  
and that you will both love  
W B and be very kind to  
him - yours affectionately

Grand papa

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