

Island of Orleans,

Channel

Pictou, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1856

Sir George

I promised in my last letter to give you some further account of my voyage up the St Lawrence to ward Quebec - Well - after passing close by a number of great high bare rocks called the Brandy Pats - Have island and a great number of other rocks, shoals & islands without any name and the pretty Town and Settlement of Namouaske on the South Shore, we came at last to a beautiful large island called Isle Orleans - and, how I did regret that I had not you and Anna to look at such a beautiful spot.

It was on a beautiful sunshiny morning that we came up with this island - we sailed up between it and the South Shore, as we did all the way up - as the Pilot said he liked it better than the North Channel - I may as well tell you at once that, all the way up the

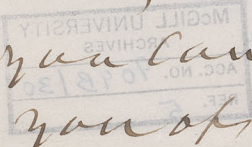
River there is two Channels for  
respects one up the North shore and  
another up the South shore - the Centre  
of the River being all full of Shaals  
Rocks & Islands, - the Isle Orleans,  
is the highest of one, there being no other  
between it and Quebec. This Island  
is only 5 or 6 miles below Quebec, and it  
is about 10 miles long, and seems to  
be all cultivated like a Garden being  
thickly studded with Pretty Houses  
Fruit and Ornamental Trees -  
It is the Summer Residence of the  
Rich Merchants and other  
Wealthy inhabitants of Quebec.  
There is a Telegraph Station on the  
west End, similar to that on the  
Belvedere hill at Halifax, to let  
the Merchants know when their  
Ships are in the River.

Just when you were passing  
up by the West Point of the Island



The Falls of Mont Morenci burst  
on our view - the Bright Sun shine  
making the White Foam, appear  
like a long white Cloud, resting  
among the Green woods, which  
surround the Spot, it was a  
Scene well worth seeing, and  
it attracted Mr Youstons, atten-  
tion so much that when he got  
to Quebec, he hired a Carriage  
to take him to the Spot,

I hope that some time that  
Pa or Ma goes to visit the  
name Securities of the St Lau-  
rence they will take you and  
Anna with them, to see these  
things for yourselves, I know  
that you will be delighted  
with them - far more than  
you can be with me telling  
you of them.



Next week Jewell may be told <sup>you</sup> a  
little about what I saw at  
Luchie and in my fragments of  
the River - meantime pass  
your affectionate

Grandpa

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