

Off Cape Torment, on the "Gaspe",

9.30 A.M. Saturday, July 18th

1868.

Interesting letters
Gaspe, Percé - Pictou
etc. sketches

Acc. etc

Dear George,

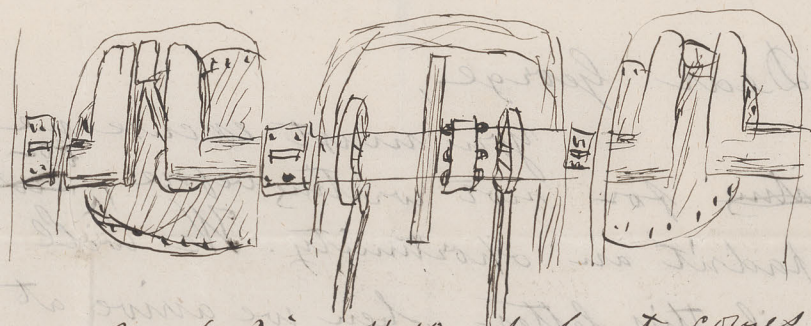
~~writing~~ you must excuse me
for not writing before, ^{but} ~~but~~
I hadn't an opportunity. We will
mail this letter when we arrive at
Pictou.

The births or rather state-rooms
on board this steamer are exceedingly
small, so much so that we cannot
go to bed or get up in the
morning both at once, but one at
a time.

We left Quebec at 4.10 P.M. on
Tuesday. It rained a little early
Wednesday morning. (I will give you
extracts from my diary, with notes).

Wednesday. From 3.15 to 6.30 it was
more or less foggy & showery. 6.45
Passed Bacoma. 10.30 Finished making
a plan of the engine. The engine has
two oscillating cylinders & three eccentric
wheels for opening & shutting valves,

& its general appearance is like the below, but I have made a very accurate plan of it; you can see it from deck, through a sort of skylight which is always open.

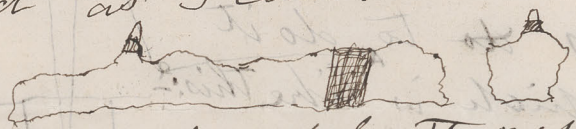


11 AM Passed Bic 11.10 A boat comes alongside to get the passengers for Bic.
12.25 Passed Rimoushi 12.50 stopped at Gatter, Pt two Pilot-boats & a row-boat, came for the passengers & their luggage.

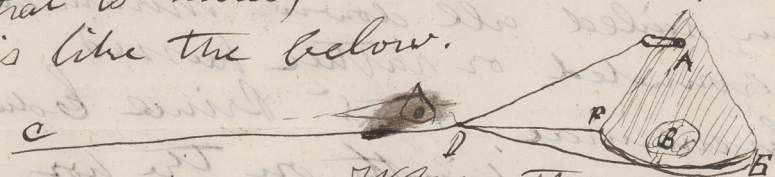
Thursday. 9.15 Passed the wreck of the "Carnie Scot" which was wrecked, May 5, 1868, on the coast of Gaspe. 10.55 Rounded Cape Gaspe 12.45 Arrived at Gaspe. ~~While~~ While we were at Gaspe, I saw 4 or 5 jelly fish (Medusae) 4.20 Arrived at Percé. Oh! there is such a wonderful rock at Percé it has a hole right through it, it is like the drawing on the other side!



This is from below. The next is a map; I don't know exactly ~~how~~ what the map would be like but I will try to make it as exact as I can.

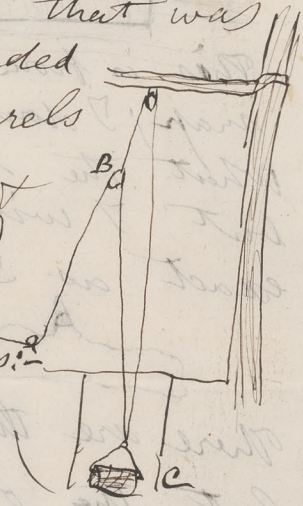


There are three holes through, but but the other two are small & inconspicuous. 5.10 saw a whale. This was a true whale not one with a fin on its back. 8:50 threw the log, going $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots, (that is miles) an hour. The log is like the below.



~~A is a peg~~ When they throw the log ~~they~~ it keeps in the position it is in the sketch because of the lump of lead B whenever it has run out a certain time, (which is measured by a sand glass) they stop it when the peg A comes out & it falls over flat & is thus ~~see~~ more easily pulled in.

Friday 7. 35 Arrived at Chatham
 Went on shore & saw a steam
 saw-mill, & a ship that was
 being built. They unloaded
 a large quantity of barrels
 of flour, at Chatham &
 they had a curious kind
 of pulley ~~to~~ to do it
 with which is like this:-



A lot of men take
 hold of the rope at A & walk
 along the deck which brings
 the pulley B down towards the
 deck & raises the barrel C, out of
 the hold. We then went to Newcastle
 & then sailed all down Miramichi
 bay rounded or rather passed
 Pt Esquimaux. 5.55 Prince Edward
 Is. appears faintly on the hor.

We arrived at Shediac at
 5 this Am. & are now on our
 way to Picton where we will
 arrive at about 12 1/2 this afternoon

Believe me your affectionate
 brother
 William.

P.S. I
 haven't
 been a
 fortnight
 sick.
 I would
 wish it
 to be more
 than
 if it didn't
 make other
 people sick
 for I haven't
 seen a doctor
 since yet.