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Dear Rankine,

I suppose that you
are almost well now; I hope
you will soon be able to come
down here, as I think you
will like it very much,

The fishing is very good, if you
go at the right time of tide. I
was fishing yesterday, and caught
a good many ~~trout~~ - cods,
and two flounders, besides
two smelts which however fell
into the water again before I could

Take them off the hook.

I suppose mamma received the long letter which I wrote to her about the house, some time ago, I forgot to tell her one or two things, first about Carpets; there are two or three long strips of Carpet about the house, but no room is completely carpeted, the size of the salon is 14 ft 6 in square with a cupboard out of one corner, the salle a manger is the same in breadth but longer. There is no good croquet

ground about the house,
for though the space in front
is large enough it is, ^{too} rough
and weedy, with a little
work however, weeding, and a
rod here and there it might
do. It is somewhat
lonely down here just now,
for there are so few people in
the place, I am almost
alone at the hotel. The
weather has been very fine on
the whole since I came here,
though sometimes quite cold.
Another peculiarity of Murrey Bay
seems to be that a day never

passes without a little rain

It generally comes about four times a day, and lasts perhaps five minutes each time; the high mountains behind hide the clouds, till suddenly it begins to rain and you never know when you are safe. I suppose mamma will be gone by the time this arrives, but if not tell her that I have got 18 doz eggs; but that you cannot get any good butter in tubs, for the merchants here buy it from the country people a little at a time, so that by the time a tub is filled it is composed of about 20 layers, of different qualities and colours

Yours with love for your self and
all at home

P.S. you will be glad to learn that a very nice
sweet shop is quite near our house S. In D.

P.P.S.

Please tell papa that it is a bad plan to take return tickets by the Quebec boats, for the clambots here are so irregular, in their up trips, especially toward the close of the season; that it is better to be free to go by train if convenient.

Waiting at Quebec for the boat often entails more expense than the tickets are worth.

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