

August
 evening. Marie, Donna & I took tea & spent
 the evening at Mrs. Patterson's. —

Sunday 21
 rainy
 Today the corner stone for the new Lutheran
 church was laid, father being the principal
 participant as superintendent of the building.
 It seems a little incongruous to me to see
 him in his old age take so active part in church
 affairs, being an agnostic, but I know
 he does not do it from any motive to further
 religion but simply because he is fond of
 building and his time is not occupied by his
 office work, and thus has found an outlet
 for his dormant energies. —

— After tea Marie, Donna & I played "Authors" with
 the boys, later we three played cribbage, and then
 Marie & I packed, preparatory for my depart-
 ure tomorrow for Port Arthur again.

Monday 22
 little rain
 cloudy
 Mrs. Lulu & Oskar accompanied me to the early train
 whither I left for Toronto, Levil going as far as
 Hamilton. Arriving at Toronto I found that
 Mahony was not there, but a telegram informed me
 of his arrival in the evening. During the day I
 did some shopping; in the evening I met J. Clagson
 of Ottawa & we went to the theatre, being the
 opening night it was crowded & I could only ob-
 tain standing room. The play "Michael Strogoff"
 was poor in every way, we remained only for four acts,
 then returning to my room & waited for King (who
 had arrived) till after midnight. Just after Clagson
 left he came, altho' King & I then visited Clagson's
 room there was no further pleasure.

Tuesday 23
 pleasant
 King & I see Foster - instrument maker - relative
 to a testing machine for stoves and chimneys. —
 We met E. Bray. At 11 AM. King & I arrived

August The Northern for the west. -

Wednesday 24
cloudy
some rain

At 8:30 a.m. we arrived at North Bay enlake
traversing where we strike the main line of the
C.P.R. in which we continue our route. A
three hours delay gave us ample time to view the
village. It is prettily situated on the lake, the
surrounding country is wooded mostly with birch
spruce & poplar, and the soil is sandy hence well
adapted for agriculture. The potatoes looked
very green & were in bloom. The place owes its ex-
istence solely to the railway and is the end of a division.
It is becoming a favorite resort for tourists as
cruising, boating & fishing are good here. -
Soon after noon we are off again, passing thro' an
uninhabited country of little value unless it be
for minerals, and even when these are abundant
thro' a lack of capital & enterprise they fail to
be developed. Among our passengers in the ~~steamer~~
are W. Patterson N.P. for Brant, & Celia Reuter -
Chief Factor H.P.C. at Mattawa.

Thursday 25
fine

We strike Lake Superior this morning & pass over
heavy railway work, skirting along deep bays
studded with islands, cutting across peninsulas,
crossing ravines over high trestles, through tunnels
and rock cuts, in and out of woods give animation
to the fleeting panorama. The last time I passed
here nature was still asleep, the trees were devoid of
foliage snow covered the ground in many places & ice
still held sway on the lake so that the scene was rather
dreary and not imbued with the life we see today.

At 3-15 P.M. we were at Port Arthur & when I found my-
self in my old quarters - The Northern - I felt for-
lorn, - above all - Marie was not there - I walked
into the verandah where she was wont to sit -
but now all faces are strange. Dr & Mrs.