

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 veranda where she was wont to sit -  
but now all faces are strange. Dr. & Mrs.