

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.

between-acquaintances left for St. Paul yesterday,  
 Mr. + Mrs. Timmerman have moved into their new  
 house, only I am here. Had I gone to Winnipeg  
 I would not have felt this for there Marie has never  
 been with me. — To relieve myself somewhat  
 I called on Mrs. Timmerman who was very glad  
 to see me, and expressed her sorrow that Marie had  
 left for whom she had gained such a strong attach-  
 ment in the short time. She was pleased to receive  
 from me one of my Rocky Mt. photographs as trans-  
 parency. — On the afternoon called on Mr. P. in his  
 office, I took tea with Mr. Bishop.  
 In evening I observed for time for adjustment  
 of instruments.

Friday 26  
 fine

During the day busied myself studying electricity.  
 At night observed but when the time for checking  
 of chronometer beats came found that it was  
 cloudy in Winnipeg.

Saturday 27  
 fine

The weather is very pleasant here, yet the want  
 of the time especially in the evening a fire kept  
 on the hearth in the drawing room and office, &  
 is found quite acceptable. In the afternoon  
 I strolled onto the hill running along the water  
 front of the town, from which a very com-  
 manding view is had of picturesque lake.  
 Observed in evening but to my regret found  
 it not only cloudy in Winnipeg but the lookline to  
 the observatory there down.

Sunday 28  
 fine

Busy at electricity. Took dinner at Mrs. Timmerman's  
 where were also Mr. F. J. Wily + Miss Day, unfortunately Mr. P.  
 was called away to Winnipeg this afternoon on business.  
 Useless observing tonight as the lookline in Winnipeg is not up  
 yet. — Recalling to my short stay at Mrs. P. for dinner this  
 evening I am prompted to say a few words on "conversation"