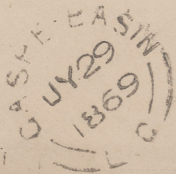


1869.
From Gaspe Basin



Mrs Lawson
Pt au Pic
Murray Bay



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Lacpe Basin
July 28/89

Dear Mr. Margaret,

We returned here
this evening after a
three days' excursion
to Sandstone & its
vicinity. We spent
Friday and Saturday
on the north shore
of the Bay, and
are very successful
in collecting fossils.
We departed Sunday, and

left on Monday morning
coasting along the shore
from the point where
we left off on
Saturday. We spent
the night at Little
Slope, and next
day went on to
Grand Sene, where
we spent Tuesday
night. To-day we
expect us to the
high cliffs on the

Over St Lawrence side
which are in places
600 feet high, and
are grander than any
others in Canada
except those of the
Saguenay. The beauty
of the Coes along the
Bay and the grandeur
of the scenery in places
are by striking and
but for defects of
aspect, this would be
the most desirable

Sea = side plane in Canada
To-day, for instance we
walked on the sand
stone, rising gradually to
a height of 350 feet,
and then arriving at
the edge of a cliff
looking on the sea
and plunging down in
rapid precipices more
often rising higher
far than the popi
but must not try
to describe! I will show
you a sketch when I
return with a site

for a sea-side cottage
with nothing to disturb
but the scream of
the sea-gulls,
George has spent
much of his time
on the boat, and
has superintended the
dredging which has
brought up many
curious things though
nothing very novel.

I shall have
collected the finest
suite of *Desmunda*
plants ever got

together. I have already
accumulated a great
mass of specimens
and have secured
productive localities
to visit. We have
also got over the
most difficult places,
and for the rest
of our time will
be near head-
waters. To ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
I propose to stay here
I cannot say till

and pack up my
specimens already
collected. The weather
has been excellent,
and the slight shower
since we came;
but sometimes it
has been rather
warm here,
so I suppose it must
have been very hot
in Montreal.

I hope to have
a letter from you
so soon and

If there is time
I shall acknowledge
it.

With all good
wishes and love
and kisses to the
children

Yours
William

As I shall come
up by the steamer
of Thursday next
I shall not have
an opportunity to
write again. W.D.