

Little Metis.

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Laurie Lewis  
on the steamer.

Acc. 1443

Our Dawson to her mother  
arrives to go back  
to Montreal for Metis,  
Foggy weather & ships  
running aground. They  
visited one ship and want  
to peruse on a passing steamer.

My dearest Mother,

I intended to write to you  
before this, but Baby did not leave of last  
Friday as was intended, but remained  
till the following Wednesday.

I hope you will write soon & tell us  
when we are to come up to me. I would like  
to come home as soon as possible & I don't  
think Rankine will object to going soon  
either. I would like to come home next  
Wednesday, but Anna says that Friday  
will be the very soonest. I think it would  
be very nice if Papa come down for Rankine  
& me to go up sooner.

It is a very hot day for down here. A  
pleasant change for it has been foggy for  
the last three or four days. During the foggy  
weather five ships ran aground one  
just opposite here. Of course it caused

a great excitement, & every one wished to  
go out & see it, but as it was still foggy  
& rather ruff we could not go. The next  
night at high tide they got her off with  
some difficulty, & she anchored about a  
mile out. The captain was in great distress  
for besides running aground & getting one  
pump broken; three of the sailors went  
off with one of the boats, so the captain  
had to wait till some more sailors came  
from Quebec. As last Wednesday was  
calm went out to see the ship;  
we went out as usual, but it was  
not so pleasant as it might have been  
for if they had not been tarring it all  
over. After we went over the ship  
we went out a little further to see  
the steamer pass. Of course we waved  
& in return we saw some gentlemen  
waving wildly to us. We heard afterwards  
that Lansing Lewis was on board & we  
think it would have been him we saw.  
I do not finish here for we are going  
out in the boat.

Your loving daughter

Eva