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Thursday  
afternoon

My dear Family,

As I have finished unpacking I will try and tell you what we have been doing since we left Meris. We had a most delightful drive to the little Meris station, did not feel at all

chilly or tired.  
When we got  
onto the train  
we could only  
get an upper  
berth, which Martha  
& I occupied. I tell  
you we were  
glad to get a  
little more sleep.  
We did not see  
Dorip Cooper or Willie  
all the way as  
they were in the  
other car. I forgot  
if either saw them.  
Well, when we

arrived at Lavoie,  
The first thing  
we did was to  
go ~~across~~ across  
The river to  
Quebec. When we  
landed there we  
secured our State-  
rooms & left our  
wraps & baggage  
within. Then we  
took a cab and  
drove to the  
Citadel, after seeing  
that we went  
to "The <sup>Plains</sup> of Abraham

where Wolfe &  
Montcalm fought.  
We then went  
to the "Victoria" &  
had a very  
nice dinner.  
After dinner,  
& father went to  
get his hair cut,  
& Ruth & I went  
for a walk  
along the streets.  
When father  
joined us we  
went to the  
personnel & then

<sup>57</sup>  
to the new Hotel.  
It ~~is~~ is such a  
lovely building  
& is furnished  
with very good  
taste, the view  
from the window  
is beautiful. When  
we were going  
down a street,  
who should we  
see but Dr. Bassel  
driving in a  
calash, he stopped  
& spoke to us, &  
said that he  
& his wife, (who

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had gone to see  
a friend, would  
come down to  
the boat & see  
us, but they did  
not come. I also  
saw Miss Portland  
driving in her  
pony cart, & two  
other people who  
were at Metis.  
& father saw old  
Mr. Fague, Mr. Reese,  
& two other people,  
who were also  
bankers. as father

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had a bad head-  
ache he went  
to the boat, &  
Maurice & I went in  
a calash to see  
Mrs. Cochrane  
who seemed  
very glad to see  
us. After we  
were on the  
boat & had our  
tea we listened  
to the band  
playing, till then

I was just thinking  
of retiring  
when, an old  
lady, (about 2,5-) I  
suppose, came  
and talked  
& talked, you  
would have  
nearly killed  
yourself with  
laughing if you  
could of heard her  
talk. She was  
an American, &  
lived near New  
York. She began



by saying, "What  
a horrid place  
meal there was  
at the "Victoria".  
Horrid place Quebec  
nothing to buy  
I wanted to get  
some little nail  
pins but could  
not, & I do not  
like Quebec, &  
that was what she  
called her husband  
managed to get  
some neck-ties,  
but I could not  
get anything -"  
I then advised

Her if she  
 libred the falls,  
 and she said  
 "falls, are there  
 any falls, I did  
 not know it."  
 When I told her  
 that I had come  
 from Inlet down  
 the St. Lawrence,  
 she asked if  
 that was near the  
 Niagara falls.  
 She was so  
 funny, she  
 had traveled

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a great deal -

This morning  
I and we went to  
school and enjoyed  
ourselves very  
much. My friend Fairley  
said she was  
glad to see us.

This was a half  
holiday. This aft-  
we went to see  
Mrs. Olson who  
was delighted  
to see us again.

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Father & Mother sat  
had dinner at  
Carpias. There  
are quite a number  
of apples on the  
tree, most of them  
on the Grandpapas side.  
The Sun-flowers  
are blooming well,  
the garden looks  
very nice.  
The flowers which  
we brought up  
kept very well.  
I must study my  
lessons now.  
your loving  
Claire