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(To Mrs. Francis)

[Tadoussac, Canada]

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My dear Marian

*Saguenay?*  
*Conroy?*

I am rapidly getting too stout for my clothes and by the time my two weeks are out I expect to be of the build of a friend at - n.s.w. There is absolutely nothing to do here but loaf and eat and sleep. I have had no fishing yet but Robt. Shepherd is coming this evening and we will go up the Saguenay together trout-fishing. Yesterday morning was close & hot but in the evening a cold fog came up, making such a change. Mrs Ogilvie I find a pleasant little woman. I went for her last evening to the Urquharts who have a nice house here. Mrs Howard and her bairns keep well though little Muriel is rather cross & so shy among the other children. Two very agreeable American girls - Bostonians - arrived yesterday and we have struck an acquaintance One - Miss Greenough - is very jolly. I had to lie, in my usual accomplished style when she asked me if she spoke like an American. I replied unblushingly, that her accent was rather like the Midland countries, and delightfully English. The "vurries" betray her, more than anything else. The only patient I have had was a poor French child with inf of lungs following whooping cough - which is very prevalent among the natives. There are not many people at the Hotel. Monsig. C — arrived last night creating quite a sensation in the village. It turns out that the Rev. Mr Higginson - Lord Dufferin's Tutor, was curate at West Flamboro. some 18 years ago. He saw my name in the book and called. I have a faint recollection of him. I have got one or two nice things for the Microscope, but there are not many animals about. The water is fearfully cold. I made up my mind for a dip this a.m. but the tide was out too far. I wish you and Jack were here & the other chickabids It is such a nice place for children. \*\*\*

~~I have not had any letters from anybody yet but the mails are so irregular that a budget will come in at once~~

Love to Jennette & the chicks

Your affec coz

Willie