

299 Peel St.

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Dear Dr Macnechan

Thank you very much
indeed for the Sagas of the Sea.

A copy inscribed with the
author's compliments reached me
a week or two ago and I found
it most interesting. I shall always
prize it for the author's sake
as well as for its intrinsic
and peculiar interest.

Naturally I am especially interested in the tale of my old kinsman. I had never got the story quite straight before.

Some of the other games, in fact all of them are wonderful.

The improvisation of a condenser during such a boat voyage as Capt MacArthur made in the Melton's long boat was a marvellous achievement.

A few days after the book came I had a surprise visit from one Frederick Stairs Small of Boston. a grandson of Abigail Stairs who was Leapt John Stairs's + my great grandfather's sister. He was full of knowledge of my family - knew far more about them than I did - and was much interested in the book.

We are settled down again in town for the winter after a very good summer at Knowlton.

I hope you and yours are all well - also that you haven't been indulging in any more nocturnal escapades.

With kindest regards from Annie
myself to you and Mrs. Annie
Yours very sincerely
Gilbert S. Stairs