

June 28/48

Dear Mr. Willet,

I missed Mrs. Willet in the crowd as the boat drew in to the Digby dock, and so did not have a chance to say Goodbye to her. However we had a very pleasant chat on the voyage, and she was able to point out to me the various features of the very lovely coast outside St. John. Your city is most fortunate in that its setting is still natural and unspoiled -- a virtue which (alas) Halifax can claim with less and less truth. I had a good close look at Partridge Island and it brought back many memories.

I thoroughly enjoyed my stay in St. John and want to thank you and your associates for the many courtesies I enjoyed received. It seems absurd that I should have let so many years go by without revisiting your fine old city; I am coming again, if not this summer, then next. Indeed I am committed -- I have promised my wife a motor trip up the St. John valley, returning home by way of Newcastle and the Gulf coast!

You asked for a memo of my expenses. Here they are:-

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| Gasoline, Liverpool-Digby and return | \$3.24 |
| Car storage at Digby | 1.00 |
| Two single tickets, "Princess Helene" | 5.20 |
| Taxis and gratuities, St. John | 1.50 |
| Meals enroute | 2.50 |
| | <u>\$13.44</u> |

(Through absent-mindedness I purchased a single ticket on the boat instead of a "return", and so had to repeat when I came back.)

Please give me regards to Mr. Glennie. I'm sorry that I had to slip away without a final word with him -- but you know the circumstances.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Gordon Willet