

To Members of the Nova Scotia Party.

Headquarters for the summer will be c/o Mrs. Frank Davis,
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

I have engaged Mrs. Davis's four (4) rooms, some with two (2) beds and her clean barn with a stove in it for a work-shop. After considerable correspondence, this seemed the best I could do as Mrs. Davis had the combination of a good house, good barn and four available rooms. Nowhere else could I get more than one (1) room at a house. The rate is \$7 a week for each room, \$8 with two in a room. It is probable that when we arrive and look the grounds over we can easily adjust things, because the party will be small and only one or two men will be asked to share rooms with others, or other rooms can be secured nearby.

Board is still being negotiated. Probably Mrs. Davis will take us on a part time basis so that absences will be checked off. If not, there are three good restaurants which will simplify the eating problem.

I shall leave Boston Thursday, July 1, from the North Station at 7 A. M. (eastern standard time, 8 A. M. Massachusetts time) for St. John, New Brunswick. All who wish to go with me on the train should plan to be in Boston on ^{Wednesday} ~~Friday~~ to be sure that trunks are transferred to the North Station and checked, in order that trunks may go on together to the border, ticketed anew from Boston to St. John, since I have a blanket letter from the Canadian Commissioner of Customs passing without trouble the baggage of myself and companions.

We shall reach St. John in the evening, spend the night there and go next day, Friday, to Yarmouth by steamer to Digby, thence by rail. Those who wish, can go by the Yarmouth boat directly from

Boston. The boat leaves Boston daily beginning July 1 about 1 P.M.

There is now no restriction on tourists entering Canada. The financial restriction which has been announced is one applying only to immigrants. There is a somewhat perfunctory requirement of recent vaccination, but I have been informed from several sources that this is entirely perfunctory and very rarely inquired about, but there is no harm in having evidence of comparatively recent vaccination in case it is asked for.

As for expenses, it is difficult to estimate, but it is safe to figure that board will come to \$25 a week, especially since during trips we will have to put up as transients at hotels. Travel is safely figured, I think, at \$50 a month, although it is naturally difficult to estimate until we know how much travel is needed.

I shall take my money as cash and plan to bank it at Yarmouth but American Express Checks will prove convenient for those who do not care to do as I am planning. Certified checks, I imagine, would be all right, but I know from experience there is no question about Express Checks.

Those whom I am counting on for the first of the summer are C. H. Bissell, D. H. Linder, Mayard Long, and A. S. Pease. Others who have indicated that they will come for part of the summer are Erling Christophersen, A. W. Evans, Seymour Wadsworth, and R. W. Woodward. Others to whom this letter is going have not fully decided whether they can come, but in case they find themselves free to join the party at any time will understand that the base is at Yarmouth and some one will always be found there. I expect to be at the Gray Herbarium most of the time during the day before starting and those who wish, can rendezvous there.

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