

FREE FISHING.

Telegraphic Address:

"HOTEL, DRUMNADROCHIT."

NO CHARGE.



D. D. MACDONALD, PROPRIETOR.

BOATING. POSTING.

Landing Stage:

TEMPLE PIER,

LOCHNESS.

Drumnadrochit, 16 July 1903
(LOCHNESS).

Dear Walter: Yours from
Shelburne came safely: sorry
to think of your feelings
when that Camera went
over. We appreciated it
for we have been in
Thurso Caithness, the
extreme North $58^{\circ}40'$
of Scotland where the
wind blew all the trees
into the Sea long ago,
and yet keeps on blowing
so that they have had to
put up gravestones for
fences, — and those they
don't bury $\frac{2}{3}$ of their
length in the ground, they
tie together with Iron

ribbon so the wind may
not uproot & bear away
all their boundaries: in
other words there being absolute
no wood, but plenty of
fine slate ledges & quarries
along their shores they
have made fences of
slate slabs which in
other countries would
have "graves" uses &
really tie them together
at the tops with iron bands.
The wind did blow but
held up on the second day
while we drove to Dunnet
Head light further north
than John O'Groats House.
The light was fine, but
when the Keeper took us
to a projecting point & we
all looked down 350ft
to the sea & saw the side
shelves of the ledges filled
with nesting sea birds
you can imagine our
delighted amazement.
There were many sorts of
gulls & blackish cormorants
& red footed puffins

and others I know not what
all flying, sitting or moving
about high above the
rolling ocean. & as safe
as anything can be in
this mundane sphere.
Took a photo of the scene
which you shall have
if it only proves good.
How interested you would
have been in the Moorlands,
beautiful *Eriophorum*
polystachyon covering Enor-
mous areas and the
pink of the *Erica Tetralix*
just beginning to show
while the red little
Thymus Serpyllum often
deceived me into thinking
it a full flowered patch
of heather. How I wanted
to linger on Dunnet Sands
where indeed I found
the rare *Primula Scotica*
a beautiful yellow Iris
and *Habenaria viridis*
and very curious *Cymodusa*
cristatus & our old friends
Carex Goodenovia & *flava*.

I have had Snatches of botany,
but these moors attract me
very much. & now we have
come from Suverness to the
Highland Glen: the first
place I have seen *Epilobium*
angustifolium & the brilliant
yellow *Chrysanthemum*
segetum, or Corn Marigold.
I mailed you fr. Suverness
a copy of a small Stratford
on Avon pamphlet on
Shakespeare's Garden &
enclosed a bit of Rue
for the garden. Something
is due to sentiment when
one is over here in a
romantic land
"Land where my fathers died"
some of them I hope not
ingloriously —
We are all well & hope same
for you. Always cold
here, woollens in day time
& blankets & eider down
puffs on beds at night, &
with window of bedroom open
its delicious sleep.
Yrs G.G.K.



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