

surprised I was to see hills on the horizon ; they had been hid before by the mist. Every one crowded on deck, some nearly dancing for joy. I made a sketch. It was the south coast of Newfoundland—the first I have seen of the new world, the first glimpse of our adopted country.'

Three days later they were called up to see St. Paul's Island in the early morning, and during the forenoon passed Bird Rocks. The following morning they sighted Gaspé shore and Anticosti. May 30, a pilot was taken on board, and June 3 they came to anchor at Grosse Isle. 'The captain went ashore with two cabin, two intermediate, and two steerage passengers. I had not the good luck to get off, which was rather disappointing as I wished to take sketches of the place. They brought us bread baked on the island and bunches of flowers, and among them I was glad to see the dandelion, as it reminded me of the land we had left behind. The numerous rocky islands covered with trees are most beautiful with high hills in the background.'

Two days later they had reached their destination. 'Called up on deck to see Quebec about 5 a.m. Just then opposite a waterfall (Montmorency). The river at Quebec was immensely crowded with vessels, and pilot boats were flying about in every direction. The tin roofs of the houses and the spires of the churches were shining in the rays of the sun. We packed our travelling things in the hope of getting away with the five o'clock steamer to Montreal. Some of us went ashore in a boat in the forenoon to see the town. Everything seemed strange, the steamers especially. Some were driven by horses, walking on deck, but the Montreal steamships were splendid. Very happy to get our feet on terra firma once more. We set off to see the ruins of a great fire which had taken place a day or two before our arrival. It had an awful appearance ; more than twenty acres of houses burned to the ground ; nothing left but a forest of blackened chimneys, the houses having been built chiefly of wood. The pavements of the streets being also of wood were destroyed with the houses. The homeless inhabitants are living in churches and other large buildings, and subscriptions are being raised in