

North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada

July 30, 1972

Left for Port aux Basques at 1:30 A.M. Cost of return <sup>ticket</sup> \$92.00. Slight swales in sea, bird rare just a few gulls following ship at times. Arrived Port aux Basques which is ~~Basque~~ so far having arctic background of few low trees and mainly bare exposures and short tundra-like vegetation. Mileage here 55680. Between here and St. George counted 18 single robins (mostly flying across road), 1 crow and 3 small unidentified birds. Photo 720730-1 of marine bay with red berries in foreground at Barachois Brook at 55761. At Stevensville photo 720730-2 of pond algae and buildings in background. At 55771 a knifefisher on line with fish. Corner Brook at 12:30 at 55809. Deer Lake 55862 at 3 P.M. Photo 720730-2 at head of Bonnie Bay with fireweed foreground at 55876. Along coast crows (1-3) about 1 per mile in stunted trees above ocean. Arrived River of Ponds Prov. Park at mileage 55963 at 8:00 P.M. Road along ocean not too impressive, beach with boulders and trees or heath toward mts which are in the far distance. Road terrible and construction has pulverized the seashore environment. Road speed from 10-30 miles per hour.

River of Ponds Prov. Park, Newfoundland.

July 31, 1972

Left 9:30 A.M. at 55963. Continued up coast to St. Barbe. min temp last night 50°F. at Castor River at 56024 took photo 720731-1 of village with buttercups + a daisy in the foreground. <sup>white</sup> House have screens but ~~found~~ all open as well as screens. Road from Deer Lake to St. Barbe all gravel and although good grade the surface is washboard and with chuck-holes that keep traffic to 15-30 miles per hour. The dust is incredible and hazardous for traffic. Unless one has an objective in going I would not advise use of this road. The country is mainly dwarf conifers and heath and not impressive. The shoreline is not as dramatic as other areas and is characterized by extensive fields of boulders at low tide and <sup>moving</sup> sand into forests. The road construction is mainly along coast from forest routes to less of conifer barrier to between ocean and conifer barrier. This latter condition ~~has~~ will be handicapped by moving sands. The entire route along sea has used adjacent gravels for road construction and the effect on the ecology & esthetic appearance of the land is disastrous. Moving sands & high water will be

Hay protected by roof that is moveable as hay is used

