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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 29
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Mr. Edmund O. Luthy,
2419 Ohio Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Alfred
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Dear Mr. Luthy,-

Thank you very much for your Christmas
greeting card.

Mrs. Spalding and I went up to the Lake a little over two weeks ago, and when we landed there we found it was about twelve below zero. We were very comfortable, and motored up to Montreal and took the train back. We were coming back from the Lake on Wednesday, but Tuesday morning bright and early we had a terrific snow-storm all through the country, as you know, and we got a drop in temperature and a very considerable amount of snow, which with the high winds blocked a lot of the roads. However, we left there yesterday morning, Miss Gagnon driving the Ford, and we got through all right. When we left, it was eleven below, and it is equally as cold here in Boston this morning.

I thought of you the other day, because there was a letter by Peter Flint in reference to the low water at Chilson. Betty, Ridgway and George came up over Christmas, and the two boys went up to Gooseneck. They found the water there eight feet below the high water level, and in talking with Mr. Gunning he tells me the engineer had just been up there a day or two ago and found there was about eleven feet of water ^{the supply pipe} above enough to supply the community with water for over a year. After reading Peter Flint's letter, and noticing Chilson Lake being as low as it was this Summer, I thought it would be well to take it up with Mr. Porter, and I am enclosing you copy of letter which I dictated to him over the phone, together with copy of his reply. I haven't answered this, but I think it is rather hopeful we might be able to get something on this if we could determine just what the proper level was. I thought you might want to take it up with Judge Wickes or some of the people there before replying. Lake George, Mr. Gunning tells me, is the lowest on record. They had to start their pumps the other day for some reason, and got nothing but mud. He tells me also that Champlain is extremely low. Apparently the whole country through there

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is deficient in rain-fall, so that the Lake streams are all very, very low.

*Allen
Spalding*

George told me that one of the assistant game protectors caught a Pike up at the Runges Island, which was twenty-four and a half pounds. This fact ought to be sent to Mr. Hurd, and I am inclined to write and tell him, just to cheer him up, that there are a few good fish ready for him next Spring.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Eliot Spalding

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