

glaciers. Some were more like snowfields, such as is found behind Lemp, but most are the serrated, and creviced blue ice ~~of~~ like the glacier we walked on in Skagway.

Even the water seems blue here. Tomorrow we disembark from the ship & will go north to the Arctic circle. I understand it's quite a contrast to the scenery we are experiencing now. Farewell to the Regency Sea.

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Reeling <sup>to</sup> from anchorage from the ship we saw a lot of nature-in-the-making. Especially along the shores of the lake silt from the glaciers was thick and extended in some areas. Future sand and gravel pits. The sun is not out today and the air is damp. (Dew distilling?) Not actual rain.

Mountains we have seen so far are like those we saw in College Fjord. Green at base & at the top rocky & if not covered by snow, snow at least in valleys & shadowed areas.

Someone said the forests aren't <sup>for lumber</sup> cut here. Trees too small. Perhaps too cold for rapid growth.

When we got into the airport we called out Dona (my sister) and she picked us up at the airport and we spent several hours visiting. We'll see her again Tuesday.

\* note \* The rocks we picked up at Kotzebue were shown (by Tracy) to a neighbor who is quite knowledgeable about geology especially as it pertains to mining. Some of the rocks are pitted and he said that the years of washing & wear in glacier + water had washed ~~the~~ gold particles ~~from~~ from the rock which had been embedded there along with other minerals. He said that particular type of rock was always found where minerals such as gold & silver are found, but that minerals are not always found where that ~~rock~~ particular rock is found.