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Letter to Charlotte Michaud from Denise

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Dear Aunt Charlotte,

I too found the booklet on Lewiston and the French-Canadians who settled there, simply fascinating. It was wonderful that you could call on the reservoir of all those old memories to come up with such an interesting and educational history, one so important in reminding people of their cultural heritage. I was glad that you were on the Historical Commission, particularly because you were the only woman named. I've always admired intensely those unusual women who held successful careers and were able to compete or move in a 'man's world' during times that must have been extremely difficult.

I enjoyed the picture of the family life of those early settlers and was surprised that the children who worked in the mills were not the drudges that one would imagine. Those children were probably happier than the child of today cooped up on the 21st floor of a high-rise apartment with no-one but a bored, lonely frustrated mother to keep it company. The life in the tenements too, was a real eye-opener. The people certainly had friends and company in abundance and although the lack of privacy must have been a draw-back, it was probably much preferable to the isolation that so many people in cities experience today.

Again, thanks for sending us the booklet. It was really a pleasure to read and will be a treasure to keep.

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