

My dear Boardman: I have but a minute to write as I  
am crowded with the eternal "must be done". I am  
afraid tomorrow will not reach your office - a week  
mail - long and so send a line today. I have  
been talking with a man who is both rich and mean  
through and almost universally successful, who has had  
large experience of summer resorts and made  
a fortune out of them - about the Island. He  
hit like one of your balls. Says he is in for it and  
can lay his hand on the men to put up the  
money in an instant. I have no doubt this  
is true. I guess we can keep him from swallowing  
us and even if he tried which is not probable.  
We are not fat enough and would be worth  
more for bait. He wants to come and see it  
and the probability is that we will be over from  
Beland about the 7th to the 12th of October. If  
I can get away and the passage is  
feasible - to stay for a day or two.

He is quite a sportsman and will want to fish all the time but will learn more than both of us know about the Island on the trip. You had better have a lot of those little fish caught for bait and have them ready for us at that time. I think he is our man. Have somebody over at Island look out to get us over if we cannot get there on the mail carrier's day. I shall try to be there on Monday if we can make it. All well.

Hastily -

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