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My dearest Lois

It was wonderful and I was very proud to find thirteen letters from you waiting for me at Vancouver and a fourteenth arrived the day before yesterday but I could not acknowledge it as I left unexpectedly for Britannia but returned last night.

I have just been out watching "A Grand Street Parade" which must have taken infinite work on the part of the organizers..

There were floats to commemorate Confederation and other historical events, floats to advertise soap suds and bathing suits and motor cars; beautiful horse drawn turnouts by the Hudsons Bay Company and Birks; floats in aid of Charities, Parks and Playgrounds and many other good objects. The most noticeable feature in all the decorations was the wonderful profusion of beautiful flowers - some enormous floats being completely covered by solidly banked flowers. One of these

was surmounted by a beautiful little girl vivaciously driving a huge coloured butterfly which appeared to float out in front. I would give her the prize for the gay and professional way she handled the four colored ribbon reins which controlled her ~~the~~ wonderful butterfly.

But I am alone and lonely, as I suppose one must expect to be away from home on a day like this. And so I have turned to your nice letters and I will take a few nibbles

of my maple cream to remind me that among the millions of queer bugs that are about today, struggling with one another to buy firecrackers and toy balloons and flags and popcorn there is one pearl of great price who is the centre of my universe. And I am sorry that for you the job has been a pretty poor one.

It is difficult to know where to begin, in acknowledging such a great number of your letters but I think I had better begin at the last one - yours

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of June 24th written at the Royal
Victoria Hospital. First about
money - One cannot help some
medical bills with a family of our
size and the thing we have great
reason to be thankful for is
that our doctor bills have been
so low. I notice that Mr Sullivan
has advanced you \$100⁰⁰ which is
O.K. . I have sent you a night
letter reading as follows - "Your
letter 24th - Please do not overtire
yourself. Hope the children are
getting along well Expense is not

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important. Please get whatever
help you can use Am mailing
additional cheque (\$100⁰⁰) today
leaving for Nelson Saturday
All well here and looking
forward to return. Love to you
and the children (signed) Edward S. Winslow "

I want you to economize but not
at the expense of your happiness
or health and I am afraid that
between the childrens school
closing exercises and the move
to Como and the operations to
Johns and Ruths tonsils + adenoids
you have been doing a little too

much for the ⁷good of your health
which would be a great calamity.
I never like you to economize in
the matter of sickness.

I am interested in the news
about Alice and her trip to Youghal
I will surely tell you when I
am going to leave for Montreal
and it would be wonderful if
we could have a day or two
together at Montreal. Remember
I have no key, so if you are not
going to be there you might leave
word at the office as to where
I can find a key. If the Singers
are in town I might get in
through Alice's room.

I have also your letters of June 20th and 23rd enclosed in the same envelope. The baby looks very strong in the snapshot - not very beautiful perhaps a trifle too much like Nicholas.

With reference to yours of June 14th I am sorry it arrived too late for me to see Toddy Andersons sister in Rupert. And I did not see your uncles picture in Dawson although I ought to have done so as Judge Macaulay had told me of it.

If you look at the large wall map on the top floor I think you will find Whitehorse, Mayo

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etc. by first finding ⁹ Skagway
and then working inland till
you find Lake Labarge and the
other headwaters of the Yukon
River - also called the Lewis
River at about that section, then
you go down until you strike
the Stewart River ~~at~~ coming in
from the Eastern side and up
which you go for 174 miles to get
to Mayo. Dawson is 72 miles
below the point where the Stewart
river runs into the Yukon.

I have also your letter of the 11th - June saying you are about to leave for Coms and telling me about the canoe. Also enclosing some "forget-me-nots" which crossed some which I picked and mailed to you from Carcross.

In one of your letters you tell me about visits from Mother Dad Bill Muriel & Co (I think) Eric, Mrs Sims etc. You must have had a busy time.

The rest of your letters are very nice and are much appreciated but as they go farther back

I will not try to answer them in detail for fear of tiring you. I was delighted to receive the snapshots, particularly the cheerful one of you beaming with smiles which you cut out in a circle. I also like the one of Anne on horse back and 1 Dad with the spade.

It is now two o'clock, a beautiful day - the sun out and everyone probably away to the bathing beaches. I have a new bathing suit and will get some grub and

go out for an afternoons swim. The crowds ~~is~~ on the beaches are a treat. They are not in the least self-conscious and all the local people wearing clothes over their bathing suits dress and undress on the beach under cover of a cloak or rain coat or a girls going home costume (if they are going to travel in the street cars) consists of a bathing suit with a sweater coat, shoes stockings and a knee length coat which gives them the appearance of being completely clad. The men employ a very similar method. As everyone

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on the beach or on the way to and from the beach has a bathing suit on at all times, it is rather curious to see how unconcerned they have become, putting on shoes and stockings brushing hair, rouge-ing lips and powdering faces, often within a few feet of one another. Fortunately the outdoor life and exercise has made their bodies a treat to look at, as a rule, and there are very few sloppy people and practically no unbecoming bathing suits, nearly everyone - men women & children

The first part of the book is a history of the
 country from the first settlement to the
 present time. It is a very interesting and
 accurate work. The author has done
 much research and has collected a
 large amount of material. The book is
 well written and is a valuable
 contribution to the history of the
 country. It is a must for every
 student of history.

wearing heavy wool jantzen suits
one piece but with shirt attached
very abbreviated but very good
in their way. I hope you will
not be shocked when you see mine.

Well I'm getting cheerful from
the effect of writing to you. And
very hungry. Am being careful
about my health and I think
you will notice an improvement
when you see me. I look more
like that old photograph (taken
in my graduating gown) than I
have done for a long time. But
don't be disappointed - In spite
of my efforts you will have to
bear in mind that I am two

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or three years older than I was
then. But I am tanned and
well and cheerful which is
what you say you want

With best love to you and
to the children

Yours affectly

Edward.