

Maunus Inlet Wednesday
July 12

Dear William

Anna & I have
come to the conclusion
that writing is the bone of
our existence here. The bare
fact of having to live necessitates
many things to be done, & when
added to ones own life, children,
friends & neighbours have claims
on ones time, the daylight never
affords any opportunity & it is
quite self-destroying work when all.

is quiet for reading or working in the evenings to have to isolate ourselves from each other to write although we really have nothing to say. I think Mr. Campbell was right when he chose to go to the Maguire R. because neither letters nor telegrams could reach him to disturb his peaceful habitation. When will you be wise enough to follow such an example? Well one year more of patience & we will I hope see you have some repairs. I hope some val. useful kind of pleasure. Martine & I are truly glad to hear that you are this getting

making rapid advances
with the arrangements in the
Museum. Please let nothing
delay your promised visit here
at the beginning of August. There
is an absolute necessity to brace
yourself for work later in the month.
Otherwise you will not only
be weak physically but be entirely
a man of one idea that you
will have no breadth of sympathy
with the elaborate sections that, for
the time, you are bound to foster.

What a charming communication
that of R. to D. was! I don't suppose
W. will entertain the idea of going
to Manitoba. He has not even the

means & I am sure he will dislike
 either to ask or borrow it of you.
 I shall be so glad if he hears favour-
 able news from England soon.
 I shall regret if he goes on for
 another year at the Surveying.

I have done little towards making
 this place neat outside. Murely
 got the grass cut roughly here. I have
 not yet been down the path to the
 sea, but immenely in sight
 there is plenty to attend to & as yet
 I have not got a Carpenter. Pinnett
 is off like the rest - to day I am
 on the truck of a man called Page
 for the gallery door which is off its
 hinges - the sink &c. The trees near us
 are badly damaged by the winter

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plants. Two of the Cherrypines
are quite killed & the one that
has last year is half dead.
I think we shall have to apply
to Mr. Sible for some of his Russian
varieties guaranteed to stand
any amount of ill weather.
We had so much rain after
we came that all the plants ^{I brought} are
are doing well. I was sorry that
Hamilton gave me two such
hurdly taken up sumachs. Had
they been taken up with any
reasonable care when they were
had a good chance to grow.
Several of the rose-bushes are also

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killed. We are however luxurating
in Ullishus & chubar! & will
soon have lettuce. We have also
had plenty salmon at 10⁰⁰, & ought
so much that you cannot share
it. ^{How} To get eggs is the problem of the
day. Anna & I walked Sunday ^{day}
morn to the little shop in that
direction. Asked for eggs. Oh yes!
he had 25 day: just packing them for
Ruebe where he got 23⁰⁰ & paid 25⁰⁰
carriage. but gave them to us for 20⁰⁰
but we declined as we still scramble
along at 15.

As the mail is not yet in I have
off, but anything to acknowledge.
Nothing tangible but "Witness"
to goodness. With much love
from your Margaret