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My dear George

It is a long time I am afraid since I last wrote; and now that I am at home again it makes me feel all the more remiss as I hear so many letters of yours for one that I write. We are so glad to hear that you are at length thinking of turning homeward. I am only very sorry that you are not likely to be here before Florence leaves, I should so much like you to see her. She has to return to Halifax for

Christmas. But you will no doubt  
land in Halifax. If you do, you  
must call at their house; you will  
won't you? 41 English Street; you  
won't forget; it is the same Street  
the Macleans live in.

I have been disappointed in  
the building of the R. not being  
erected this autumn, on account  
of there being so much difficulty  
in obtaining a site on reasonable  
terms. Even yet it is not en-  
tirely decided. I was out at  
Lachine to-day running in one  
of the crows ~~connecting~~ on the  
line connecting the Works with  
the C. P. R. so as to take a  
smaller corner off one of the more  
reasonable proprietors. He says

to the view of from his farm is as  
fine as the view across the Bay of  
Staples. You will doubtless be able  
to judge of this on your return.  
The part we want has no view  
from it, & is a mass of stones &  
thorn bushes with a few patches  
of grass here & there. A goat  
might find a living on half-a-  
dozen acres of it. However, I have  
no doubt it will be arranged soon  
although the buildings cannot be  
commenced till spring. The Co-  
has opened an Office in the Win-  
dover Hotel which will probably be  
a permanent one. Mr. Abbott  
the Manager, will be there,  
& all the general designs will  
will be prepared there, & sent out  
to the Toronto or Lachine shops

according to where they are to be  
manufactured. My own salary is  
small in the meantime; but a  
rate of advance has been agreed  
upon up to the end of the first  
year.

When you are in London would  
you please enquire about the box  
of scales and road-pen ordered of  
Stanley. They have not arrived either  
here or in Halifax. Also please call  
at Troughton & Simms for a metal  
cap I have ordered for the stand  
of my level; & I wd be glad of one  
of their catalogues. I would also like  
an Electrum Straight Edge (Stanley)  
42 inches long, price 24/- if you  
have anywhere you could put so  
unwieldy a thing; but please do not  
get it if it wd be inconvenient.

Yours affectionate brother, William.