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order during height Huddersfield strike - p. 5.

Fort William, Ont

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Dearest Lois

I received a letter from you last evening, but it is at home.

I am rather glad you find England quiet because we may be more sure that you won't forget to come back home.

Thank you for the prints, I've seen clearer ones but am very glad to get them after such a dearth.

I'm glad you have had a good photograph taken. I hope it turns out well.

Remember I have been looking for me for a long, long time so don't be mean and forget to send me one.

But please be careful about my address; - after about four weeks or less from the present date I hope to have made a change.

And I don't know yet where I shall go.

"The Canada Iron Corp" Ltd. Ft. Lorn. would forward a letter correctly but I would not feel very sure of anything sent to my home address.

I have heard from the manager of the B. of M. in Vancouver but have heard nothing further from that direction so that, although I am expecting a letter every day, I can't tell whether they will take me or not.

If I don't hear definitely in a week I shall then do my best to get something in Montreal.

I have found Ft. Lorn. first-class in the summer.

Last Sunday, I again went out to Lorn Lake where we had a great day, sailing, walking, bathing and eating.

I saw something pretty neat

which would have shocked your English cousins. I'm afraid.

It was the original human mermaid - almost.

A young married girl makes a practice of learning to swim, - using a one-piece-button-at-the-shoulder-bathing-suit.

She was in our party but that did not keep some people from being envious and others from being interested.

As usual, I made love to the kids and hence there was nearly another row.

I had ~~been~~ been teaching a little girl of 5 yrs old, to swim, with such success that when her father and mother got hold of her she started to scream frantically for me to come and save her.

Her parents were so much annoyed at her want of confidence in them that it would have gone hard with the kid had ~~it~~ it not been for the crowd looking on.

In the evening, my hostess's niece and myself walked out the trail to the "first camp".

Later we admired the view of the lake and woods from the upper balcony, while the family below discoursed moon-song on the gram-o-phone.

We had the cosy corner and everything fine - except, of course for the inevitable "brat" (like W-ll). Only this time it was a girl.

In about 4 yrs. I will learn that it is unwise to go anywhere without a pocket-full of change to ward off "brats".

We finished our mid-summer regatta - last night.

My crew was not in the finals having won one race and lost the second.

I also lost a swimming race.

The man who won it came second in a race for the Amateur Championship of the world so I was not very much put out about the result.

We get another chance to win a rowing race on Friday when there is to be another competition in Port Arthur.

So much for the present. - I'll have to do a little work for a few minutes.

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19th Aug.

I thought I had posted this a week ago. I hope now the thing gets to you before you leave England,

Nothing very exciting has happened lately except being called out with the Militia to keep order during the Freight Handlers Strike.

One day they started to shoot and so the militia were called out and the idea was quite exciting.

We slept for a couple of nights in Pullman Cars placed down by the Sheds.

2 Squads of 7 men ^{each} patrolled the streets and yards day and night.

The first move of the whole concern

↓ was when we were⁶ marched out in an innocent looking formation and surrounded a couple of blocks where 200 or 300 men were congregated. Then they were all chased out of their houses and the bunch rounded up and searched by the city police the soldiers in the mean time standing with rifles loaded and fixed bayonets.

The "Riot Act" had however been read the night before and they all had time to hide their things.

Only two men were found with revolvers in their socks.

Later I was told off in a couple of occasions to search houses for liquor and ammunition & guns, all of which were prohibited in that section of the town.

↓ I had one party of 3 men and 2 policemen on one trip and we found 7 bottles of whisky, 2 revolvers

and 3 guns.

I have got a couple of post-cards which I will send you.

I have heard nothing further as yet about a job but am looking forward to a letter every day.

I played tennis yesterday & the day before - the only two times this year.

I got a letter from my first room-mate at U.C.C. today and in putting it away I discovered this letter. Its rather stale by now but I'll send it anyway.

I can do pretty nearly anything in work or play better than I can talk to a bunch of girls and I felt like a cheese yesterday evening with a few girls and

men after the tennis tea and
supper.

I think I'll have to skidoo
with the Allen Players and learn
how to be cheeky and "lippy" to a
bunch of girls.

It certainly does not come
naturally to me. Damn girls anyway.

I hope you have by this time
convinced your English cousins that
we are not all aborigines living
in tents & tree trunks etc.

Well lots of love and a safe
journey home.

Yours lovingly

Edmunds.