

Kawatiri Beach.
Monday July 22nd /12.

Dearest Edward.

I did not write last night when I got back from the station, as Hugh wanted me to go for a walk. and by the time I got back, though it was not late, I was much too sleepy -

We had had quite a strenuous day - A long bath before breakfast church, I paddled Naomi all afternoon in and out some of the Islands - Frances and the others were in the boat we came to one place where we made a most successful portage -

It is quite the thing here to go to
the station on Sunday evening, when
all the men go to town, and also
when people should be in church -
the station platform is crammed
and you meet all your friends -
it is great fun to see all the men
fighting to get on the train and
find a seat. The people here
are a most ungodly lot, they
never go to church all summer
there are about four small churches
which are practically empty on
Sundays - We have been several
times - we go by such a pretty
path in the woods -

Did Mrs Winslow tell you about
^{Ed's Aunt from England}
Mrs Pearsons present to us - I wonder
dear if you will like it - a
round rose wood dining room table.
perhaps that is Colonel P's present
I am not quite sure - Mrs W.
is getting Mrs P. to get a sideboard
and chairs ^{from} there. So our dining
room set will be lovely - Mrs P.
is also giving us \$50.00. They
are very good - but of course it
is because they love you so -
I hope that you will not be
disappointed about not having
a walnut set. I do not think
you will -

You must stop all intercourse between
Mr McC. and Eva. Grand has
decided she would like him, and
I think he would be quite suitable.
don't you? You see he would
meet her when she comes to
the wedding.

I suppose by now you have got
my letter, answering yours on E.
about the furniture - I did not
think that you would be so worried
as to whether I would be cross or
amiable upon the subject - I
am sorry now that I did not
telegraph to you right off upon
your clever business transaction.

I really do not see how I could
 be very annoyed about it, do you?
 of course everything may not be
 exactly as we would have chosen
 them, still dear, I'm sure they
 will do beautifully. Won't it begin
 opening them -

Just think I am only to be
 here about a week more. and
 then westward Ho! - We expect
 to leave Winnipeg on Thursday
 August 12th - We are going to
 stop a couple of days at
 Calgary, to see Blair, and
 Mildred Robinson - Then

we will stop, and see Bernard.
after which we will go straight
to the coast, and on the way
back, stop for about 2 weeks in
the mountains - Edward what
would you say if I were not back
by Sept 1st - I don't believe I
am going to manage it - but it
would not be more than a
week later, would you mind?
I'm afraid you will - But
I tell you how it is - your
family are rather disgusted
that I am leaving so soon
they had counted upon my being

here all summer, why I do not
know, as I told Mrs W. my plans
before I left Montreal. but it
is hard to remember everybody's
I suppose - So Mrs W. said
she would like it very much if
I would stay a few days in
Winnipeg with them, on my way
back - I will be back from
my western trip about Sept, ²¹
I think - Let me know
what you think? -

We are at present all around
the table writing letters. and
discussing how Frances & Annie
are going to manage to get to
^{our} my wedding - We have suggested

tourist - and ~~then~~ now we think
that we will ask for Donaldson
and that they will all go down
in his private car -

I think your remark about thinking
of me for three whole weeks whether ^{the}
world came to an end or not - afterwards
was rather sweet. darling I do hope
that I will be so nice that you will
always & forever want to think of
me almost as much - ^{in the 3 weeks}

I am waiting daily for more detailed
accounts of the furniture.

I must stop now, as I have
several more letters to write -
with heaps of love to you -
Jim Lovis -

In reading this over I find it to be a very
badly compressed letter but under the circumstances it might
have been 'worse' -

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