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# The Royal Hotel

H. J. & W. H. Southwood, Props.

Opposite New C.P.R. Station.

Sherbrooke, Que., Sunday Dec 13 1914

My dearest Girl

I am still lingering in the nice room with the bath and I hate to make the break and go upstairs but must do so today. I am lying propped up at the foot of the bed and on my right I can see the crowds skating on the fine clean ice. It is about ten o'clock and I have just finished a comfortable breakfast - principally fruit - as I do not intend to go out until just before lunch.

Phillip Skelton rang up yesterday and wanted me to go skating but I had to work. However you might send me my skates by express. If you do this please send my nice new slippers that you made me. I looked everywhere for them this morning before remembering that I had left them by mistake in Montreal. I need a laundry bag too

I am still reading "The Belvéd Vagabond" in my spare time and I have it by me now. You can see that I have not had much spare time.

Just when the work was beginning to run smoothly, about last Wednesday, we ran into some poor steel and were unable to handle it. We have experimented day and night ever since and I think we at last found a way to handle it last night.

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Gladys Hale telephoned me on Friday to say that the Farwell house in the same row with hers (Col Penhale's) was "to let" at \$30<sup>00</sup> a month and that the furniture and some other features were superior to those in Col Penhale's house. I tried to get Col Sommers to find out what arrangements you had made with him but he was out of town and I have not tried to see him since. I would not like to break an understanding once it is made but I may be able to see Col Sommers next week and see how the matter stands. In the meantime please let me hear from you as I want to get a lease signed.

Tell me when you are going to live till Christmas. If you stay any longer at your Mother's you should be a paying guest. It is all right for you to have a visit at home, but I don't think it is right for me to let your Mother support the baby and Theresa as well, as these extras do not seem to be your Mother's fault at all but are more probably my fault and therefore I should pay. I am sorry not to have straightened out my accounts yet. I think I owe you \$150<sup>00</sup> for November less \$10<sup>00</sup> lent you less \$18<sup>00</sup> paid for you here <sup>over</sup>.

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less \$84<sup>00</sup> handed you in cheque from Montreal, leaving  
\$12<sup>50</sup>. I have got to take out \$2<sup>50</sup> for stamps  
laundry etc and I therefore enclose cheque for  
\$10<sup>00</sup> with regrets that it is no larger.

I hope the baby and you are both well  
I would love to be in Montreal today but  
need the <sup>Sunday</sup> rest too badly and so am just  
"taking things easy".

If I had thought I would have you used  
Eva's nice letter writing pad. I think I will  
drop a couple of little notes to our respective  
mammams. My pen is at the works and I  
am steering clear of that so everyone must  
excuse pencil.

The river is alive with black ants scotting  
about. There are no girls - I suppose they  
will turn out in the afternoon.

I hope Lois that you have had your  
tooth attended to. It is poor economy to let  
it get worse as that would be bad for you and  
bad for your tooth.

~~Do~~ not be taken in by our friend Tom Curry.  
If he felt he could make more money by re-renting  
the house and getting a sum additional from us he  
would be quick to do so. Do not let Mr Bryson ask  
too much for it. I think his commission depends  
on how much he gets for it ~~and it is~~ per month  
and if so, it would make no difference to him.

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whether he rents it on the first of January or on the first of April. It would make a very considerable difference to us.

If we rent for \$40<sup>00</sup> from the first of January we get for Feb Mar + April rent times \$40<sup>00</sup> = \$160<sup>00</sup> whereas if we rent for \$50<sup>00</sup> from the first of February we only get 3 x \$50<sup>00</sup> = \$150<sup>00</sup> and in the meantime we cannot feel sure of getting anything at all. Moreover people are not likely to want to rent for less than 4 months and that is the only period over which we can offer them a bargain. After that they will have to pay the usual \$50<sup>00</sup>. I would give \$10<sup>00</sup> or \$15<sup>00</sup> extra commission to have the house rented at \$40<sup>00</sup> from the first day of January. Be careful to take up and explain to Mr Bryson about the fixtures which we own and get him to make it clear just before finally closing any bargain that we will either sell or take away all these before our lease finally expires. You can make out and hand to him a list with your prices on the different articles. Remember also the coal at \$8<sup>00</sup> a ton. By the way, it would pay to have

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that light in the center of the drawing-room  
fixed. We have forgotten that it looks  
slovenly but it would produce a bad  
effect on a prospective tenant. Any little  
thing like that gives the impression of  
ricketyness. Also the house should be  
kept aired and those ferns cleared out  
of the bath-room and the oil cloths  
should be waxed.

It would be fine if we could get \$60<sup>00</sup>  
a month for the house furnished but I  
doubt if a tenant could be found to suit  
you. Cut out that \$50<sup>00</sup> and \$75<sup>00</sup>  
business. It is far too late to talk that  
way. I would much sooner hear of him  
trying to get rid of it for \$30 or \$50 because  
then I would suspect he meant business.

If you are not satisfied that Bryson is doing  
all possible I don't think there is any objection  
to placing it in the hands of several other dealers.  
You might ask Com about this point. In any  
case I think perhaps you had better list the  
house with all the dealers but ask Com what the  
usual practice is. Please let me know if you are  
getting any offers at all. We must get rid of the  
house now if its only for the purpose of selling the  
coal and paying for putting away our furniture.

With best love to you all and regretting having to force  
so much business upon you your affect husband Edward S. Whistler