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My dear Father,

The gentleman whose card I enclose called yesterday to see you, but as you were away explained to me the object of his mission. The chief facts he had to state were as jotted on the accompanying slip. It seems that nothing is being done for Protestant blind in this country who, although few in number, certainly ought not to be neglected. The plan he proposes is that they should be sent down to Halifax & educated there.

Their institution he says is pretty largely endowed so that, although each pupil really costs \$150 per annum, they would be willing to take them at \$125, in order to afford every facility. It seems that the Catholics get a special grant for their blind whereas the Prot. get nothing. He (Mr Fraser) intends to submit a scheme of his proposals to the next meeting of the board, but in the mean time he is traveling about to see individual members. I talk the matter over with them. He is totally blind himself, & seems to be much in earnest about the work he has undertaken.

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2) Mr. Rudolph is now staying with us, but will leave this afternoon at three o'clock by the North Shore. He came up by the I.C.R. I would have stayed at Metis but did not know what station to stop at, there being none called Metis. As he had only a day or two to spare he could not have come on here at all had he done so, so that as far as we are concerned, we are glad he was not better informed, although I told him that I was sure you would all be disappointed at not seeing him.

Yesterday we went for a  
drive around the Mountain  
Park & enjoyed it very much,  
except the dust. There were  
a great many people up  
driving, some we passed  
just returning, although we  
had left just <sup>immed<sup>ly</sup></sup> after break-  
fast-ourselves. Almost all  
American Tourists of course.

In the afternoon we went  
up to Lachine & come down  
the rapids which Mr. R. had  
not seen before. Today I don't  
know what we shall do ex-  
actly.

On the whole we are all  
getting on very well. Weather  
still quite cool - & grateful

Your affectionate, son  
Franklin.