

51 Ray Street South  
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My very dear Uncle

Your last and very welcome letter of Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> I duly received also the book you sent me at Christmas, for which please accept my thanks it is a very interesting work and I am enjoying the reading of it.

I note what you say about offering to lend me some more money it seems as if it would be such a help to me at the present time that I can hardly refuse to accept your very kind offer I have been waiting till I would see how I would

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to this. please excuse the  
grammatical blunders I have  
made.

With fond regards to  
Aunt yourself & family  
I remain

Your affectionate Nephew  
George Mercer Bell

come out. I have done pretty well and paid off considerable since I last wrote, quite a number of small monthly acts and a note for \$84<sup>00</sup> on the 7 of Jan<sup>y</sup> and I have another for over \$35<sup>00</sup> due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month so if you can kindly let me have the use of \$100<sup>00</sup> by the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. I will be very thankful for I am short and I have several other acts to pay off. I keep ordering small quantities of goods all the time to keep up my stock and I like to pay for them in 30 days as I get 5% discount. I have been finding out the price of goods in Hamilton and comparing them with the price of goods in Toronto the result of which

is I can buy cheaper in  
Toronto from the firm of  
H, S, Howland Sons & Co. after  
I pay the freight on their goods  
I save money on them.

The firm is exceedingly  
obliging as I have experien  
ced on several occasions.

I know it will be uphill  
work with me till my stock  
is increased, however patience  
and perseverance will meet  
with success, I have great  
reason to be thankful to God  
for the measure of success  
that has attended my efforts  
so far, business has been  
so at a standstill for some  
time back, I hope it may  
soon take a change.

I will feel anxious till  
I hear from you in reply