



Raukine  
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Sunday

My dear Father,

Many thanks

for a note of yours,  
which together with  
a letter from Mother,  
reached me last  
night.

The only news seems  
to be the advent of  
another little niece.  
I am very glad to hear  
that Anna is doing  
well. Please express

2/ my sympathy and  
congratulations, what  
a family it is, - seven  
now. I have only  
known what it is to become  
of them all.

I dined the other day  
with Mr Kemp of the Bank  
(Union?) of Edinburgh,  
whom I ran across at  
the Metropole, and who  
desires to be remembered.  
Today I was lunching  
with old D<sup>r</sup> Rae, who  
seems as active and  
energetic as ever, and

who also made kind  
enquiries. Both I think  
had received from you  
copies of the Carnival  
Number, which they  
appreciated.

I much regret to hear  
that College affairs  
still remain so troublesome  
and unsatisfactory -

I can't myself see any  
finality to the enactments  
tyranny of the French  
majority, until the  
issue as between French &  
English is fairly joined  
& fought out to a definite  
& final conclusion -

It is it seems to me  
distinctly, if not only,  
a race fight, & must be  
settled before any perman-  
ent progress or comfort  
can be hoped for in the  
Prov. of Quebec. I should  
much like to see the Jesuit  
bill bring on an acute crisis.  
The sooner it comes the  
better! The present oppressive  
mass of the weather and  
more backward race is  
intolerable, and tends to  
make even residence in  
the Prov. inconsistent & in-  
compatible with self  
respect. Having got  
in the edge of the wedge

They seem determined  
to drive it home so  
far as Montreal is concern-  
ed, and will make  
of it a second Quebec  
if they succeed. The  
business here must  
already have handi-  
capped banks, insurance  
companies &c. in their  
extra-provincial business  
of giving a proportionate  
advantage to similar  
institutions in Toronto &  
elsewhere. How this  
tendency is to be checked &  
the result prevented,



I do not know - Certainly  
conciliating French sus-  
ceptibilities & preaching  
mutual citizenship  
will fail. So long as  
there are eyes to be  
robbed, appeals of this  
sort, are likely to be as  
fruitless as they are un-  
dignified, it seems  
to me, whatever party  
may be in power.  
Some determined stand  
must soon be taken  
or it will go so far that  
an appeal to physical force  
will be the only resource  
left -

These perhaps seem  
very pessimistic fore-  
casts, but they are  
I fancy pretty fully en-  
dorsed by most recent  
observers, who have been  
so fully getting down  
their impressions of <sup>late</sup> what  
they see.

My plans, after what  
you ask, are as usual  
indefinite & nebulous.  
I should like to come  
~~out in spring~~ I still hope  
to do so, but much  
doubt my ability to

remain for any length  
of time. My interests  
are too Australian perhaps,  
or possibly it is only  
general restlessness  
& dissatisfaction with  
things as they are - The  
only work I have ever done &  
liked is <sup>in</sup> my P.O. position -

However we shall see!  
Whatever may result

Believe me always

Your affectionate Son  
Gantkin