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Dear mamma I hope,  
I have been  
writing quite impatiently to  
hear how you were all getting  
on at home, but you seem to  
have quite forgotten your  
two daughters, we have made  
me so many journeys to the  
post but all quite unsuccessful  
as far as my getting anything  
was concerned.

This is a lovely place, very  
very pretty, ever is much prettier  
than Wacoona or any of those  
places, & the house is quite a  
starry look sort of house, with  
big glass doors, a verandah  
chared with Virginian creepers  
& a nice croquet ground outside.

Chatty Watts has gone home  
now but while she was here  
we had quite a large party  
for Willy Watts stayed here  
a day & we have had a Mr  
Butter (a young lawyer from  
Drummondville) staying here  
he is very nice, not wonderfully  
aristocratic or anything of that  
sort, not even handsome, but  
he is very kind to us & extre-  
mely obliging, he went to us  
over so long yesterday, while  
we were sketching, I made a  
nice cabin of branches to  
keep off the sun. We went  
down to the bay in a boat  
on Wednesday, it is about  
three miles I believe but  
site seemed nearly six in  
coming back for the current  
was so strong that Mr Butter  
& Willy Watts had rather  
sawd & work alternately poling  
& towing the boat.

Yesterday we went down to  
Lake Teah with Mrs. Lee, who  
is all alone at present. She  
lives in a queer romantic  
rambling old house by the  
river side. I mean to make  
a sketch of it, it is so pretty.  
I rode down the road ~~with~~  
drove in the wagon, the  
road goes through the most  
lovely woods I here & there you  
catch a glimpse of the shining  
St. Francis. I enjoyed myself  
very much. There is a yachtsman  
staying at the boat by name  
Mr. Lindsay he is very good  
natured & rather a droll (ex-  
cuse the expression please) wear  
a mosquito net on his hat etc.  
he is also a musical genius  
& he plays accompaniments by  
ear & sings a very good second  
so we sang nearly all the  
evening, you would have been  
quite surprised to see how

I came out on the occasion  
Mr Butler is going away  
to-day & we shall all miss  
his fun for he does such lots  
of things for us such as mow-  
ing the croquet ground, &  
putting tea. Just at this  
moment Mrs Browne & Eva  
are sitting on the lawn sit-  
ting up & dissecting maps  
Mr Butler is copying a piece  
of poetry for me & Dora & Lottie  
are writing, & Mrs Browne  
looking at us all. I have  
nearly finished an sketch &  
am going to make another  
soon. He was expected by  
Wednesday to breakfast but  
he has not come so we expect  
he has lost his way as there  
is rather a confusing wood  
near fellow he must feel  
rather hungry by this time  
for it is nearly ten.

Love Mrs Browne is very

much distressed at my writing  
to you about so many young  
gentlemen, for she thinks you  
will think she told the other  
stories when she said she never  
saw any one out here, but they  
all declare the gentlemen  
must like waltzes have  
scented me out from afar.

Even had an attack of diar-  
rhoea the day before yesterday  
but she is all right now, though  
of course I am still very care-  
ful of her as I don't like to  
have her sick, there is a very  
good doctor not very far from  
here, so if anything were to hap-  
pen I would of course send  
for him. We are all going  
down to Drummondville some  
day soon, I am sure we will  
enjoy ourselves very much for  
I like to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> very much. &  
they all say that Mrs Watts  
is very very nice, I feel quite

curious to see her, there  
is only one drawback namely  
by the mosquitos, which are  
reported to be very bad at  
Iresmissionville, & I am sure  
they must be bad if they  
are much worse than here.

I hope you will write  
to me soon for really I do  
want to hear how you are  
all getting on.

Good bye for the present  
I believe me as ever

Your loving daughter  
Anna

The hood of the riding habit  
with great difficulty was  
got on yesterday but I felt  
such a decided sensation  
of choking that I had to take  
it off & borrow Dora's jacket

Mamma and Pophy and  
I send best love  
Dora.