

Mrs. O'Leary  
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Niagara Falls

Clifton House

My dear Mr. Lawson

You must  
 have thought me very ungrate-  
 -ful in not answering your  
 kind letter ere this, but it was  
 only received when we arrived  
 here late last night, having been  
 forwarded by a friend; it had  
 been overlooked when we  
 asked for our letters at Fifth  
 Avenue. It will indeed be  
 a great pleasure to meet you  
 all again and renew our  
 friendship. I am looking  
 forward with intense pleasure  
 to being with you again and  
 having long chats over days  
 gone by. We are so far, not  
 to see you in your own home



the delay in getting to Montreal  
was caused by our going to  
Kenton Falls the description  
of which was too tempting  
to resist. The hope to see  
Mrs. Harrington & Willie as  
we go on to Ottawa, though  
it can be but a faint of the  
good one as she leaves Montreal  
so soon for the country.  
We mean to go down by  
steamer to Pictou as travelling  
by train is so unpleasant in  
the hot weather, but cannot  
here find out whether the  
boats touch at Matias or not,  
or if they do whether we can  
get from there to Little Matias,  
so we would feel much  
obliged if you would write  
just a line letting us know  
I am sure having so many of



les will be inconvenienced in  
your small cottage, & if it  
is feasible we should be far  
better to go to a hotel near you  
& see as much of each other as  
we could; it is so kind of you  
to invite us under the cir-  
-cumstances and we appreciate  
it very much, but I fear the  
fever heat will not be able  
to stretch out the cottage walls  
without making your own  
household very uncomfortable.  
Maggie's letter arrived today, she  
mentions that Dr. Selwyn had  
written my husband here, but  
the letter has not come yet  
She asked our advice about  
waiting for us, which she  
feared very anxious to do,  
and <sup>we</sup> think her father would  
like her to leave herself, when



We are not returning as soon  
as he expected. We have been  
visiting all the places of interest  
around here all day. I am  
so worried you will lovingly  
excuse my tumbling head  
& confused ideas. My head  
is almost broken: the wood  
streaking has been ever present  
all day when looking at the  
wonderful flower of water.  
I am looking forward with  
much interest to seeing you  
young folks and you will  
be feeling the same about  
dear Barbara's pen beam.  
I must now get off to bed  
with kindest regards to you &  
all your loved ones in which  
my husband & Minnie join &  
hoping to see you very soon.  
Believe me  
Your loving friend  
Maggie Scott