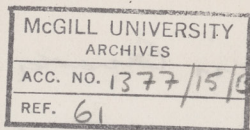


Hotel Chatham
Paris
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My dear Walter,

I wrote a note to
Cecile de Fort, but without
having any particular news
to communicate. Matters
continue to progress much
as before, but there seems to be
little prospect of my getting away,
till near the middle of
June. Henry got somewhat
into a routine now, the time
passes quickly enough, though
I ponder the probable loss of
another summer's field work

which seems terrible.

The long dry season here
has broken at last & occasional
showers have occurred during
the past few days. There has
been only two weeks of
the wet season this week
because of a reception at the
French Foreign Office which
necessitated the use of the
rooms. I did not go to the
reception as I had been at
one of the Ministere de la
Guerre the night before &
thought it was quite enough
for the week.

In view of the papers that the

Spring is late in Canada
 & the U.S., a great contrast
 with conditions here, but
 when even the last winter
 begins in Montreal, you will
 no doubt soon be as
 advanced as we are. The
 streets are now full of flowers,
 chiefly roses, which appear to
 be at their best, & the parks
 are looking splendid.

Tomorrow Sir Charles Russell
 is giving a little dinner party
 at the Cafe Tour d'Argent, away
 down at the East End of Paris.
 I have been there once before. It is

a curious old fashioned place,
 but where the cooking is better than
 any place else in Paris so far as
 I know. The Chef, who considers
 himself an artist, insists on
 prescribing a menu & will not
 admit the introduction of anything
 frivolous, such as ices.

Mrs Pope left for Ottawa via Horne
 this morning, being to go back
 to look after her family. Lady Russell,
 Mrs Russell & Miss Russell
 who has been here for some time
 also prepare leaving in a few days.
 We shall then be without ladies
 in the party, for the first time.

I trust that matters are going
 well in Montreal

Mrs
 George