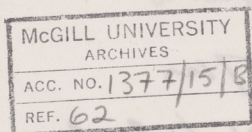


Hôtel Chatham
Paris
June 9. 93.



My dear Mother,

Yesterday I received
a letter from Father, dated
May 28th, & one from Anna,
both announcing another addition
to her family & that all was
going well. Father speaks of
being possibly detained in
London till July 1st, but
I should think it better if he
can do so to get away before &
thus escape the possible injuries
effected by the warm weather. It
does seem rather hard that you

Should be able to get so little
 help from your various children
 in the house which must cover
 from making new arrangements,
 but some of it had been in
 Canada I should probably have
 had to go somewhere out west
 before this & you have been unavail-
 able.

If you are not able to make the
 arrangements you contemplate for
 residence in Montreal, I do
 not see that the fact that you
 do not feel able to undertake
 housekeeping should be a complete
 bar to your living in Ottawa,
 for doubtless someone might be
 found to look after the part of

of the business. I quite
 understand, however, that you
 know best about this, & feel also
 that way things & particularly
 the presence of all your friends
 in Montreal, would render
 your residence there more
 agreeable. Please understand,
 however, that if it should turn
 out in any way to be more
 suitable to look to Ottawa
 that my cooperation should be quite
 understood. In fact if there should
 be anything that I can do I shall
 be only too glad to do it.
 The arbitration continues to progress

here, but slowly, & there is probably
 no chance now of my getting away
 till some time in July - probably
 early in the month. If I should get
 back to Canada by August 1st
 I shall be lucky. It is of course
 interesting enough to be here & there is
 still plenty to do of one kind or
 other, but I must say I find
 coming this - the best summer that
 I have been engaged on the Behning
 Sea work in one form or other.
 Please give my love & congratulations
 to Anna & when I will reply in
 a day or two by the next mail

Yours

Serge.