

Rideau Club,

Ottawa.

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My dear Mother,

I have just returned  
from a short visit to Nova  
Scotia & from a call of  
three days duration at Metis  
on the way back, feeling all  
the better for the change. The  
weather on the whole was very  
pleasant, but here I get  
back to excessive heat which  
has been prevailing for several  
days & as yet shows no  
sign of abatement. At Metis

I had a very pleasant time, doing nothing. Everyone well & healthy looking, including baby, although I regret to say that a few days ago he had another of his seizures. Anna thinks not so bad as before. The only general sign of disturbance he shows is a lot of irritability & restlessness. Otherwise he is in the best of health. William has unexpectedly returned to Cape Breton, the crew of the steamer being struck because of some sort of prevalence which they thought-

they had. Bad food was  
 the plea. I see by the papers  
 tonight that they have been  
 sentenced to a months imprison-  
 ment each. The steamer  
 will soon procure a new  
 crew & proceed again.  
 Father's letter of July 22nd  
 I found awaiting me here  
 & with what I heard of Metis  
 I am quite surprised at  
 the manner in which he &  
 you are rushing about, &  
 particularly at the Company  
 you keep. I can understand

waiting for the B.A.A.S.,  
 but not the going to Kenwick  
 Conference & such like. Kenwick  
 itself is a very pretty place &  
 I trust you had some time to  
 see it. I used to know it very  
 well when it was my Centre  
 for a good part of a summer,  
 1872 I think. I started Clifton  
 board's rooms & we cruised  
 all over the adjacent mountains  
 for a radius of ten miles or so.  
 Ward went into the Church afterwards,  
 being the Geol. Survey, & soon after  
 died.

Yours  
 J. C. J.

