

Rideau Club,  
Ottawa.

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My dear Mother,

I write to wish  
you & all in Montreal a  
happy new year & particularly  
to ask you to convey this  
message to Father.

I arrived here last night safely,  
but about half an hour late,  
owing I suppose to the extra heavy  
train. I telephoned to W. on  
arrival & ascertained that Bob  
still has a cough & that Florence  
was fearing an attack of influenza  
for herself, but I trust it may come to

Nothing. We think he will send  
you the report & transmit to  
Lord Minto.

I am sorry that this extremely cold  
weather is continuing, for I fear that  
you may find it difficult to keep  
comfortable in Montreal, particularly  
with so little snow & ice as a  
blanket. That balcony door in  
father's room is very bad in weather  
like this, as I know from experience.  
You will scarcely require to open it  
while this cold lasts & I should advise  
that you stuff the joint at bottom of  
door 2 ft about 3 feet up on each  
side, with Cotton wool. Nothing between  
the doors is any good, for the cold  
air from outside & that cooled  
between the doors, simply runs in

through the joints & along  
 the floor like so much cold  
 water, making it impossible to  
 sit with any comfort in the room.

I hope Mr. <sup>the</sup> father will observe  
 the doctor's instructions in  
 regard to that banana & in  
 taking the simple remedies that  
 have been prescribed, for the  
 next few days. A temporary  
 derangement of the stomach under  
 the circumstances might be quite  
 serious, & it is not wise to  
 risk it.

My own cold is so better  
 yet, but I had a good night's

Sleep last night, & have been  
 sitting about the fire here all  
 day, in the hope that I may  
 work it off. If it is too  
 better tomorrow, I will give it  
 still another day.

Yours  
 George

P.S. please do not let any  
 expense in connection with extra money  
 or other extra help stand in the way of  
 getting what assistance you can, whether  
 apparently absolutely needed or not. It  
 would please me very much to be  
 allowed to assist in this.

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