



Montreal

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Dear Anna,

a long, cheerful  
and cheering letter arrived  
this morning before I left for  
the laboratory. A thousand  
thanks for it. It is so pleasant  
to know what you are all  
about & to hear that you  
are well and happy.

I have searched everywhere  
for the watch-key, but cannot  
find such an one as you de-  
scribe. Surely you must have  
taken it with you. The enclosed  
key I found on your dressing  
table and send it in the hope

that it may fit your watch.  
 If it does not answer, please  
 let me know. That wretched  
 painter came and put one  
 coat of paint on the floors  
 & has never turned up since.  
 I shall have to go down  
 in the morning or the end  
 a messenger to bring for the  
 purpose of exportation.

I do not see that Mr. Vidier's  
 post office boxes are of any  
 very great advantage; but  
 if you think the getting of  
 your letters would be at all  
 facilitated if you had a box,  
 then by all means receive one.  
 Would you like one to send  
 you any newspapers and  
 if so, which or how many?

Possibly it might be wise to accept old M<sup>c</sup> Laren's offer of the cow. If she has so recently calved she would probably give plenty of milk. Her milk, however, you will remember is not very rich and perhaps we might secure a more creamy creature after I go down.

I should like the children to have all the milk they will drink and that the very best.

It seems funny to hear you say that you are enjoying fine, for it is very hot & close here notwithstanding another thunder shower last evening. I have really not

suffered much with the  
heat to-day because I have  
been too busy to think of it.

Mrs Arthur Brown called  
since you left - and this  
morning a Miss J. J. Pitt  
left her card.

Mrs Peter Redpath has  
not yet recovered from the  
effects of that unfortunate  
accident. Mr. R. told me  
yesterday that he did not  
think she would be able  
to walk for some time yet  
and that she had suffered  
a great deal. I gave him  
some flowers to take to her  
and he seemed much pleased  
as they have none of their own.  
The locum tells for tea \_\_\_\_\_

The cravings of appetite satisfied I resume my writing, but must finish very soon, as I shall have to be my own post-boy.

The Nazis new house must be a grand establishment. Won't they give small Bible readings now? I fear other peoples will be deserted.

Mrs R. - across the way will probably sell out and move on.

Tell Eric that Papa says to be a good little boy and take good care of Mamma & Edith. Papa will be down soon & then we shall have such fun. Kiss both the little ones for me & believe, my precious darling  
 Your loving husband  
 B

