

Ever coming to Canada -

Rentive &

Sister - think he and Lady
 might not return to Detroit?

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis.

Aug 15/94

Eric's health etc

Dear Anna,

Mamma has got
 so involved in household
 cares and grounds and
 affairs of correspondence,
 that I write for her
 this week - a poor
 substitute I am sure.

We have had letters
 this week from several
 from nearly all the
 scattered members
 of the family. George
 was on his way to the
 new Cariboo Gold
 Mines in B.C. William
 had just finished his

49/21 got
Journey with in the Straits
of Belleisle, and had
returned to Gwyney
for coal, &c. There
to start on a second
trip northward. Eva
was to leave on the
Danceur on the 9th,
and may be expected
at Rimouki on Friday.
Peter Atken had been
very ill so much so
that his life was
despaired of, but he
had rallied and of 2
parents turned the wheel
when she wrote. [Rankin

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is spending his time at
a new property near
Victoria, apparently to his
own satisfaction. All
are well here. We
have had dry and
pleasant weather - fair
and East wind to-day

Ratie Galt is coming
out with Eva and the
to France, who is here, is
to meet the steamer at
Stimukke, so they will
be attended to without my
going up.

Thank Lybil for
the kind letter of she
is still with you.

I hope we shall be able
to see something of her,
if as you anticipate she
passes through Montreal
in autumn. I do not
see why she should
not stay with us.

September is drawing
near and with it plans
for return to Montreal.
If Bernard can come
here before we leave,
there are several things
I could wish to discuss
with him before going
up, as to improvements,
repairs &c on property
here; but if he cannot
they may have to remain.

I think it will be my
 duty before I leave to
 make arrangements in
 respect of our not returning
 to Mexico another season.
 Mamma does not seem
 to benefit by it as she
 used to, and I think
 both of us would perhaps
 be more happy in lodgings
 for the hot period of summer.

I do hope you will
 be able to report some
 improvement in Sue's health,
 sufficient at least to warrant
 his going westward in the
 autumn. If he could
 go to Colorado or some
 other dry & mountain
 climate he might again

health, and if he is at
 all able for it we must
 try to arrange for this,
 and to secure some
 intimate company as
 attendance without taking
 you away from the children.
 Trust that you will be
 guided in these matters
 and that God will see
 up the ways. In the
 mean time I feel like
 you that our prayers will
 be answered, though perhaps
 not as we expect.

Love to Bernard and see
 and to Sybil & still with
 you. Yours ever
 M. D.