



Little Metis
Sunday Evening
Aug 19th 1894

Dearest Love,

So far all my attempts
to write you a letter have been
happled, but now everyone is in
bed I hope at least to make a
beginning. On the way down I
wrote a postal card which will
give you a little condensed
information, but postal cards are
unsatisfactory & detestable.

Eva got here Friday afternoon, so
I was just a day too late to be
of any assistance to her. Your
father did not go to Rimouski
to meet her, but she seems to have
got on all right. Kate Jalt also
landed at Rimouski. The
Vancouver passed pretty close to
Metis and blew her whistle several
times. Eva had a good voyage and

is looking well. Ruth, Bernard
and Lois met me at the station
and I need not say that they were
delighted to see me. At the house
too I had a royal welcome. Baby
was asleep in his carriage, but woke
while I was looking at him. At
first ~~too~~ he was alarmed at seeing
a "stranger", but he soon forgot this
and I believe he really remembers
me. At any rate he prefers me
to any one else in the house at
present. The accounts which
we have had of him are cer-
tainly not exaggerated and he
is magnificent boy looking more
like Con. than any of the others.
He says "hark", "pretty", and when
he sees a watch says tick tick and
at once puts the watch to his ear
if you give it to him.

Olave seems to me a good deal
taller than when I left, but is
also I think thinner and has not
profited by her summer here as

all the others have done. No doubt this is due to her age. She seems well, but wants watching and I ~~am~~ have forbidden her to carry Baby about as she has been doing and mean to see that she does not over exert herself in swimming. I think she tries to swim too far. All the others are looking much the better for their summer here.

Clare has got our room re-carpeted and has also decorated it in her usual tasteful way. She certainly is very clever about such things and has wonderful taste. — It is really so late that I must go to bed and try to finish this in the morning.

Monday. Do not think from what I have said above that Clare looks or is ill. She is simply growing taller rapidly and the effect is to make her look thinner. On the whole she looks fairly well. Cor & Bernard got up at five this morning, but I made them go to bed

again - which they did with their clothes on. At seven Ruth came over and Miss Baker went down with them to bathe. Con says it was a crow on the roof that woke him up. The weather on Saturday was cloudy with some rain, yesterday was a lovely day and to-day it is again cloudy and evidently going to rain. If it does I shall have to get out some of my tools & do something to amuse the youngsters. It seems very queer not to have a piano or an organ here. I intended to bring my auto-harp down, but forgot it. I also utterly forgot the game that Eric wanted (Reversi), but will try to write to town and have one sent out if possible.

Roddick thinks that Eric should come in to town by and by and be gone over by him & Browne before making any plan for the winter and this will I think be wise, no matter whether he sees Trudeau or not. Roddick believes in quinine, Trudeau not - withstanding and thinks it would be

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best taken in solution in "dilute nitro-muriatic acid" - 5 grains of quinin twice a day with 10 drops of nitro-muriatic acid (dilute) and a wine-glassful of water. I have mislaid the memo which I made, but think that he said to take it about an hour after breakfast and at bed-time. I tell you what he said, but perhaps it would be best to continue as at present especially if Eric continues to seem better. If Roddick's memo turns up will send it.

Your mother says that Miss Bottwell is not likely to come back from England, but I have just asked Ruth about it and she says she has never heard anything of this from the sister (Miss Florry). Grandma is also horrified at the idea of Corie's going to the "High", but at present I see no other plan. Eva says she will be delighted to take one child back with her to England, and it is worth while considering whether it

would not be good for Clare to go. A few months on the other side would be an education and the change might be good for her otherwise. These ideas however, are not the result of any mature reflection; but I give them so that you ~~not~~ may know something of what is in the wind and be prepared to discuss "plans" if your mother & Eva go to Elira-hetdown later on — as they talk of doing.

There are many more things that I want to speak of but Clare reminds me that it is "post time" and I shall try to write soon again. I have written under difficulties this morning as the children have been wanting all kinds of things and it would be hard indeed to be cross to them when they have been so long

with father or ⁴mother to refer
to.

I was delighted to get your
letter and glad to know that
Miss Hall is likely to prove a capable
and intelligent.

With love for yourself and
Eric Ever your fond Bernard.

Pray take care of yourself and if
you are still troubled as you
were be sure to get Brown or
Drachman to give you some remedy.
I enclose a P. O. order for \$50
and will send my Memoranda
to-day or to-morrow. B.

