

Beach
shelter and
children -

Little Metis

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Dear Lou,

This is a lovely day

but downright hot for here.

I have been toiling most of
the morning at the shelter,
Ruth and Bernard helping
me, and already it is
much more respectable
than Luckup's of last year.

Victor has been after Bernard
twice to get him to go to their
house, but I have kept him
with me, telling him that I
needed his assistance. Going
over to Florence's practically
means going to Artie's hotel
which I do not want, and

I must try to keep him amused
 at home as far as possible.
 The building operations will
 no doubt prove a source of
 great attraction. On receipt
 of your telegram I went at
 once in search of Raymond
 and have engaged him and
 two other men to begin to-morrow.
 I could not have got them
 sooner as they have been
 working for months with
 Astle and only finish there
 to-day. With me here to
 overlook them I expect rapid
 progress to be made. I am
 however, annoyed at the
 door & window from Shear's
 not having arrived as they
 will be wanted immediately.
 Unfortunately I have not the
 dimensions of either, so do not

what sized openings to leave for them. Perhaps they and the pians are on the way.

We shall have to sacrifice part or all of the group of spruces Bernard & I cut on down this morning and used the branches for the shelter. The other trees about the place, however, have grown up so much now that it does not matter much. There is a funny collection of rubbish under the trees.

If Con. is coming down it might be well to get the drawing-room in the Pullman. He could be quiet there and free from draughts. The price this year too is reduced from \$9 to \$7.

Thank Conrad for his capital letter. I was so pleased

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To get it and will write to him soon. Tell him that I found four ripe strawberries to-day, the first of the season. I think there are going to be a great many this year.

It is too bad Ruth did not bring her cart with her. Thomas was mending it, but no doubt sent it back. Perhaps it could come with you. I should be glad also to have my second straw hat if it turns up and a parcel of pine nails that I left behind.

I renewed the burglar insurance & Edward would see about the silver box going down to Gross' office on St James St. & be put in the safe there.

Constance, as I thought she would, is improving in appetite, appearance and temper. Poppy too is doing well, though the mosquitoes have been made him rather restless for a night or two.

With love for yourself & Edw.
From fond Bernard.