

THE RIDEAU CLUB,
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My dear Anna,

I am very glad
to know that you are having
a little rest & change from
the ordinary routine of life &
the conditions consequent on
family cares, & I trust that you
will remain for some time in
your retreat - at any rate long
enough to experience a few days
of really good weather. If you

have had the sort of thing we
I've been experiencing during
the last few days it must have
quite deterred outdoor exercises.

It is always good to get to a
point of vantage now & then
& have a chance of looking over
the situation & realising the
conditions & size of things. I find
that one is quite too ready to get
into a groove & go on without
taking any view of matters from
the outside, & that it is a
mistake. Before I was elevated
to the position of Director of the G.S.

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I used to have the same feeling that it was impossible to get away, but always found, when it came to shutting ones desk for five or six months, that nothing in particular went wrong.

Rankine has been here for a few days on a visit, returning to Montreal on Monday. W. dined with us one evening at the Club, but both he & R are of a peculiar (or of 2 peculiar) Constitution. They devoted themselves chiefly to looking over the illustrated papers & did not seem to have any special points of mutual or collective interest. As for myself, I have never had any particular friends or confidants.

Yours
Seagr.

