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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA.

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My dear Anne

Luscious writing
material is so temptingly
at hand, that altho' I had
not intended to write I am
chained towards doing so.
We made the journey here very
comfortably & were spared all
the usual disagreeables at the
station by finding an lady
caring to give us a lift. our
luggage - following in a hired

Cab. & nat. having received
 Riches as soon as we did
 His Excellency sent to ask,
 if we would come to dinner
 in our travelling attire. The
 Marquis was in the dining room
 to receive us & a dinner in
 regular courses was served.
 Altho' he himself & the party from
 the West had previously dined.
 In all the guests here are Mr
 Wilson. Mr Cheves, Hunt, de Neveu,
 Mon: Stanchek de Maninc. Laurson &
 Cupermail. Sometime there is to be
 a state dinner in honour of

the Queen's birthday. Tomorrow
 afternoon the formal opening,
 or rather inauguration, of the
 new Society takes place at four
 P.M. His Excellency launching it
 into existence - he will be followed
 by paper's opening address & that by
 Mr. Chavani's French address. Friday
 afternoon there will be a garden
 party. but I should first have
 said, that after the opening, the
 different sections will hold meetings
 morning & evening till Saturday.
 Mrs de Winton has just called to
 see us & asked to afternoon tea
 today. Papa & I have a lovely

bedroom, oval shaped, with
 three windows looking towards
 Ottawa - a large dressing room
 and a room just opposite - in
 short a charming house, enough
 to content any reasonable person
 for life.

Now it seems ridiculous or
 almost mean to compare Card
 to the common level of our life.
 but I am forced, to prevent my ser-
 vants from thinking me mean,
 to ask you if you would send
 them a box of soap, which I forgot
 they may be require for the cleaning.
 I left one but if they want two
 more be needed.

Adieu Eric. My love will be away - but
 with much love believe me to be your
 affectionate Mother