

RETIT-METIS  
JU 2 1883  
30  
QUE

Dr Harrington  
Waldrae Place  
off 256 University St  
Montreal  
P.Q.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES	
ACC. NO.	1421
REF.	11/2

CARRIER  
No 1  
JUL 26  
MOR - 4 DIST

11  
MONTREAL  
JUN 26  
80  
QUE

June 1880

June 27<sup>nd</sup>  
1880

Metis  
Sunday morn.

My dear dear Husband,  
you are at church I suppose, but want no doubt but still listening to some thoughtful words that may go with you through the day. Here it has been a really close & oppressive threatening rain - just a few wh. we quite long for on account of our water barrels & also the plants wh. mamma brought & wh. watering seems to moisten every little & a little new wh. has been made in front of the house, as there were too many for the old bed - still I dare say a couple of colicis c<sup>d</sup> be put in, & I am rather curious to see if the sea air will make them more brilliant - just at this moment such a delicious cool breeze has sprung up that it

makes one long to seal up a  
little in this letter for you  
dear who need it more than  
most of us -

Yesterday we were busy  
all day settling our affairs  
four or 5 french women  
took their seats in the kitchen  
at a very early hour each  
hoping to receive our patronage  
the woman who washed for  
us last year is in expectation  
of an addition to her family  
in September, but still  
wishes the work - one almost  
dislikes to give it - to her only  
perhaps the better paid &  
money may prove better  
for her, than the absence of  
work. The groceries remained  
put - away & I unpacked the  
children's things & then went  
on the shore with them, leaving  
Lizzie to assist with the house  
Baby was charmed with  
the sand, calling it sugar  
& her little tropical became  
more clear to her than ever  
Eric had his spade & they  
were so happy, till lunch

time when they had a big  
leech, each drinking about  
2 tumblers of milk. Then  
Eric went to bed & slept  
till half past 8 of - The only  
dread track to their happiness  
is the mosquitos wh. have  
been numerous. I have  
found my Vaseline very  
useful - It really seems to  
alleviate the itching - It is funny  
to hear Edith ask for "the  
cline" - her beauty is not im-  
proved by 4 or 5 bites on her  
face - I fancy that already  
her big looks stronger, her  
teeth are evidently troubling  
her & one looks awfully thro' <sup>the</sup>  
so I am thankful to have  
here - The <sup>orange</sup> arumys have been  
quite a comfort both for  
myself & the children, only  
one banana has as yet met  
its fate - The season is certainly  
here than usual - the radishes  
in the garden rarely & rhubarb  
hardly very good, that is to  
say what is left of it far  
much seems to have been  
stolen - The lettuce is still  
very small & needs rain

We have a bouquet of three  
exquisite wild lily-callis. I  
forget what you told me was  
their proper name. I see or 2  
scarlet-graniums of our  
plants - & it adorns the  
house - wh. is still bare, no  
curtains or "fignys" having  
been yet seen to. Mamma  
seems very tired out & to have  
litle strength she was much  
more weary yesterday than  
I was. I am trying to be  
very prudent & not to be  
too tired. I am not quite  
rested yet back & side being  
rather ache-y - but another  
night - will put me quite  
right - I hope. The sea-side  
sleepiness is on me I intend  
to have the hammock swung  
tomorrow.

I was so sorry that the  
letters I wrote did not go  
yesterday - It was our clock  
being wrong that caused them  
to be too late. Mamma  
had examined it & set it  
by Montreal time. I  
supposed it was the time  
of the country or near it.

Still dear me, I hope the  
note I sent from Chaudiere  
& the telegram on Saturday  
morning will have relieved  
you & from any feeling of  
anxiety about us. I &

I am so glad to be safely  
over the journey & haste  
of settling - & hope to do my  
best - to gain all health &  
strength for the new darling.  
Dear little soul! it is having  
a good start in life - I see  
children need robust bodies  
& brains, as they must make  
their way in life without  
much money - backing - but  
that is, as we see constantly,  
the least powerful of agencies  
for good as regards true  
success in life - You & I may  
have all the <sup>best</sup> things -  
Education, a free country,  
the light of the Bible, a lovely  
home, & the delicious air  
here. I always feel fully  
blessed when I think of how  
much we have very much we  
have, it really makes me  
ashamed in the presence of  
so many others who are persecuted.  
& I cannot but feel what

manner of people ought me  
to be, with so much. That is  
the sorrowful part; that we  
fall so far short. Of the  
high aims, & clear noble views  
that we ought to live for  
Christ. Darling! I pray that  
this separation may draw both  
of us to think share of these  
things. & when we meet, to be  
more helpful to each other.  
You will come to me as  
soon as you can. I know  
& I am waiting to hear more  
of what your plans are.  
I'll take I was sorry not  
to get her to say good bye  
ask her to look for the little  
pillow that went in baby's  
carriage & to put it on my  
sofa. It was left sitting in  
in the cloak room, or the  
basement. & I shall send  
it for the little cradle when  
I return.

The jars were all right  
thanks to your care my dear  
& devoted W. I have not  
yet remembered many jars  
except the pugs & watch. They  
"go for the little ones" you might  
think, & I think I will like to have  
the Waul. but if you come soon



we might read it together  
wh. will be lovely! The  
rain seems near at last  
& dinner also is almost  
ready so far the present  
a - Piece, my beloved -  
Monday

Another fine day but  
much cooler - We had  
rain all round us yes-  
terday, & only one heavy  
shower ourselves, wh. came  
after night-fall - I feel  
quite rested today, & must  
apply myself to unpacking  
my own things, & making  
the final settling - I con-  
clude this at your neat  
little desk, but will be  
very pleased to resign it  
to its rightful owner when  
he comes -

Next letter will be  
more connected & readable  
on trust. I am looking  
forward to news from  
you tonight.

Lizzie wants you to buy  
her a watch, but I shall  
get more definite instructions  
by tomorrow - What - surely  
we have been privileged to  
have for nurse-maids (!!!)

Loveingly dear -  
your Aunt

Baby has 3 of her eye  
teeth through - Mamma & I made  
an examination of her mouth  
yesterday -