

Continues good. What sort of
people are around you in the
Hotel — in short more about
yourself.

I do hope, my dear son, now
that indecision has become certainty
in the important question that has
been pending about your future, that
you will be able to think & write
cheerfully of its prospects. Papa has
given a great deal of anxious
thought to the subject, & as he is
promised to do, now that it is settled
he is at times very unhappy lest he may
have influenced you wrongly. I pray you

~~That~~ nothing in your after life
 may ever lead you to think so.
 I am quite sure you will
 never reflect upon his action.
 He is now collecting information
 upon all points likely to be beneficial
 or interesting to you. He has been
 showing me the region on a large
 map & telling that the portion that
 will occupy your time for a year
 will be in a wooded barred
 country, where there is a chance of
 discovering Coal; a matter of great
 importance to the Manitobans who
 are at this moment begging government

to send Competent Men Committed
with the Survey to ascertain. So
you may have a double office
to fulfil, but I leave all that
for you & paper to discuss.

About Anna going to Quebec; ^{Interupting}
to lectures; Difficulty of travelling alone;
Dubiousness of living at a hotel without ^{partners}
object than visiting you, are against it.

& a new plan arises out of your
new prospects. Suppose when you go ^{to} West
in May Anna was to accompany you
to the Falls & you cd spend a little

while there & see her safely on her
way to Toronto before you left her.

Would not that break your parting
& be a pleasant trip best?

I have omitted telling you
the progress of the hyacinths.
Those in water are doing best
One is now in full bloom - a
delicate hue & the blossoms quite
large. The perfume exquisite. The
other is very strong & well forward
but the colour must be reported
at a future stage. Those in
earth are both pink & colouring
prematurely before they expand
which is very unpromising. I have
just now two cyclamen & some sprigs
of West India Cedars in a glass

The cecum are so pretty looking
like little rabbits. Rombert &
Eve have been at home for two
or three days with Cull but are
back out again. R is again first
for the month at Mr Carpenter's.

Anna & I are asked to a musical
party at the Joseph Muckey. Sherbrooke &
Hugh Skidley. I don't think we will
go. Papa & I are to dine with Judge
Muckey on Tuesday. His daughter is
Mrs. Mr. Geyer. A nice. He is an
artist & a son of an old Halifax
friend Mr. Geyer.

With unswerving love from
Mother,