

McGill College

Montreal.

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My dear George

It is a long time since I have written to you but it has all been filled with joyful intentions & really we have all been much occupied. Of course some one has told you of Anna's new baby boy, born on the 19th of May. He was not expected & intruded upon our nicely laid plans, but we have found since that he was wiser than we & things have gone better than if he had delayed. Anna is now pretty strong but has the trial of his being laid up with rheumatism. It is not a severe case but it came on when he had just begun his Abt exams. Wh: is a disappointment

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to himself & parents. It was well that a
house had been settled on for it will have
added uncertainties that are trying. There is,
with the help of their farmer & Cook, going
to take the children to Mitis on Thursday, on
wh: day Lawrence & his boys also go. After
wh: Bernard & Anna will remove & then,
according as they find Eric, endeavour to
get off themselves. Dr. Beaman at present is
doubtful whether Miti's will suit Eric wh:
may make difficulty but he is so well that
I hope in two weeks or so it may be found
safe. Papa has been keeping you informed
about his prospects so I may infer that
he has told you of his having sent his
resignation to the farmers. They have been
most considerate & kind in the whole
matter & have voted him a liberal retiring
allowance. Mr. Conance wished to keep

the matter private until it was officially
 announced at the meeting of Corporation
 next week. but today we were surprised
 to find a full account of his retirement
 in the Gazette a Copy of wh: will accompany
 this. The house, for such a long time our
 home, is no longer ours & as it may be wanted
 before we return in the Autumn I am now
 daily at the hard & melancholy work of dis-
 mending the rooms & making ready to
 remove to, we know not where! We have
 been greatly exercised as to what is best
 to do & have looked at a number of houses
 & taken into consideration the Sherbrooke
 plots & also have a plan & an estimate made
 by Mr. English for a two story house next
 to Anna's. We have with care weighed advan-
 tages & disadvantages, with out I do think
 & are now pretty well decided that it is best
 for us to build, wh: we find we can do at

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a smaller cast than venting & have a better
house. We have not forgotten your kind
offer to provide one for us in Ottawa. We
gave little understanding, on reading the notice
in the papers, what paper has planned for his
future work & that it makes it necessary
for him to remain in Montreal. We have
felt very lonely while debating about these
important changes & longed for your advice
but have struggled on to this decision whi-
ch I hope you will approve. We will also have
much liked to know if Parkine intends to
return here as it we have changed or
modified some of our plans. He writes
at rare intervals & never gives a hint of what
he is doing. We are painfully anxious to
know how he is in health & what he is
doing or purposing to do - Do continue to
be preaching with him, dear George, but
as certain as you can as to his circumstances

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as we shall, conspicuously look forward
to hear about him on your return.

The Arbitration is doubtless near
its close & will have closed before
this reaches you. It just occurs to me
that I had better address this by way
of the Foreign Office lest you may
have returned to London, but
which I hope you have not as it
will seem best that you should go
at least to see something of Paris before
leaving it. Most probably we shall
be at Mitis when you return to Canada
& we hope that you may be able to
spare a week to come & see us there. It
is not always pleasant to land at

Rimouski. get there is a probability
of smooth water in July & it ~~at~~
same time & fatigue of travel.

Have you noticed that the hills at
Marie-Couvent at Monklands has
been burned - have been told that
it was magnificent fire!

During our stay at the Windsor we
have occasionally come into contact with
most interesting people. Miss Shaw, a Times
Correspondent, widely travelled, clever &
communicative was charming - We heard
of her before her arrival & asked that she
not be seated at our table & she enjoyed
her company extremely. Last night Mr Sanderson
Schleming dined with us, en route, per
carante. He told us that Selwyn has been advoca-
ting Sunday opening of Geological Museum.
We did not know that he was so advanced
backwards as this indicates. With all love
& affection from Mother.

Mr. J. H. ...
London

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I have been thinking of you
 of course with a great deal
 of anxiety & fatigue of travel.
 How far you are from the hills
 of the mountains at present
 has been a long time
 at the very least.
 I have been very busy
 with my work & have not
 had time to write to you
 as often as I should. I
 am however very anxious
 to hear from you & to
 know how you are getting
 on. I hope you are well
 & happy. I have been
 very busy with my work
 but I have managed to
 find some time to write
 to you. I am very
 affectionately yours
 as ever
 your friend
 J. W.