

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis.

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My dear George

I have been watching the Estimates hoping to see your name for the Geo. Museum, & only last night my eye caught a line — unconnected with this subject, referring in the most casual way to the fact that the Govt propose to give a handsome sum to build a National Museum for the Geo. Survey, Art gallery &c but not this year I hasten to express my sympathy in your disappointment. It is more than enough to discourage an

earnest wishes, being really valuable
 mark for Canada, to be thus slighted,
 while such vast sums are being voted
 for utterly valueless schemes. I do try
 to be patient & charitable, in thought,
 towards these prevalent, selfish
 rulers yet now & again I break into
 abuse & open rebellion against this
 wickedness. You, I know, have more
 self control & will not manifest
 the disappointment you cannot here
 deeply feel & for your sake, I share. One
 might go on marveling & wondering ^{at such}
 taking compass from the fact that the love
 of power & wealth has nearly always ruled in
 the hearts of those in high places here

We are too truly individualized
 in our feelings to get comfort from
 things in general. I do hope that very
 soon now you will be able to
 break away from the sight & sound of these
 contemptible wranglers. This is actually
 our second day without sun or
 cold winds, indeed today is hot &
 may end in a thunder storm. but the
 stillness & quiet murmur of the waves
 is delightfully soothing. I wish you
 were here to enjoy it.

I have letters yesterday from Eva, Rankine
 & Miss Wilson, all somewhat concerned
 about Clare who thus, at time of writing,
 still with Miss W. & has been overfatiguing
 herself & bringing on headache & general

weakness that alarmed her ^{Miss W.} so that
 she asked a Dr. Stoddy to visit her.
 He found her slightly enemic with
 irregularity of the heart's action, but was
 sure that it was not active her to her normal
 condition. Meantime Miss W. had written
 to Eva & she wrote to Parkine who, in his
 turn, wrote to Dr. Stoddy & altogether they
 were relieved when assured there there
 was nothing serious. Anna, I am glad to
 say, accepts this testimony with cheerful
 satisfaction. Personally I shall be glad to
 hear the good news confirmed when we
 next hear of her. Father goes on as usual,
 is much in the open air & had a delightful
 drive yesterday. Will is expected here about
 Thursday. All others well. Mrs Mulson
 is staying with A. With all love from
 Mother