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Birkenshaw,

Little Metis. Tues day Sept  
18<sup>th</sup> 1900.

My dear Gary—

In the hope that  
your trip to the N.W. has been  
a pleasant <sup>one</sup> let me say that  
I rejoice that you have been  
so long away — having understood  
that you were only to be absent  
two weeks I had begun  
to be a bit anxious & am glad  
to pleasure & to you for so promptly  
telling me of your safe return.  
Anna & family (except Clara) left  
this morning — we have still

glorious weather & are almost  
 monarchs of all we survey as only,  
 Mrs Tho: Malsom & the Battrels are  
 left here. We have decided to  
 stay at Birkenhead there are so  
 many more priviledges than at a  
 boarding house, I now see our  
 sitting room <sup>chimney</sup> draws much better  
 we can enjoy a fire at any mo=  
 ment. We had a severe storm of  
 wind & rain between the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 The tide has not been so high for 15 years.  
 Our seaside fence & boathouse  
 would certainly been washed  
 away but for the stone wall, as  
 many of the upper row of boulders  
 were washed off & the waves rushed

up the path at the gate 12 feet —  
 leaving a mound of sand & wreck.

As to your coming here, while  
 it wd be a delightful visit per  
 chuse & I, fear its being dull per  
 you, & St. being away we could  
 not do anything efficient with the  
 biography. We both think it most  
 desirable that a competent critic  
 should give an opinion before  
 putting it in the printer's hands. If  
 you can arrange to ~~send a few~~  
~~days~~ to send the type written copy to  
 Prof. Colby, we wd be glad, & then  
 shd be able to read it by the  
 2 week in Nov<sup>r</sup> & if you cd arrange  
 to come to Montreal about there

time he might meet us & discuss  
 the whole thing. . . . I propose to  
 stay here till the end of the month, or  
 until I hear some definite prospect  
 of a crew, of course, if necessary, I can  
 go sooner. I will enclose my first  
 note to Parkins after his arrival  
 it may startle you as it has me.

We are now going to arrange  
 for a series of drives while  
 the weather is so delightful.

With all most affectionate  
 regards (and by the by) I  
 ought to have acknowledged having  
 had two letters from you — the latest  
 dated Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> from Nelson — ever yours  
 lovingly,  
 Archer