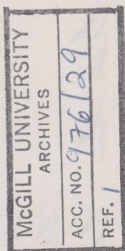


Wellbrae Place

April 18th
" " 1882

Was going to a ball
and invited to Rideau Hall
by Governor



Dearest Rankine,

I am sorry
that Maggie Fortin has
delayed from time to time
till the hope of helping you
by her kindness is over & I
doubt not you have
far yourself succeeded
in finding some suitable
place to reside - I now
expect - In. F. Friday or
Saturday of this week.
I have been going through
a distressing period of
nervousness, one result
of which is very satisfactory
for I have had the
nervousness wales tinted &
a paper Dado put round

She also intended to appear at the hall
tomorrow evening, so you may be con-
sulted as to her worldly adornment.

We long to hear of you & how you
fare - good partners for good as ill
had - subset of all if you are well & see
your way to and more definite plan
than when you left - food & one - in
contention is the witness of all trials, &
so I feel much for you during this a little
short the best - & intend going as far
for the best - I believe -

as Edmonson I believe -
Mrs Carpenter is in that with
a bad cold - Every one has colds but
one is easy that she should be a sufferer

which gives it quite an
air, & makes it brighter
& pleasanter for the children

Last-night we went
to the opening of the Art
Gallery - it was not so
crowded as we had ex-
pected, & there seems to
be a fair show of pictures
wh. I hope to criticize more
at leisure by & by - Two
of mine grace the walls
of the trees, & a copy of
the Metis Rock wh. I con-
sider an improvement
on the first one - As I
hear that several am-
ateur performances have
been rejected, I ought to
be proportionately pleased
that mine have been
hung - Mamma & Eva had
an interview with his
Excellency - He has invited
them to Kildare at the
time of the May meeting

when she has little strength, it seems
good to be so much about when ill,
whether a cold & back-ache, as
now she or cross has got - & I have
& never - I never have been pregnant
etc and must soon have grown
spring to bless us

We are told that Foster's business
is regarded to a great extent a relation
of the two partners - that only a few
days before he had some of another
unpleasantness - I was very sorry to hear
of this - & she wants to know if they
are to be sent - or to give as that
with your affectionate
aunt