

Pae - marriage plans, honeymoon in Bermuda etc
etel, wife of Bernard Harrington -

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My dearest Darling

I am so glad to have your nice letters of the 8th and 9th written from the Vancouver Hotel. No news could be quite so good as that of Ted's having at last engaged the return "sleepers". You can't imagine Lois, how much I want you to come back.

I hope you have had a truly fine time in Vancouver and that you will be able to make up for it by a nice rest in Laggan.

I am ashamed to say that I have not yet seen your nephew. I only got back here at midnight on Thursday and as Joe Arton was here I have been busy entertaining him ever since.

I have been glad to see him and interested in discussing Bermuda with him. He paints a very attractive picture of it and one I think you would like.

January is the height of the season, December the month of rains, and October as pleasant, more or less quiet

month which³ I think would
just suit us.

He would arrange about our
being put up at the Club,
arrange about our getting
boating, sailing, bathing
driving and tennis and
altogether would be able
to make it easy for us to
do exactly as we felt
inclined.

He described his sisters
house as being half a
block from his own place &
said she would be charmed
to put us up. He said she
has heard about me ever
since I was 12 years old

and quite ⁴ feel that she
knows me. I suggested
that it might be well
to go to the Hotel for a
few days at the start
till we got our bearings
and perhaps that would be
the best thing to do. Later
we could do as we thought
best. I think they are all
extremely nice people. Her
husband is the minister I
understand and they live
in rather a large rectory I
gather. Joe says they want
to give us a latch-key and
let us do as we like. I think
it will be best to let things
go till we get there anyway

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it is for you to say where we
are going and what we shall
do and it will be ample time
to talk of that when you
return.

I am glad that Ethel
is so nice and that you
had a nice visit to Salmon
Arm & Notch Hill and that
Bernard was just as usual.

I hope you enjoy riding
and get over been stiff and
sore for long enough to really
enjoy it. I enjoyed my riding
experiences in the best more than
almost anything. I love to
get on a good horse that

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will tear along as hard as
he can go when you want him
to.

Love don't bother about
"having your affairs settled
for you in Montreal." Nothing
has been done so far except
that we have got a handful
of things to throw into the
house ~~as~~ merely as a preliminary
center. I am not at all sure
that you will use any of them
but they will serve as a kind
of foothold to start and build
around, and later we can
throw away the "foot-hold" if
we like.

I am afraid that I will
have exceedingly little time

to help shop⁷ when the time comes and you will have more than you should do as it is, getting things into shape.

As for the house I am very much afraid that we are unwise to wait. As a matter of fact, however I have had my application in for a house for a week or more and there has not been a single offer of one so that possibly you will have to help look for me after all whether we like it or not. In view of your letter it will be hard for me to choose one although I fear that waiting will

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result in our having to take something inferior or else to take a flat in the meantime and wait for the Spring before settling down. At least that is what people tell me.

However it's a small matter and I guess we can gamble on getting something or other all right.

About Mother's staying in it I am sure she would just as soon stay somewhere else and would quite understand your wanting to be the first to set it going.

The only thing I am looking forward to and trying to guard against is my being most unusually busy before I leave the office for a three weeks holiday and I don't want you to do any more hard work than

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can possibly be avoided.

Our office has been short-handed all summer and will be short-handed for some time until we can teach a new man his work. They will be more short-handed still when I go away and so you can appreciate it when I say that I am not looking forward to any "snap" prior to our holiday.

About announcements or imitations, if our original idea is carried out I do not think you will have time to write to Winnipeg and back after you come back here

And we decide on a definite date
and get the cards printed engraved
I suppose I should say.

So if there is anything you want
to get from me please let me
know soon as I will probably
know nothing of myself and will
have to refer everything to someone
better informed. And I might
just have it that I would have
to go away on a trip when I least
wanted to.

I have not seen the list which
you and mother think proper to ask.
I have told your mother that you
say you have got a list alright
and I added that possibly you
were sending it too her direct.

This was in answer to her enquiry of
the 5th which I wrote you about.

Clare is coming up here on
the 30th and is going out to

Como, I understand for a
little time. Your mother
expects to stay in Metz a
couple of weeks longer I
understand. Dad is going
west somewhere on a trip.
I am writing to him and
expect that his mail will
be forwarded to him alright.

Well I'm tired of talking
and boring you with business
but quite a few things
seemed to come up.

I have got a blank
form of marriage contract
before me. On the chance of
its invalidating an inheritance
of which Dad is the Trustee I
will have to refer it to him

first. Then I will have to have it returned here with the necessary advice. You and Mr Fleet or someone could then go over it so that we may be able to make the final draft of it.

I am sorry Dear that this letter has been business from beginning to end.

I hope that a miracle may happen and that in best 3 weeks may simply fly. I am praying for you to come back safe and sound and full of happiness.

I shall be enraptured at seeing you again. You are the dearest, nicest, girl and I will try to be everything nice to you that I possibly can.

With all my love + Good wishes
Yours Edward S. W.