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Proprietor.

Carleton Place.

August 20th 1912

My dearest Lois

I may not travel as far as you are but I seem to be landing in about as many places. Here is another small burg seven or eight miles from our old home of Almonte. We used to come up here occasionally to fish and most of the old stagers know Dad.

I hope I am not like this when you have to put up with me. Today I am happy as anything and only the day before yesterday I was down in the dumps.

By the way, I went into Morgans store room on Monday and looked at our furniture. It was so much crated that one could not see much of it but it seems to have arrived



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in good shape. I do ² hope it looks nice in our house as it would save any amount of running about and fussing through all the shops in town if we could use most of it.

I have not advertised for a house but I went to Phillip Robertson & to Royal Irving and asked them to advise me if anything suitable came to their notice. Neither of them had a single house to rent on their lists. At least they had no house that came within a mile of what we were asking for. I don't think either of them had more than 6 houses altogether on their lists which is rather remarkable.

I mentioned a figure of \$45⁰⁰ a month which they all seemed to think reasonable enough but they said simply



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that there were no houses to be had
as everyone was trying to sell these
seven or eight thousand dollar houses.

I think I was wise to put in my
application anyway because it certainly
seems as if houses were not going to be
very plentiful.

Your mother suggested that it
might not be advisable for us to begin
leading a "Derby" or "Joan" existence in
the suburbs (Westmount) but I do not
quite agree with her idea. I dislike
the idea of being poked in to a
compartment in a building like so
much merchandise just because it is
on the highway which my friends pass
by and which they may be more likely
to take a peek into in passing.

I said to your mother that I thought
her idea would be all right for



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the winter but that it would be
rather awful for the 3 or 4 months
of the summer when you were away.
I believe for one year at least
it would be nice to try for a little
bit of lawn to mow and a little
bit of back yard to hang clothes in &
beat mats in and a little bit of
cellar to carpenter in.

What do you think? Would not it
feel more like a home to you to have
these things? I say lets have them
for a little holiday anyway and then
if we must crowd back into the push
we can do it next year.

I am having a blank form of
marriage contract made out. It will
probably be on my desk when I get back
to Montreal. I thought I would mail
it to Dad for his suggestions and



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if you like Mr Fetherstonhaugh or
someone could look it over + make
preliminary suggestions for you. Then on
your return we would know more about
looking it over between ourselves.

I think that is all that I have
done since my last letter.

I hope these letters addressed to
Salmon Arm are reaching you all
right. You have not told me Bernard's
address yet. It is hard to remember
that it is necessary to give an
address to us here at least 8 days
ahead of time in order to ensure our
sending a reply to the right place.

Do you expect to stop off at Salmon
Arm, Calgary, Winnipeg or anywhere
else on your way home. If so please
let me know about what date you expect



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to arrive at each place.

The first boys have come back for their "supp" and Pick + I am preparing to make tracks for pasture new.

Soe, you should know a great deal about married life by the time you have put in a holiday with Ted + Ruth. I hope you will not have to say to me "Ted never did that!" You have rather got the best of me there.

However I am leading a most model existence and hope I will be able to be good and keep it up. I wonder if you will get on a horse when you are out there. You would enjoy riding but I'm afraid you would hardly have time to get over being stiff before having to come away again.

I knew that you could not fail to ~~and~~ consider the mountains most



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wonderful. But in painting them it is disappointing because it is so hard to really bring out the wonder of their size.

There are only a couple of weeks more, thank Heaven, until you come back. They will pass and then I will see you. I can hardly believe that this wait is almost over. I feel almost hardened to it today but some days I am most miserable. If it's only two weeks I don't think I'll bother being miserable again.

With heaps of love to you Darling and best wishes to Ted & Ruth.

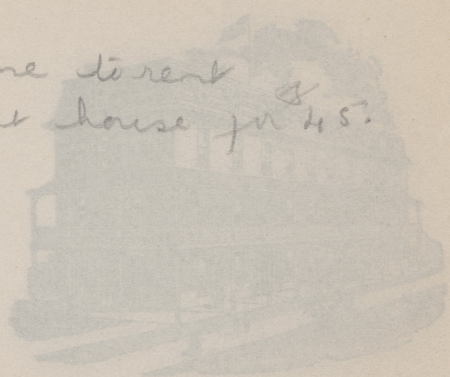
Yours

Edward. J. W.

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E.S.W. writes of type of home to rent
Hopes to rent house for \$45.

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