

To Metis

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB
SHERBROOKE, QUE.

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My dearest Lois

I have your two letters of the 12th and 14th beside me. I am glad you had a comfortable trip and that the youngsters were good. I am sure Metis is nice and I would like it if I felt I could afford the time and money. But both seem so important in such uncertain times that I doubt if I would be comfortable away from Sherbrooke. In other times I would just love to be with you all. The nearest approach to the Metis feeling I have is when I sit on the Golf Club veranda having my tea and afterwards and look out across the valley at the sunset and the hills.

Then I come back and mop up

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the leak under the refrigerator
and feel so prosaic that it
almost makes my head ache
with distaste.

I had two good rounds of golf
yesterday - a 47 and a 45. On
the first round I had 37 for 8
holes and then got into trouble and
got a 10 on the last. The second
round was really not quite so good
but I got a 5 on the last and
so made a better score. On the
first round I had nothing but
4's and 5's until the final 10
spilled the total.

I have not been anywhere
except that evening at the Gilman's
and a couple of visits to the Humes.

I don't "hate mets" for itself
dear. I only hate it because you
go there just when it is nicest
here and when at the only time

we could go pic-nic^{ing} together.

And I can't go with any other girls but you because I'm married. Girls, except at a holiday place, cannot very well

run about with a married man.

And I can't say I would be very much enthused with a mens picnie. That's probably why I "hate metis".

"Sour grapes" - I suppose is the common expression.

You will see that I have nothing to write about. The work goes on and the rain comes down in the same old way.

The rest is just for you. - About

your mother - I am very very sorry that she is so ill. She is very strong in all but her body however and will be much better

as soon as you and Clara tell her exactly what the trouble is.

I do not think it is fair and

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I do not think your mother is
the kind of person to appreciate
being kept in the dark about
her condition. I think it
would be wise to have the doctors
permissiveness about the matter and
it might even be prudent to have
him at hand. But I believe she [has the]
right to know everything you do.
She will consider every minute
important. She will want to have
all the time she can for prayers
and thinking and for teaching
you and arranging her affairs
perfectly. I think you will find
she will be much happier in
accepting the probable course of events
instead of being irritated by the
feeling that she has something
obvious the matter but that the
silly people cannot find out what
it is.

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I have never ⁵ spoken to anyone
in detail about Will in the years
to come. He may remain very
much the same in his ideas even
when he becomes an old man.

On the other hand he may
see an advertisement some day of
the secret of business success and
his ideas may get uncontrollably
large. He may not always live
from hand to mouth and
spend from hand to mouth and
he may not always be willing to
take advice as he will now.

What I am getting at is
that I do not believe Will will
ever have sound judgement and
responsible ideas with regard to
money matters but he may take
a twist as he gets old and he

may imagine that he is a most
astute and clever character.

In this way people might lend
him money and he might get
into debt to such an extent
that anything he had in his
own name would be seized by
his creditors. As he seems to be
on my hands just now I have
an interest in this.

I do not know how your
mother is proposing to provide for
him but in my opinion it
should be in such a way that
the principal ~~part~~ which he draws
his allowance should not be
seizable under any circumstances
for his debt.

This could be arranged by
leaving the principal to one of
Mrs a Bernard's children, the

interest to be paid to Will during his life time. Or I believe that Government annuities & Insurance policy are not seizable for debt but I'm not sure.

If Will's principal under the present arrangement is seizable for his debt I think the arrangement should be changed.

I have no other particular concern except Will. I have always presumed that Clare would be quite comfortably off and that even Bernard might be given a small income. The rest of us are all right as far as anyone can foresee.

The Metis house should not be sold till after the war, if at all. The Montreal house

should be rented or sold.

Please tear this sheet up
as soon as you have read it.

I have just given you my views
on a rather delicate subject
not quite my business and with
which other people might not agree.

Do not think I am morose.
It is just well to have everything
in good shape and even we
ourselves are very lax in not
having made a will.

If I died I believe only a
portion of my money would go to you
and if you died I believe your
money and our furniture would
be divided - only a portion
going to me and the children!

As soon as you tell your mother you
can get a wheel chair for her and
a carrying (sedan) chair I am sure
she would like to be carried down to the
beach.