

Canadian Pacific Railway

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My dearest Lois

I shall try to draw a letter for you. It is too bumpy here at the end of the train to make much of a fist of writing.

I hope you have slept well and that your many duties will occupy your time happily until my return. Thank you for my birthday present and all the other nice things you are always doing for me - not forgetting your very efficient setting out of my things so that my packing was reduced to almost nothing. (We are stopping for ten minutes so I shall get my boots on and get a little

exercise.)

That was Sudbury. The country looks like winter but really there is just barely enough snow to cover the ground. The platform was clean and dry and I had a good walk. It is a very long train and everyone I have seen or spoken to seems to be either English or Scotch or Australian or Swedish or Chinese. Not Canadian so far and all apparently on very long trips. One young fellow going to Australia will not reach his home for five or six weeks.

(It is now the second call for lunch so I had better stop for the present. I seem to be very busy this morning. Perhaps I shall hear more time this afternoon!)

By the way I suppose it is unnecessary

to tell you that it ³ was last night's "Star"
that took up so much of my time this
morning.

Well, I've had a nice lunch - Lamb
Chop, cranapple jelly + toast + tea. The
first time I spoke after lunch was to a
Russian who lives near New York. He is
on his way to Vladivostock to see if he
can do any business there. He reminded
me that it had very recently been handed
back to Russia by the Japanese and he
does not know what conditions he may
find when he arrives.

I hope you see Mother + Dad as
often as possible before they leave. Mother
has not seen much of the children. I
feel that she hardly knows them, and
that seems rather a pity. I think it
very FOR ENGLAND would be nice to give her a little

book with about a dozen of those snap shots pasted in it. A photographer would do it for you. She should have these at once - not wait till Christmas - so that she can show them herself to the English relations. - Aunt Charlotte, Aunt Annie etc. Get more prints made for this if you like.

Dont forget to take Johnny down and get him some real hockey boots and skates but especially the boots. They should be the very best - lacing from the toe up and lined, at least the tongue, with lambs wool. I want to teach him to skate this winter. The same applies to Alice except that her skates might be slightly rounded on the bottom, whereas Johnny's hockey skates should be flat.

With best love to you and the Children
 Yours affectly
 Edward