

CHATEAU LAURIER



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THE MACDONALD, EDMONTON

SUMMER RESORTS
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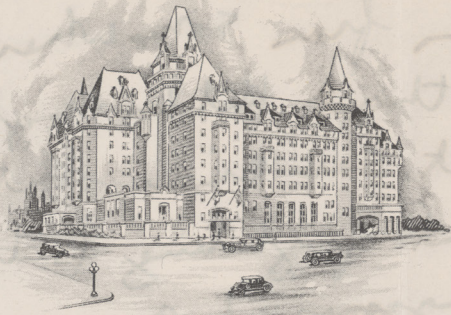
OTTAWA, ONT.

My dear Lois

Sunday Evening
25th July 1943

I am quite relieved to get safely back to my room at the hotel after a comfortable journey. I did not leave the "diner" until 8³⁰ and then set down in a well cooled car until 9³⁰ when we reached Ottawa. My ears are still ringing and my legs feel wobbly - apparently from too much exertion in the hot weather. Like yourself I was anxious to leave everything as neat as possible for the Byers but in future I must try to remember better Dr. Moffatt's precept that walking is the best and only physical exercise I need and that he recommends. I have not to do the things that are within my own muscular power ~~and~~ ^{even} it is "apparently safe for me to do them individually (with time between) or slowly" like when I paddled you down the lake but to use a pitchfork in a hurry to handle leaves + branches to the point where I break out in violent perspiration seems to be the kind of thing which I must avoid. It resembles ^{too much} the kind of effort you once saw me make at the Youills tennis court when you found me with my veins standing out and my face red as a turkey cock.

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I have apparently come ² through this latest adventure alright but it is not building up the strength of my heart but rather making it necessary to spend a number of days recuperating.

Whenever I get into this condition of over fatigue I am plagued by inability to properly digest my food and that, in turn, restricts my normal sleep. Last night I did not get a full night's rest and that may~~h~~ have made it easier for me to get tired today.

Since starting this rather stupid introspection I have been upstairs listening to the 10 o'clock broadcast at which the announcement of the resignation of Mussolini was given prominence. How stupid prophets sound the day their prophecies and the actual fact become known simultaneously. I am attaching some choice sentences clipped from the book section of the New York Times - at least I thought I would but evidently I left the page in question in the

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seat in the train. It was written by a very
self assertive American reporter from somewhere
in North Africa to the effect that Hitler might
be expected to quit or to commit suicide but
that Mussolini would be found fighting to the
very end - that he had organized a
"one-party" form of government in such a way
that no individual and no party could possibly
oppose him - And while I was reading the
paper the waiter in the dining car brought
me the news that Mussolini had resigned!
and now Wilson Woodside the radio commentator
goes so far as to say that in his opinion
the whole move is in compliance with Mr
Churchill's & Mr Roosevelt's demand for the removal
of Mussolini and that peace talks are probably
already underway with the King and with
Marshal Badoglio & whatever the gentleman's
name is. Woodside says that, in their
meeting last week, Mussolini must have told
Hitler that unless he would promise adequate
aid to Italy Mussolini would resign and
that, failing such assurance, Musso has got
out.

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should collapse in the same manner but

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that seems a very ⁺ long way off yet
I would love to see all our children
home again and going about their normal affairs.
And what a wonderful thing it would be for
Mother + Dad + Aunt Charlotte to live to see
the end of this wretched war.
Best love dear and many thanks for looking
after me so well. ^(opening his secret file) I hate to be such a burden.
I was delighted with Ruth and her baby. It was
great fun seeing them together and seeing the
old, old cycle repeating itself once more.
I'm afraid this is a stupid letter but
I think you may be better pleased to have
something however bad. My room is a comfortable
temperature tonight. I hope yours is too - Sleep well
With best love - Goodnight.
Yours affectionately
Edward.



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