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Little Inlet  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup>/09

My dearest daughter -  
We were watching one of the fine Empress boats swiftly gliding down the gulf, it came in so very near the shore curving round the bay. It was quite calm & it made us feel as if we wished to be speeding over the great water ourselves. It will not be long before we may be watching your ship going up - I will fancy the little boat waving greetings - Eva thinks it quite terrible not to be on the wharf ready to welcome you - but I think she will have to stay here till G. M. is ready to move - I sh<sup>d</sup> say about 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> you sh<sup>d</sup> arrive about 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> the mailboat is not too rapid - I am trusting to you to

explains to Aunt E - about  
College for Silvia - also that -  
well if she wishes to go on with  
designing, the ~~parenting~~ parenting will  
be most - useful to her she does  
not - want to degenerate into  
a mere pattern - maker -  
of course I don't wish to  
urge her taking lessons with  
Miss Meunier - but the contrary -  
if she took more College work  
she wd be more with Eva -  
who will I think take French  
& Eng. 2<sup>d</sup> year. Both wd  
take gymnastics I sh<sup>d</sup> think  
I of Silvia cd take the 1<sup>st</sup>  
year work, it wd be neces-  
sary of this you cd judge  
better than I cd. Also I think  
with the aid of the Calendar  
I sent you cd make out  
with Aunt E - a timetable  
as I cd not write & consult.  
Do not let her have too much  
you know how much  
reading is demanded - &  
she must have time to live  
& go about a little. I only  
enough work to balance  
that & keep her steady. In  
French I fancy she wd not be  
admitted without an exam

to either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>d</sup> year. If she<sup>2</sup>  
wants to take this letter to get a  
certificate from her school  
she can as to her status in  
this - you remember they ex-  
amined Eva & Francis & only  
admitted them with doubts  
though later they were put  
in the highest divisions -

Just received your letter  
Margaret is no doubt an  
unusual child, & a school  
is the very best place for her  
where the self-centred qual-  
ity will be little considered  
& she must learn to give &  
take. I see this markedly in  
Susan, & Cristall also. I do  
not quite know how it is  
related to the power of con-  
centration - It makes a strong  
garrison if you are defending  
a cause & must be suf-  
ficient to yourself - but it  
amounts to solitary im-  
prisonment if you cannot  
do business with your  
peers & understand who  
understand by them.  
The tether ball sh<sup>d</sup> give her  
plenty of exercise.

I have no idea what  
your surprise may be  
but your ideas are not

"usually" foolish" so we  
will defeat the denaunism  
with what patience we can  
exercise - never decide  
hastily - or put an S. into it

Clare leaves here on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
even goes up 18<sup>th</sup> & deal  
we tell you. Victor turned  
up a few days since, long  
very well & shall devoted  
to meet F. she is a proud  
mother, I can tell you. Victor  
also hopes to see his father  
at Trail, as he returns from  
his summer work he was at  
Prince Rupert - when we last  
heard. The town site is a  
series of rocky hills & stumps  
the streets mainly plank  
roadways from one point  
to another, lots have been  
ruled off on a plan I sold &  
now they are to be assorted  
remnants to be seen. The park



is an  
excellent  
harbour, I no  
better place in 100 m.

or so. and W. met you Keene  
& family & there, as well as  
various other people from the  
U.S. & East. mainly Fishery  
or government people seeing  
to practical matters -

Muriel F. is looking very well & pretty - Mildred is to be married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of next month

Will is still at Bathurst I shall probably go down there & see how he is going on, he lapses into misery every now & then & writes out heart - Clare thought he got very soon tired when he was here - & of course you'd not expect strangers to think much of that, he has been doing chain - main work for a month or so, & so ruddy that - was being made of the farm, he liked that better than the farm work - but the way well open up - he is the only anxiety I have - Such a nice letter from B. G. in which he tells me he is inscribing his life in my favour - I think of the Lord having such an idea - This is private - but I am proud of the Lord - I sh: so sorry that I can't see him as I had hoped

Mrs Sutherland has begged to let Clare go a trip with Alice & they talk of the Saguenay, it is not new to Clare but may be pleas. out - about a week -

The weather is perfect. Calm serene, full of grace & the repose of the midsummer.

Evening I had an exquisite walk back in the fields. very soon to be the "happy autumn fields".

V. 90. - drove a party to the Tostogan yesterday. & all the place is full of life. I never saw so many boys. though I don't know many of them they are picturesque. Eva Erika & Elisavet are off in the canoe to bathe in the bay.

Parties to the Blues to take tea are quite the thing. I shall not write you more than one more letter darling, & we will be glad to have you back. & I am sure you have had many experiences that will be useful & we were all so glad that you could be so comfortable about it. I hope you will be able to see Isak. I have a motor ride or two towards that fascinating Wales. I have enjoyed anything more than my drive thro' N. Wales. As yours dearest -  
Mother.