

am not sure of your seeing  
this before you start.  
Our best remembrance  
to all at home.

In haste,

Yours most truly,  
Richard Rankin

Dear Sir

Knowlton, 24 Aug.  
77.

My dear Principal, I am sorely  
afraid I shall not be able to  
reach Quebec for the 24th. Since  
I last wrote you I have had  
considerable return of a trouble  
not precisely alarming nor by  
any means painful, but one  
I dare not neglect, of which  
I deem especially to wait on any  
shaking about; a urinary hoake,  
in fact, the passing of blood  
urine. I dare not rifle with  
it, or risk being laid up from  
it, or need more, or reason of  
any unnecessary knocking  
about, this month. And I am  
the more under good in this  
behalf, that I have had to re-  
fuse to undertake judicial  
work this month, or that  
ground. Still I am so uncon-  
cerned about the meeting, that

In the unlikely case of my  
finding myself much better  
so soon as next Monday,  
I could hardly help starting.

Judge Day is here, having  
come yesterday proposing  
to leave me to-morrow, to  
visit W.D. at Bolton Cliff.  
Madame feared he might  
not be altogether well.

I am not sure he will get  
off as he wants, being half  
or more than half laid up  
with lumbago. He, too, thinks  
he shall not be able to reach  
Quebec for the 29th. I had  
planned if to come down from  
here with him. But I have  
been discussing College matters.  
As soon as you return to  
Montreal, you & he & I must  
meet, whether there or here.

I am sorely afraid,  
too, that Lynch will be in  
default. He is very poorly,  
with a severe cold. I saw  
him for a minute yesterday,  
to get him here to-day to meet

Judge Day. But he was in  
no state to promise to come,  
it is not to-day. Come. I am  
not sure that I shall be  
able to get Day & him to-  
morrow. <sup>What he meant by come to Montreal?</sup>  
I cannot tell you how  
all this vexes me. I had  
counted on meeting you at  
Quebec, as a thing of course.

By the way, Lynch yes-  
terday told me there was an  
order connecting Quimper  
with the Montreal Thruway  
by Del Bonnevillie with the  
Education Dept. & Charles  
(or) with the premier's office.  
I do not know whether any  
such thing would be had  
midst this or even good. We have  
got to try to put up our souls  
in what patience we can, till  
we see more. I try to hold a  
medium faith between the  
optimist & the pessimist, as  
in making political.  
I shall write again to  
you at Quebec, if unable  
to get there. Of course, I