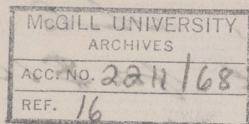


Monday, July 28, '79

William



Dear Father,

I have been making enquiries about a side-saddle but without success. I have been to several saddlers and livery stables and also to an auction room to which I was recommended. The person who seems most likely to be in the way of having one is Prob^{ly} Mr. Win, 165 Mc Gill Street. He is also very obliging, and has spent this fore-noon in hunting round town to see if he could get what I want. It seems that side-saddles are unusually scarce this year, and the saddlers tell me that second hand ones sell so readily that it is always difficult to get them for hire unless they are

bespoke in spring. The price
new is \$50 to \$60, while
second hand ones sell for \$10
to \$35 and \$40, and very
fair ones can be had for \$15
to \$25. They are however scarce
at present. They hire per month
at \$4⁰⁰, and I understand the
rate might be less for a whole
season. Mrs Redpath paid
\$16 for one of hers at Mrwins
lately; but I doubt whether you
could get one now for much
under \$30 or \$35. There is
a man on St. Helen's Island, I
am told, who has one for about
that price; and I may be able
to hear of others if you think
of purchasing one. I have sent
George's bridle with Moyle, who
leaves this evening with Bovey,
as Rankine suggested it might
be useful.

The books which you wished
me to send to Mr Redpath, I
selected on Saturday. I have chosen

a few of the "Peep of Day" series among others, as Mr. Redpath gave me to understand that books of that kind would be useful in teaching the younger classes; and they will serve as a sample in case he wishes to get others like them or duplicates. There were also two of the "Jessica's First Pruzer" series, with an advertisement of the set; the remainder being 15 ^{or} books. I came across a curiosity while choosing them ~~books~~; it was a little book explaining to the juvenile mind in a simple way the ~~the~~ Anglo-Israel Theory, and the mysteries of the Great Pyramid. Drysdale was astonished at seeing it, as he had been misled by the title. It is one of a number published by Frost, of London. However, as one ~~one~~ of the notable dates indicated by some shew bevel on one of the stones of the Pyramid is 1882, the truth of the theory will soon be tested.

I have not had time to cash
the other cheque you sent, but
will attend to it as soon as pos-
sible. I send enclosed \$30 which
I will register. You will also
find enclosed the Boat Ticket
which I could not use; I was
obliged to pay \$4.50 for the
R'y ticket from Quebec here.

Mother wished the address of
the Hon. Peter Mitchell. It is
22 McGill College Avenue.

The weather continues cool
and pleasant, the showers being
frequent. I find myself very
comfortable both at home and
at Mrs. Proves's.

I gave Hamilton five dollars
this morning, as he has slightly
over-spent the money you left
with him.

With love to all, I remain,

Your affectionate son,
William.