

Matanuska

Birkenshaw

Little Metis

Friday

My dearest William

Rankine thanks you
 for a pile of notes but as
 military grades do not come
 readily to me let me thank
 you for a flight of letters - four
 received by one mail & a long
 meditation one welcomed last
 night. While day passed without
 observation here under the
 only once for a few minutes

recalled that it had come.
 to you see how soon & how
 easily a secluded life sweeps
 one out of the current of
 excitable city life. The great
 event on our horizon at
 present is expected visit of Arthur
 We write that he hopes to arrive
 by the 11 A.M. train & remain
 till Monday leaving by same
 train for Montreal. This is not
 either what we wished or
 expected but of course if he has
 business in Montreal the

hope to alter his plan. We shall
 however try to keep him here as long
 as we can but he is counting upon
 staying at the College wh. wd give me
 me an acct of the trouble & interrupt
 how it wd give you. R who I
 trust will arrive safely before that
 time will doubtless be a help.
 Shd a favour had he wanted
 to be made up you will find
 the key of the locked attic room
 in wh: the blanket here is, in the
 stone pipe one R's Shelves for Chem-
 icals near the window of the hall.
 I trust in the end that you will
 not find it necessary to delay your
 your coming here because

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Certainly you will have no peace
any till ^{you} have, better to bring more work
on down with you. The only thing that
I should think worth considering is
whether R wants to remain longer
for it will never do to have him
alone in the house.

Tell you please thank Florence for
the letters I have had from her.
One last cog. tells me that she can
get either Kate or Ellen Woodson
to help at table while you have
company say Kate is preferable
if available.

We have had two days fog & rain
but warm.

I did not see the article about her.
Say but please make sure that you

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Birkenshaw,

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obtain information from
reliable quarters - Belle may
remain screaming all summer
while people are off their guard.
Don't trust to information from
Delugey.

We have heard nothing about
the Point now have we seen
Capelle. Legatt is making tremendous
efforts to get Prof Bawey's Cottage
ready & we have just heard that
Capelle is pressed into the service
we have hitherto been too busy

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to Miss boats & Arthur's Steep
is too short for boating so it
is of no consequence.

Now I must close as I shall
miss the post.

The tools are in good order
& nothing wanted. The old
trouble of keys wanting continues
but there is no remedy short
of taking off the locks & bringing
them to town to be refitted with
keys.

With very much love to yourself
& Rankine. Yr & W.

Yours sincerely
Margaret