

Clarence

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis. Friday my-

Dearest William

I have received
two letters from you & am
glad to know that you got
through your business in Montreal
comfortably & had fine weather.
The weather here continues
delightful & in temperature more
like July, so warm. We returned
last night from a most enjoyable
trip to Mattan — the ^{Indians} left ~~Sunday~~
my the party consisting of our house
hold

with Mr. Hamington & Edith.
 We reached Matton in time to
 partake of a luxurious dinner at
 Fraser's. After which the gentlemen went
 off fishing & E. & I. strolled up the
 river & sat down watching the little
 fish at the edge. Next morn. Mr. S. was
 off before 6.00 fishing - after breakfast
 we drove up the right bank of
 the river & enjoyed the scenery of
 the river valley much, returned to the
 hotel, again dined & was back
 at Matton at 6. Every one extremely
 pleased with the success of the ex-
 cursion.

I have had another letter from
 R. dated Oct 16th. He is going on
 more voyage to Australia. but the

intends to return to Montreal.
 He asks you "to forward the reports
 on the Banff Springs if you get
 other copies, or if those sent West
 are returned. As he can't make
 much of the subject, except from
 a popular point of view, till he
 gets these." I enclose a slip wh.
 he sent to the Brit: Med: V wh he
 says has been copied into several
 other papers. I suppose the safest
 address for him now is through the
 London Office 25 Cockspur St.
 Bence had a mere line from F.
 mailed at Van Courtes. but without
 date.

It is now decided that Eva & Katie
 go up to town, leaving here Wednesday
 the 4th Sept

we have engaged two dinner
in town whom we expect to
be at the College Thursday morn.
Clara will accompany E. & I will
remain behind with the Cook
to close the house here.

I am sorry to write so hastily
but after a rather late breakfast
you know how little time remains
before the mail leaves.

I sincerely hope you may have
a very pleasant time with the W^{id} &
at the m^go - please do not hurry back
a day to tidy up at home without so
much door-opening as there is after your
return wd be a boon.

Very best loving remembrances to byline
Dor. & Nellie - & more than to those per-
sonally from Margaret.