

George
and Galt

Rideau Club

Ottawa

4 May 84

My dear Mother,

Thanks for
your last from London
received a few days
ago. Your expressed
curiosity as to my mode
of life in Ottawa is very
kindly satisfied as I
do know the same
thing every day. I get up
about 9 breakfast & reach
my office if possible before
10. Lunch at 1 P.M. &

Return to office about
2. Leave office at 5:45.

Dinner. Return to office

from 7:15 to 7:45 & remain
here ~~from~~ ^{till} 10 or 11. Call in

at Club on way back

& look at papers. Go to

bed about 12. I have

been out I think eight

times this winter & dinner.

4 Official parties to which

I am asked because I

have the honor to rank

as a "Chief Clerk" in the

Civil Service list & receive

the magnificent salary of \$1800.

1/2 twice to Fort. home, one

Each at Dr Mac Pherson's
& Sir J. Mackenolds. Twice

Each at Dr Grant's & Mrs
Silworn. This may be

noted as the "round of festivities".

I must by & leave for the
west next week if possible
which is rather a nuisance

as it involves complete

rupture of routine established,
which is comparatively easy
to go on with.

I was surprised to learn
incidentally that you are
occupying the Gault's rooms

in London. I cannot believe
that you would have any dealings
with these people & support,

The matter is merely a coincidence,
though an unfortunate one.

I would not have you under
any obligation to these people
but if you deliberately chose to
go with them of course I have

nothing to say. You know
my feelings on the subject
which will not change or
'blow over'. There is such
a thing as justice & I act
not on supposition but knowledge

Sincerely meet the
 hypocritical oily old man
 here, but very proud out, as
 we can in Ottawa about
 our people, what he is,
 ignore him in public &
 private. You must be
 on one side or the other & I

know you would not
 willingly make us the outcast
 as I have already, from
 temporising we must leave
 from all old Montreal
 friends. I write quite
 calmly about this but wish to

make it perfectly clear
 that from my part of view
 any compliment from these
 people is suspiciously near
 the price of my last life. If
 there is any pecuniary obligation
 involved in the transaction
 just referred to I expect you
 to pay it - & the uttermost
 factoring. I have long thought
 that I should give something
 toward your holiday fund
 & will send B. by exchange by
 next mail.

P.S. The year's effort at the
 Autotype which I'm up to George
 arrived quite safely. I thought I had I could not do a
 paper to a knowledge. It is a ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~good~~ ^{good} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~in my~~ ^{in my} ~~view~~ ^{view}