

Rideau Club,
Ottawa.

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My dear Mother,

I got back here
yesterday evening after an
absence of just a week - a
rather pleasant outing on the whole,
although the people & accommodations
in the part of the County where I
have been are rather primitive.

I had a vague idea that there
were numerous dwelling villages
there, but only hawlets exist
& very often not even hawlets.

Bread & indifferent butter, potatoes,
berries & occasional eggs with

milk & weak green tea
 seem to constitute the rural
 diet, but the houses are fairly
 clean & certainly one meets
 with lots of very peculiar
 people. The weather was warm,
 but by the time, severely sun
 hot & it was pretty hard
 work walking up & down
 the country after having been
 so long at a desk. I feel very
 much better however for the
 exercise & fresh air. The trip
 across to Kingston by the Rideau
 Canal, of which I have often heard,
 was really very interesting & pretty.

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I shall now have to start for
 Albatross Landing in a few
 days & do not know exactly
 how long the trip will take —
 I think at least a fortnight. This
 means that I cannot well be
 back here before the end of August.
 I got this morning a copy of
 the Office Journal's letter of the
 10th in which he states that
 he suspects you of the intention
 of remaining at Metis till the
 middle of September. If so
 I might be able to run down
 for a couple of days before you

return, but I do not wish this
to be any excuse for your staying
long there for I really cannot say
whether I can make the visit. I have
been looking forward to it, but if
it cannot be managed this summer
it must be postponed.

Yours
 Truly

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