

Rideau Club,

Ottawa.

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My dear Mother,

Many thanks for
your letter of June 24th &
some previous ones which
I fear I have not individually
acknowledged. I hope that the
remains of your visit to
England will prove as satisfactory
as the first part appears
to have been. The stay in Wales
should at least be restful
& pleasant, with fine weather.
I duly note your directions
about getting some out of doors

time & still endeavour to
 act on them. There are several
 things I want to do if I can
 get time enough, but there is very
 little chance I fear. Don't suppose
 that I am anxious to spend
 the Summer in Ottawa, but I can
 get away now only under certain
 conditions. Last Summer I was
 tied up much in the same
 way, by a Summer Session.

It is now supposed that the
 new Liberal Cabinet will be sworn
 in tomorrow & that Parliament
 will not meet until some time in
 August. In that case, after
 having some things arranged with
 our new minister - above all,
 my fee - I may be able to get

away for a short time before the Session. It will certainly not be long enough to go to B.C., where several things require to be looked after. At the shortest the Session is then likely to last till the end of September, & after that I doubt very much whether there will be time to go to B.C., but we shall see. As long as the House is in session it is scarcely safe for me to be away, for our estimates have to be passed & questions continue to occur in parliament which need to be watched & replied to. We have had

very little hot weather here as yet, that is to say a few hot days now & then but nothing continuous. It is beginning to be heated again now & I rather like it - It is reassuring to find that the Union is not bankrupt yet!

Are you going to Scotland before you return?

Best wishes to all & especially to Eva

Yours
George