

Montreal July 13th

Anna at the Broues
at Kingsey

Probably 1868.

Dearest Anna

I was truly glad to receive your letter about an hour since. A whole week has passed since I heard from you, & the temperature is so intolerably hot that I feel anxious if I do not hear often. It is with the greatest effort I can attend to ordinary duties, & today I have been looking out & packing Papa's & Wilhem's things & am ready to fall asleep pen in hand.

Arthur Browne took tea with
us on Saturday evg. & he is to come
up tonight to stay for a week or
two. It will be extremely dull for him
until you come home. I am going
to resume 6^o P. dinner to suit Arthur
& take only bread & milk for lunch: a
this will enable Margaret the Cook
to let the fire go out between breakfast
& dinner.

The kitchen flat is still full of
dirt & confusion. We are now waiting
for the brick layers. Papa is having
the subacing taken off the outer wall
both in the kitchen & Eliza's room,
to have a foot of brick work added

to the wall & thus bring it close to the
floor, in the hope this will prevent
the bad smell & rats from the Cellar
from coming up stairs or raches up
to the drawing room & library.

Before you receive this you will
probably have seen Mr Bayles &
arranged either to stay a few days with
them or come home with him
on Wednesday. It would be very
arbitrary on my part to say come home
It is very hot & very dull. I have a great
deal planned which I hope to do but
until the heat moderates I cannot begin
Many times I would be glad of your
advice but then on the whole it wd
be disagreeable to you. We think you

have paid quite a long enough
visit to one family - & as I told you
before I do not object to your going
to see any other friend. I am sure
I have written this in a most Confused
style but you can perhaps gather my
meaning.

Dearst Eva must excuse me from
writing to her this time. I must hasten
to finish packing. The Carnish's leave tomorrow
for Kamouraska.

We had letters from George today. He is the
Contented & I hope happy.

William seems quite sorry to have before
seeing you again.

With all loving messages for the Browns &
& any amount of kisses & kindnes for George
from your ever affectionate
Mother.