

Montreal July 19th

Friday

Summer heat

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Dearest Anna

I am suffering great
anxiety for your account. & Luis
& your letter of the 14th just received
has not relieved me. Dying
in such weather is quite alarming.
The heat & its long continuance is
unprecedented; numbers of both
men & women, & I may add horses,
are daily dropping down dead
on the streets. Many diseases are

inevitable, which under more favorable circumstances, could easily be subdued.

Mr. Taylor, Arthur & Mrs. Carnish assure me that it is quite as hot in the Townships as here. The first named tells me that it would have risked their lives to drive to Kingsley on Monday or Tuesday last. Mr. T. hopes to go Monday of next week, but all things considered I think you ought to avail yourself of the earliest safe opportunity to return home.

By judicious & Careful attention
to the times proper to open & shut
the windows. Keeping still,
Baths & Rankine & I have kept
vegetative. I have not put a
finger to one of the many things
I have planned to do. To you I
hope will have the pleasure of
helping me.

I quite rejoice in the hope,
that papa & William are now
enjoying sea breezes. They ought
to reach Pictou tomorrow. Every
day papa remained he found
some pressing business to take him

to town I always returned looking
as if he might be sick immediately.

Archus has got a new &
troublesome pest in the Bank.
He starts off quite early & does not
return until 6. Fortunately the
Bank is one of the coolest buildings.
Archus at any rate does not look
fagged.

I quite long to hear your cheerful
voice again my own dear Anne,
still I would not for that gratification
recall you if I thought it best for you
to remain. Mr & Mrs Baynes I see I
believe the only gentfolk in the valley.
Grange writes that he is happy & contented
in Salswood. I hope his stay there may
be useful to him in many ways

I have not seen any acquaintances
since my return except the Reddys.

By the time our dinner is over
it is too late to go anywhere beyond
the grounds.

Please give every kind message
to the Brown's from me. I wrote
to Mrs Brown yesterday at that
time I thought it possible you
had gone to the Taylors so did
not write ~~lest~~ they might have
trouble conveying the letter to
you.

Should you return without
a Conway try to let me know

I shall go or send to the
Station for you. If any friend
is with you I shall not go.

Give a dear loving kiss to Eva
from me. I am sorry I cannot
write to her today. With much
love to you dear Anne,

Ever believe me,

Yours affectionately,
Mother