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Dear Anna,

Last mail when you  
got father's letter & mother  
mamma was too busy  
to write me and so she  
asked me to write to  
and just as I sat  
down to begin in came  
John and as I could  
not keep him waiting  
you had to do without  
any letter from us  
for that time. I intend  
write me a very  
long letter next  
time that I will  
Take about an  
hour to read

I have rather a bad cold today and so

I did not go to school and I have been reading most  
of the day. Every body is wishing that you would come  
home, but for my part I hope you will stay for an-  
other week or so and enjoy yourself very much;  
not because I do not want you home because  
as to that I would like to see you again very  
much, but because I think that when you take  
a holiday which is not very often you might as well  
enjoy it while you can. Jane is going up to Kingston  
tonight because her mother is not well and she  
looks very sad poor girl. My young doves (for Emma  
has given them to me on condition that I

Rankin to Anna in Toronto 1871

will buy half the seed) are growing very big and are all covered with feathers. I received your last letter and gave Maria your message, and Mary said that you were a very ungrateful girl not to send her any message. I think you are very unkind to write me such a little crap as you do, and I wish you would mend your ways in that line. Papa says that you must come home, for that he never gets his tea infused for him in time at breakfast & lunch. Mama got ~~two~~ four old capes that she had in the house made into two nice new ones of the latest style which just came home today they are very nice & warm.

Believe me your affectionate brother

Rankine.