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My darling wife,

As usual I have come up stairs to write to you before going to bed.

It is painfully still and painfully lonesome and I miss my wife and little boy more & more every day; nor can I believe that it is only two weeks this evening since they went away. It seems as if had lived a lifetime since, and yet half the time of our separation has not passed.

I am so pleased to learn that you have had your first dip and felt none the worse for it, also that little

Eric is good and increasing in wisdom. If he improves as fast as he did the last month before he left here, he will certainly be very much changed by the time I see him.

I still expect to go to Stannis tomorrow evening although I am not in very good condition for geological work and quite unable to-night to wield a hammer. The finger which I hurt last evening is the cause, being still swollen & very painful at times.

Hamilton has promised to send Willie over to act as guardian during my absence and I fancy the house will not run away.

As you will see by the

papers there has been a
good deal of excitement here
yesterday and to-day and
it is a wonder that more
lines have not been lost.

Yesterday a young man was
killed while attempting to
take away a rifle from a
volunteer who was on guard
at the barracks, and to-day
a young Orangeman was shot
on Victoria square and died
shortly after. I passed through
the square a short time after
and there was still a great
crowd chiefly made up of
the lowest of the low. A
number of stores on St James
street including Savage &
Lyman's and Morgan's were
closed and I noticed that some

Of the windows in Glendinning's
new store had been smashed.
Some of the French Canadian
policemen looked well nigh
frightened to death.

Last evening Hamilton brought
over a salmon which had
been sent to Dr Dawson with
the compliments of Rev. Jos.
Hart, Sr Johns, N.B. and wanted
to know what to do with it.

Nor did I know what your
father would like done with
it. I, however, sent the best
part of it to the Browns, who
I thought would enjoy it, gave
Hamilton a piece on account
of the trouble he had had and
kept a piece myself. It is
very good & I wish it had been
possible to send it to Melis.

Friday morning. - It is a delightfully

cool morning, in fact almost
cold. We have had such
fine weather of late that
it makes me glad that
I arranged to have my holi-
days in August; for I suppose
the hot weather will come
by and by. Many people
who have only two or three
weeks holidays make a
great mistake in going away
early in the summer &
then coming back into the
heat to lose all the strength
they have gained. I see that
I made a mistake last evening
in saying that it was two weeks
since you left. I was under
the impression at the moment
that it was Friday. Paul promised
to send the curry by post last
evening & has I hope done so.

And now my precious little wife
I must go to my office. Your fond husband
Bernard.