

Take Ruth
but I thought
it best not
to let her go.
I am writing
Bernard

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Dearest Love,

I am thinking of you
to-day as at Toronto and
feeling that you are much
nearer home than when at
London. And now dearest
that you have got to Toronto
you must stay there just as
long as you feel inclined;
for I am sure that it will
be pleasant for you there
and that your visit will
do you a world of good.

Here we are getting on
just as well as possible
under the circumstances.
The weather has been

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Lonely and Conrad is fast
sitting over his cold. As
for the little girls they
are all looking remarkably
well. At the college
they seem charmed with
Edith and are not in the
least anxious to get rid
of her. She too seems perfect
happy and is improving every
day. Yesterday Eric went
with your father & the
geology class to St Annis
& Pointe Claire. I gave
him my bag and geological
hammer and he made quite
a collection fossils. It was
a lovely day and in the
afternoon I took the three
little girls for a walk on
the mountain. We went up
in the elevator and altogether

had a charming time. It was a bright sunny day without the coated haziness of Autumn & with much less city smoke than usual. Ruth proved herself a capital little pedestrian, and did not seem the least tired after her walk.

Yesterday morning I spent in town. I have taken my cots out of Stanton's hands and am supposed to have sold one of them; but will not believe that it is sold until the money is in my pocket.

It is now said that the C.P.R. case is to be settled by arbitration; so that after all it may not be necessary

for me to go to Toronto. In any case I am sure that the matter could be most easily settled by arbitration.

This will be another week of meetings - Museum Committee, Library Committee, Corporation, Council of Nat. Hist. Soc.

&c &c. Such weeks make one sigh for a lodge in some vast wilderness.

Eric & I were down at the college for tea this evening, & Carpy was also there & wished me to give you her love

I wish darling that I could send you a less scrappy letter, but I seem very stupid to-night and must go to bed.

See little ones were charmed with the books which you sent them. Now they awake I am sure they would all send love & so I send it for them with my own. They have all been very good today. Eric & Edith went to church with me in the morning & they and Alice went to Sunday school in the afternoon. They were very anxious to