

Atlantic Ocean

About 300 fm. Queenstown

April 19th 1894

Dearest Love,

I have written a long letter to Eric giving him some particulars of our voyage, and am going to write you a few lines so as to catch the outgoing mail from Queenstown where we hope to arrive to-morrow morning. It is so long since I have been much away from home that I find it hard to realize how far away I am and how long it must be before I can see you all again.

On the whole I think I forgot comparatively few of the things that I wanted to attend to before leaving. My great regret is that I was unable to do more by way of making matters smooth for you.

It would have been a great
comfort if I could have come
away feeling that you were in
the hands of more efficient help,
and if the present nurse leaves
I sincerely hope you may be able
to get Kate to go to the seaside
with you.

Even this Eric must have finished
his examinations and now that
they are off his mind I trust
he may be able to pick up
a little strength, so that he
may not prove a drawback but
an assistance to George if he goes
out with him. I do not want
him either to be a source of expense
to George and if he is useful the
Surrey should allow him enough
pay at least to cover the cost of
going to and returning from British
Columbia.

I hope that Howard will be able
to arrange satisfactorily with Mrs
B. and that she will not give
you any trouble. It would be

Cheaper to give her what she
asks - if at all within the bounds
of reason - than to go to law or
even quarrel with her.

I have found Callender a very
pleasant companion. He was pretty
ill for a few days, but since
that has been better and has
made himself most agreeable.

Yesterday he showed me a photo of
his fiancée. Judging from it I should
say that she had a very fine face
I was so rash as to ask him the
colour of her hair - which is
red. Her name is Stewart and she
lives near Tenby in S. Wales. I congratulated
him heartily upon her being neither
a minor wrangler nor a public lecturer.
She is fond of tennis and all out of
door sports I believe. He was very
anxious to have one of the photos of
the children and as I have given
him one I think I have only one
left. I wish therefore that you would
give me a couple more and send
them over. I should also be glad

to have one of Watford's little books of colly photos. I think they cost about \$1.00. He would pass one driver to me. Eric could attend to this.

We have had a great deal of bad weather and the voyage has been rather uninteresting. I have been exceedingly idle, but have managed to get through several books - stories - including one of Marina Crawford's which was rather interesting - Paul Patoff. For a few days I was miserable but am very well now - though lazy.

We should see land early tomorrow morning, but whether I shall be on deck at the time is doubtful. Breakfast is served from 8 to 10.30 a.m. I have a salt bath at 8.30 every morning and ^{synnath} breakfast at 9.

I have asked Eric to take a photo of Callendar's home and send it to him. If he is fit for anything please see that he attends to it as once as Callendar is very eager to have it.

We have about twenty children on board - all of them under 7 or 8 years of age I think, and

most of them under 4. In the
Cabin next to us is a mother
with 3 little ones, and the
baby is certainly devoted to crying.
I never heard a baby cry so much.
The mother says it is "teething".

But I must not write more
now - especially as I have
nothing to write about. If anything
of interest happens before to-morrow
morning I shall add a postscript,
and of course I shall write soon
after reaching Liverpool. We
should arrive there early on
Saturday morning and I shall
try to make for a hotel until
I can get my head level.

Love to all the dear ones. I shall
try to write to them now & then.

Your loving Bernard.

Please remember that my London
address will be

"Bank of Montreal"
London.

I shall be glad to know whether Eric
got my bank book & if so how the acct. stood.