

McDonald -  
beers, pidgeons &  
chickens!

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Dearest Love,

It is hard to realize that so much of the summer has already passed away & before we know it we shall be in the thick of another winter. As yet there has been no very great heat since I came up and to-day it is almost too cool for comfort and I seem to have caught cold in one of my eyes which is much inflamed. Yesterday afternoon Mr McDonald came round with his carriage and pair and took me for a long drive and afterwards to tea. As I was feeling rather tired and lonely this came in very well although it prevented my attending

to some work that I had planned.  
In the evening I went up and  
sat for a little while with  
Mrs M. thinking that she would  
be lonely without Miss Hill.

This morning Mr. Flut came  
to breakfast with me and  
to-morrow we are to breakfast  
together at Alexander's on  
St. Catherine St. Mr. Flut intends  
to return to Paris on Friday with  
Mrs Redpath & Mrs Lewis in his  
train. I have made no plans  
yet, but may possibly get off by  
the end of the week. For  
many reasons it would be well  
if I could be here for the rest  
of the summer, but on the  
other hand it is necessary that  
I should get some rest if I  
am to be good for anything next  
winter.

after a prolonged hunt I have failed to find any trace of Cois's Scripture note book and fear he will have to do without it.

Nothing has been seen of the egg spoons here and Lizzie told Kate that they were certainly not in the silver-box - which she had packed.

She (Lizzie) has gone to a place on McFryer St. with some people named Blesser, but I have told Kate to tell her that we expect her to come back to us in September. Little further has been done in connection with Caspi's affairs, but Flut's Clerk is preparing a statement with regard to the funds invested. I think the Merchants' Bank stock will have to be sold as Lewis would like to have his \$500 in cash.

I hoped that Jerry would come down and spend Sunday with me but he was unable to do so. He may, however, come down during the week and if so I shall try to persuade him to go down to Matis with me when I go.

The cherries are fast ripening and I shall endeavour to have them picked and either made into jam or sent to Matis. There are a few in your father's lot, but the boys are stealing them. I caught one fellow on Friday and gave him a very bad scare which he thoroughly deserved as he had not only stolen cherries but broken the trees.

I am glad to hear that you has built his pigeon house and hope that the pigeons will find it comfortable & convenient.

I am also glad to know that the lessons are going on so well. Tell Bernard that it would be a nice thing for him to make a house for bears and then catch a few and keep them as pets. They are such pleasant creatures. I told him that if he wrote me a letter reminding me of the matter I might bring him down a jack knife. Of course if he does not write he need not expect the knife.

I think of you much dearest, and of all your unselfish affection which is far more than I deserve. Longing to be with you soon

Your fond Bernard.

I enclose a cheque payable to Landry in case you need money. Yours for \$75 reached me safely.