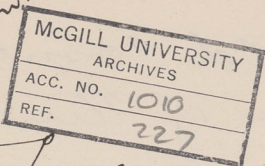


I enclose two
cheques in case you
are in need of money
I hope you require none
let me know. B.



Montreal

Aug 21st 1898

Dearest Love,

I have gone to bed
but before going to sleep
must try to write you a
few lines. This morning I thought
I would go to church and
after putting an extra polish
on my boots and top went down
at the double, only to find,
however, a placard on the door
saying "closed during cleaning".

I then went over to see Caffer
who has been laid up for a
few days with a swollen face.
He showed me over his quar-
ters, which are really very
comfortable. Later I went

to Layton's for dinner.

Mr McDonald came round in the course of the afternoon and we all went up to see Mrs Ingham who by the by leaves for the States to-morrow morning.

I spent most of yesterday afternoon with Mr M^{et} and also took tea with him. He seems very well at present and in good spirits. He was anxious to know whether Mr. Hux was writing a book at Metis.

Monday Morning.

I do not know why I sleep so badly. I was sleeping so well before I left Metis. Now I have to strike a light and read and do all kinds

of things to make the night pass.

It strikes me that if Walker comes to our house it might be best to give him Clara's room, as the carpet there though worn still looks better than Ruth's and the outlook is more pleasant. Still another plan would be to give him the nursery. The big cupboard would however be unsuitable and one would have to put up some different pictures

As to pamphlets in the school-room I more thought of moving them to the college. If moved from their present place they would have to go to the attic, which would mean a great deal of running up and down. I should like to start Deacon at the hall, but am afraid of the expense. If the walls are

done then the ceiling will require something and the floor needs painting badly. I fear it would mean \$50 or least.

Taylor says that there is a certain amount of interior decorative work to be done here, but that anyone going in for such work would require a long and arduous training. Otherwise they would be nobodies, like poor Miss P. - and others whom he mentioned.

I have tried to get Browne over the telephone to enquire after the wounded son but as usual have failed to find him in. I sincerely hope the boy is not badly hurt, and that he may be able to return soon to Mexico.

Mrs. M. has I suppose left this morning and I shall miss her greatly. It was pleasant to run up there now & then and the only place that I cared to go to. How long she intends to be absent I do not know; several weeks I suppose. She sent you fruit & vegetables which I hope you got. I look forward with pleasure to having you all back before very long, but shall probably not see much of my family this winter. Love to Bernard.