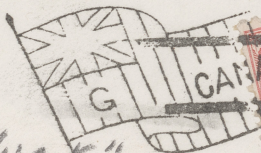
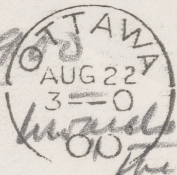


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My dear Anna,

I regret that you  
cannot accept my invitation  
for the West, although I fully  
realise your difficulties & agree  
that you are probably right in  
your decision. I should have  
been very pleased if you  
could have come & seen  
something of the Country there  
that I feel as much interested  
in as if it all belonged to  
me. Perhaps another chance

will occur.

About the biography I have just written to Mother & she will no doubt tell you what I have said. Rawlins is to send the corrected version, typed, to me, & I hope that both you & Mother may now be able to go over it all & record & state your views. I think it wants only a little more to make it an interesting book now, but from the safe hand of some unimpassioned critic or revisor.

I do not favourably consider asking the new Duke of Argyll to write an introduction, he

has not made a sufficient mark either in literature or science to make this appear appropriate, except as a sort of advertising set-up. He might write something very good, but it would be sneered at by the first reviewer, because of the duke's position. Remond's I esteem & like him very much, but he is not a natural leader & is badly handicapped by his exalted position.

The principal large changes made in father's original were the cutting down of the 'Higher Education for

Women' to about one-half & the leaving out of a number of pages of biography of James McGill.

The chief thing wanting seems to be a résumé of the work father actually did, apart from educational work, represented by Canadian Science & his many original researches on scientific subjects.

Please tell Ruth that I have asked Mrs W. J. Folley here to send for the enlargements of her photo. of Poppy & Metis as soon as he can, & to return the negative to her with them. I have

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been unable to get them  
from him so far, he is  
so very busy.

I hope to leave tomorrow &  
shall be away about a couple  
of weeks.

Yours

George