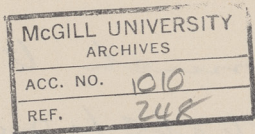


Pleasant letters  
about family



Little Metis  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1902

Dearest Anna,

I fear you will think me a very poor correspondent; but if I have not written often it is not because you have been out of mind. The days here slip by without one realising it and there is besides nothing novel to write about.

Conrad went for the usual excursion to the North shore and got back safely and full of what he had seen and done, including the catching of his first salmon. I wish he showed as much enthusiasm about reading as he does about sports, but it is very difficult to get him to read anything except the newspapers and an occasional story which it is supposed to be the correct thing to read. I do not know, however, that one can blame him, for there are so many young people here and so many distractions that it is very difficult to get out of the swirl. To-morrow morning at 6 o'clock he is going to the lighthouse point in search of a big white owl that Wilfred Bovey saw there this afternoon.

Bernard seems well and though this summer if activity is any indication. He takes numerous long tramps in search of birds eggs, flowers, &c., and does not seem tired afterwards. Golf too occupies a good deal of his attention and this morning he, Victor, R. Flut & Stuart Peck were off fishing for Cod. What is to be done with regard to B's education this year I am sure I do not

know. It will cost so much to send Conrad to Kingston that it will probably be necessary to keep B. at home, but I do not think that the High School would suit him. Private teaching might do if one could find the right kind of tutor, but good tutors are rare + expensive.

Mrs Boney is not down here yet and I can tell you nothing about her educational plans. Dr. Boney told me that he supposed you and Mrs B. had arranged everything before you left.

We have heard nothing about Mrs. Motson for some days, but according to the latest accounts she had improved considerably, but still required two nurses + was still restless at night. There is no further word of her coming down here, but if she does not come I may possibly go up to town for a day or two to see her. This, however, is uncertain. Conrad has to report himself at Kingston at 6 p.m. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. and will require a day or two in Montreal to obtain his outfit - consisting of "Black leather slippers, Braces, 4 Day Shirts (flannel or merino), 3 Night Shirts, 4 Merino vests, 6 pairs socks, 4 pairs drawers (flannel or merino), 9 handkerchiefs, 4 ~~Shirts~~ Towels, Clothes-bag (linen), Hair Brush + Comb, Tooth Brush, Cloth Brush, Boot Brushes, Blacking, Sponge + Bag, Bathing drawers, Bible + Prayer Book, 1 Trunk (or Post-mauveau). Value."

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Your letter of July 16<sup>th</sup> has arrived this evening and we are glad to learn of your continued welfare. Mrs. Boney is not here yet, but I will forward your letter to her ~~letter~~ to Montreal to-morrow. This has been just a perfect Melis day and the children have been on the water most of the day time. Poppy has grown considerably this summer and is surprisingly strong. He helped me water the garden this evening and I was amazed at the

ease with which he worked the pump.  
I gave him a large piece of ground this year and  
he takes a great interest in his garden.

The number of people in Metis is greater than  
ever before, but I have seen little of them as I  
rarely go outside of the gate. I have done a good  
deal of reading and as usual have devoted some  
time to gardening. No doubt some of my friends think  
me a crank because of my gardening proclivities  
but no other summer occupation would enable  
me to give as much pleasure to other people.

A letter from Miss Hill received this evening tells  
of Mrs. Motson's continued improvement. Miss Hill says  
"She goes to the garden & cellar and walks two  
or three times a day all about the garden &  
grounds. The poor hand still remains practically  
useless but otherwise she has improved very much  
since you saw her" And again "whether Dr. Martin  
will consider it wise to let well alone or  
advocate her going to Metis for August remains to  
be seen." As to her coming here I think that every-  
thing will depend upon what Dr. Martin advises.

We have heard nothing about the Baldwins concerning  
whom you wrote, but possibly they have not arrived.  
If they had not engaged rooms beforehand they could  
not now get accommodation at any of the hotels.

Herz Max Liebig has sent any special information  
with regard to Bernardo's relatives to the prelim. A. A.  
exams, but simply the report of his ~~exams~~ ordinary  
school exams. in which he certainly did not distinguish  
himself.

R. & G. are still with your mother who, I have no doubt, would be much better without them, although R is certainly much more cheerful than before you left. I do not think that it necessarily follows that they have talked about George's will for you will remember that Felix saw it or heard all about it from the lawyers in Ottawa and he may have told other people about it. He, by the way, has been in England for some time but is now on his return voyage and I believe intends to land at Rimouski.

Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>

Another fine day, but warm for here. Everyone is getting ready for church, but in so far as the Point Church is concerned there is not much to expect as the preacher at present is a very poor one. I believe there is to be another one in August. Time up, must close. All join in love to the much missed mates.

Bernard