

Little Britis
Aug 10th 1902

Dearest Anna,

We have just heard through Miss Hill that Mrs. M. has decided not to come to Britis - not because she not so well as she has been but because she is making steady improvement where she is and they think it best to let well enough alone and not run risks. Mr. Peck was going up a few days ago and I sent by him a box of roses &c to Mrs. M. They arrived the next morning just when she was at breakfast and in splendid condition. She seems to have been greatly pleased by them and I must try the experiment again. Now that Mrs. M. is not coming Clare suggests that we ask Lanna to come down for a little while and I think we shall probably do so. I had a letter from her 5-day - from Carillon - but she does not say anything as to how she is. Yesterday was "Crowning Day" and almost the entire population assembled at the call of His Worship the Mayor (Ferguson) at noon in the City Links, listened to a couple of short addresses saying "God save the King", gave three Cheers for the King, and finished up with the doxology. It was quite a pretty sight. In the evening large bonfires

were lighted at intervals along the beach and fire-works set off at a few points.

I think I told you that R. had an offer for the Sherbrooke that home and went up to town to see about it. As was to be expected, however, he could not make up his mind about it and telegraphed to flo "What do you and mother advise?" flo came to me about it and I advised that the offer be accepted and she telegraphed accordingly. The next day R. telegraphed for her to come up as usual, which she did and we have not heard from them since, though R. was expected to return here yesterday or to-day. If they have accepted the offer for the home they will have to fine it up on the 1st of September. Margaret and the nurse are still here with you and mother.

We are still having the most delightful weather, in fact I do not remember a finer summer than this has been. To-day there is a "ded cam", but it is not excessive hot.

Aug 11th

A southerly breeze this morning, making it decidedly warm for here. I have been trying to write some letters but have found it very difficult as Poppy has been constantly appealing to me for assistance in rigging a boat and was so polite & pleasant about it that I could not refuse him. He is brown and very bonny, but growing so big.

Do not come back by any 4th rate steamer, but

Choose a really good boat with officers accustomed to the St. Lawrence route. I hope you will not have difficulty in getting a passage, but of course there will be a great many people returning to Canada from this time on. I hope to remain here till say the 10th or 12th of September unless it proves absolutely necessary for me to return to town. In that case Ben will have to get his own outfit in Montreal; or possibly I may go as far as Quebec with him and get the outfit there.

Clara & I have both written to Laura this morning, asking her to spend a week or two with us and I hope she will come. It would I think do her good and the girls seem anxious to have her.

I am sorry to send you so scrappy a letter, but my morning has been sadly interrupted and now I must close and get ready for dinner. When I again say that there is nothing to hurry you home if you are enjoying yourself do not think that you are not missed here. I long to see you, dear, but want you to get every advantage from your trip that you can. Love from Ben.

You did not tell me that you wanted a type-written copy of Fritz's poems sent to you and I am not sure that there is one here, but if there is will send it.

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See Coronation Day.

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