

Eric Harrington Sr. to
Bernard Harrington. re
Collection of various
specimens collected by
Dr Van Cortlandt - Van C.
had just died and Harrington
wanted to sell collection for
benefit of family.

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Dr Van Cortlandt was
married to one of B. J. W's
sisters, but was an un-
satisfactory husband

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My dear Bernis Van Cortlandt

As I presume you
^{are} aware the late Dr Cortlandt was
conceived ever as a philologist and
Linguist. The study of which was
one of his hobbies. He has left quite
a collection in fact has quite a Museum
and they are of course of no value
to the family otherwise than to real-
ize as much as they can from it
which of course you know they very
much need. would the institution
with which you are connected pur-
chase the collection? or could you
advise me how would be the best way
of disposing of them. I am under the

impression that the Museums in
Montreal is the property of the Dom.
inion Government if so perhaps
thru' the influence of your depart-
ment the Govt might be induced to
purchase them. The W. has said
that the collection was worth \$20,000
but he would probably put an ex-
aggerated value on them. I would be
glad to hear from you by Thursday
next if possible as I expect to go to
Ottawa on that day in connection
with affairs relating to his family.
I went to Ottawa the day after his
death and again on Saturday, the
day before the funeral, it was one of
the largest funerals that has been
in the City for a long time. He was
buried with military honors. He

training him connected with the
volunteer force. I was surprised
to find how much he was respected
notwithstanding his eccentricity
and of late his unfortunate habits
before his death he became quite
happy in his family. They will not
be nearly so badly off as at one time
I was afraid they would be. Sidney
is here on his way back to Pembroke
for which place he leaves tomorrow
friends here are all well, as for
me the times are so hard the
plow cannot afford any. hoping
to hear from you at an early day
Am as ever

Sincerely yours

Chris Harrington