

Kanawaska

July 12th 184.

Father

I have your kind home com
 Donald's visit to Anna's
 tonight per. I generally
 pray for you the Lord
 Jesus may send money
 to you as it is being
 kindred in the Great
 We Love Land.
 Believe me ever to be
 your affectional

Dear Mother
 I received your letter
 yesterday by the receipt of a packet of
 letters from you, which you had sent
 back to Wupperin from the Louis River
 which you hoped to be able to ^{return} ^{two} days
 later. They are dated Jun 5th - here W. Lynn
 post mark Jun 18th & reached here July 10th.
 Tonight paper has been reading from the
 Gazette such accounts of different attacks made
 by the Sioux Indians upon Americans & the
 news of an assault by desperadoes upon
 a fur trading party near Fort Benton.
 Such unpleasant doings around you
 are not agreeable to hear of, but we comfort
 ourselves by considering that you are upon
 duty & continually commending you to the
 protection of our Father who has hitherto been
 so kind & who knows your every need. It
 is a long time since these letters were written

Nevertheless we were delighted to get them I will hope, as you got near Fort Benton, to hear from you in shorter time. I am glad you find the backboard answers your purposes better than sitting.

The repairs & painting, we spoke of having done, were all accomplished before we left, although they detained us a week longer in town — a fortunate circumstance as we afterwards found because here it was a week of cold East wind & continuing rain — & they subjected all the family to discomfort & myself to a month's hard work. I hope my reward will be the pleasure of having you all around me next winter enjoying the clean papers & other improvements Rankine damped & carefully sealed off the paper behind the diningroom door, that had your lights measured upon it, to retain as a family relic. We find our cottage here delightfully situated, on the edge of a nearly perpendicular cliff about 40 feet high, with a narrow field at the bottom between the cliff & tide-mark. There is

I leave - winds from com.

There is a balcony entirely around the house the back of it overhanging the cliff. The river is studded with small islands the base of those belonging to the main ridge being exposed at low water. Variety of appetite as the Murray Bay hills, with some of the houses the Church &c. in view to the naked eye in clear weather. Last night we enjoyed one of the beautiful sunsets this side of the River so often affords.

Altogether the place is very lovely & will in some measure compensate for the want of society, for we find here very few people we know & amongst these none, I fear, whose society is worth cultivating. The general features of the Country are very similar to Riviere du Loup & Cacouna. That the cliff near the sea; the belt of level Country; the rocky ridge inland, here however the ridge nearest the Riviere du Loup side is broken into several abrupt hills. We are told that there are some fine mines altho' rather distant.

Anna is now very well & looks much

better than she did before her illness
but her strength has not yet returned.
She cannot walk any distance - rarely
gets up to breakfast & usually naps during
the day, consequently she continues to be
the ornamental part of the family. Consuming
great volumes of History & just beginning
her summer's pleasure - painting & teaching
Eva to paint which I think will be easy
she seems to have a decided taste for it.

Rankine is studying diligently in the
forenoon & rejoicing in the prospect of having
a boat whenever he chooses. Papa having
made arrangements for a large safe one.

We came here last Wednesday - the 8th - &
made our first boating excursion on
Saturday. To the largest bay island, where
we were to dine & the ladies were to be left
to read or paint while Papa & R. went
shooting & dredging. We dined ^{on the island} under a umbrella
during a tremendous thunder shower. I returned
immediately after wet through, a draggled looking
party. William seems happy in his work at
C.B. his letters have not been very frequent lately,
he is sometimes camping distant from P.O.