

Montreal November 4th 1915

Your telegram from Victoria, dearest
Georgy, received on Tuesday the 3rd inst. at 2^o C.
P.M. has been the very pleasant news I
have had for many a day. We were just
finishing lunch to go out to see the Annual
College games when it came, & had there
only been a race for old ladies I think I should
have had a good chance to win. Later in
the day I presented the prizes in Mason Hall
with ease to myself & a pleasant word to each
recipient. Mr. Selwyn telegraphed from
Vancouver about the 26th Oct. & as he did not
fill up the ten words allowed, & said nothing
about you, we concluded you had failed to
meet him at Port George, which naturally made
us feel somewhat anxious. Since we had your
telegram we have had many discussions on
this point & have arrived at different conclusions,
Papa thinking you have come to Victoria by the Pacific.

Rankine deciding that you accompanied Slagden down the Fraser R. which we hope to have settled when we get your promised & longed for letter from Victoria. Surely you must have felt bewildered by the number of letters & the variety of news that greeted you or your animal! — the home ones alone so full of startling changes — how did you bear it with no sympathizing hand to open the valves & relieve the high pressure! Even William says he is impatient to hear what you will say about A's engagement; only he fears you will not express your thoughts fully. I hope you will. — He, your fellow, is delighted & is going to express this to "brother Bernard". I suppose that is the correct thing & it will be expected from you less than from him.

Mr Harrington & I have exchanged laudatory epistles & his sisters have written to A. His eldest sister is dying, at home — Anne will have been asked to visit the family. I think William's decision to remain for three years in Paris about as courageous as A's life throws. Think of him settling himself in a city where he did not know a single

creature — all around him speaking a
 foreign language & with the prospect of all
 his exams for admission to the "Ecole des Ponts
 et Chaussées" being in French. I think he was
 very, very brave. Papa had a great deal of
 trouble getting Certificates of one kind & another
 which not entitle him to exemptions from
 exams & fortunately at the last they proved they
 proved effectual. Now work has begun at
 the School & he is quite settled in his "Maison
 Meublée", in a room five stories high & going
 out daily to a restaurant at 11.00 for breakfast
 & 6.00 for dinner, which with a Cup of Chocolate
 brought to him by the Concierge in the morn- & eve
 in the eve constitute his daily routine. He
 has also got letters of introduction to several
 people, which we obtained from friends here,
 one was to a Mr. Greenleaf of Boston, studying
 architecture in Paris & singularly enough being
 only two hours from William. W. gives us most
 amusing accounts of his housekeeping experiences,
 in his last he was about to invest in a Coal

stone as a matter of economy as wood on day-irons was decidedly costly, as nearly all the heat escaped up the chimney.

I cannot remember whether my last to go was written before my visit to Kingsley or since my return; between Wilham & go I am sure to get mixed as to news, but as the week I spent at the Beacons' Mill always be one of my pleasant memories I will risk repetition. Sophia was in town for a few days & as I had not been looking well Anne proposed that I sh^d go out with her & I was packed up & sent off. Notwithstanding that the beauty of the foliage was over I was agreeably surprised by the beauty of the country around Elm Tree, & thoroughly enjoyed some rambles in the near woods where the ferns stood up green & graceful from amongst a sea of dead leaves around. Several drives I had with Sophia two were through lovely woods. She is such a dear nice little thing & appreciates all nature's phases so fully that it was charming to have such a drive. I had a delightful

last 7 since my return I have been
 taking things easy & am better reconciled
 to the changes that I to come in our
 family, which have been to trying to
 me. Papa's house is now repaired
 in & the first coat of plaster on the walls.
 He has been offering it on liberal terms
 to Anna, but with Bernard's modest incom-
 patible thinks it would prove an "elephant".
 It wd be so charming to us to have them
 so near & to have them rather than
 strangers occupy the house, but it is wiser
 for them to try first if they can get better suited
 when houses are offered in February. May
 or June will be the earliest time they are
 likely to require one. The depression in
 business here just now is dreadful, rents
 are falling - failures are of daily occurrence
 & furniture is selling off at low prices so as
 it is an "ill wind that blows nobody
 good". A & B. it wd seem, have fallen
 upon fortunate times. I only wish me

your ed. come home & add enjoyment
to the talks & plays about the establishment
of another independent home. Will it not
be too bad if your Carmat. be with us on
the great Consummation? Alfred & Nellie
Cochran are to be married & was week
& live at the Calley.

I must not conclude before saying that
you on the numerous highly favourable notices,
from high quarters, public & private which
have been bestowed on your Report. I feel
proud, have much more ought you who
worked so hard to get the facts & then to give them.

Just in the act of closing this when
Papa & Anna have received letters from Black-
waters. Oct. 3^d. having been one month on
the way. Papa bids me say that he will attend
to your business but that he cannot take time
to write for a day or two. William has sent you
by Southampton a very neat Compass which will
be mailed for you tomorrow. He also sent freely
to each of us. I think however that was men-
tioned in a letter I enclosed to you. With
our united best love. Believe me ever
Yours lovingly. Mother