

Paris July 10th 1877

My dear George

Again has occurred
the coincidence of your & William's
letters arriving by the same mail.
yours dated June 12th & W's I think
the 20th. It is such a pleasure to
hear from you both, & especially
to know that you had been travelling
through a pleasant part of B.C.
where there was a good trail but
since that time I suppose it has been
over a less civilized portion.
I have just got over the difficulties

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of starting housekeeping anew, which
takes a full week even under the
favourable circumstances of having
a Cutter of our own & the furnishing
of it accomplished; but I know that
quite half of the worry some part comes
from my inability to speak French, &
now it is settled that whenever Eva
is within Call she is to do the buying.
Our household at present consists of your
father & myself A. P. E. Baby & his nurse
Katie Galt, & one servant for general
work, besides I have no bedroom
accommodation for more, so we give
out the washing & get water carrying
& other Charring done by a Frenchman
& his wife who seem to be lock house

I industrious. The weather is very
 delightful & I already begin to feel
rested. Before I left Montreal I felt
 as if life had lost all interest I was
 so weak & spiritless - I had been quite
 overtasked. Papa & P. intend to go off
 to Nova Scotia on Monday, when
 we expect to have a very quiet fortnight
 & soon after that a very full house,
 as Bernard & William, & perhaps Fernie
 M^o Limont (who I have allowed E.
 to ask to pay his a titbit after Katie leaves)
 will all be due early in August.
 but I am sure I will contrive to find
 a corner for you if you will only come.
 That reminds me to tell you that I
 cannot get any of the household to

to put up your tent for me. I think it
 wd. make such an additional orna-
 ment to the grounds & a pleasant re-
 sort in the sunny part of the day. Mr
 A. writes his letter is sure to have a
 long share of Baby news so I shall
 only have my testimony to his being a
 remarkably fine little George & although
 some pleas trouble a very great pleas
 A. has had a sore throat & was altogether
 out of sorts for the first week now I
 hope, I think, she shows the beginning
 of thoroug improvement.

The Receipts are in the occupancy
 of this new Cottage — an acre or so
 off from being opposite to us. It is the
 largest & handsomest yet built having

a broad verandah round three sides of the house with a roof supported by prettily ornamented pillars - this is broken in front by a porch, with a verandah on the top of it, from which there is a really very fine & extensive view. They are a large family party. Mr. & Mrs. Leinster, Mr. & Miss Drummond & a niece of Mr. 10th besides the Tenace Bank party. Rev. Fevy R. is still in Europe in a very precarious state of health. Eleanor is also there as companion to Mr. F. R. & to help to nurse him; at last accounts they were at Kempshott. The Major's have Percy & Charlie Selwyn staying with them. On Skilly last I asked all the young

people of the three households to
 take tea at Mount Misery. The
 name is dreadful enough but not
 with touching it turned out a happy
 party. We rowed back towards dusk
 the three boat-loads, part of the way, sing-
 ing in concert. Paul A. is anchored
 by his boy & cannot now join these
 occasional merry-makings.

Your father has already told you of
 the accumulating honours that are being
 bestowed upon you. The last not the
 least. I hope they are some small gratifi-
 cations, as they are dearly bought by
 the self denying life you are leading.
 Papa must start ahead of you soon
 or you will or you will be trailing

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on his heels. What wd you think
of; "Sir William" to keep things from
becoming confused. What it
amounts to I cannot tell you, but
just before we left Montreal a
friend there asked me, Confidentially
if papa wd accept of this honour,
if offered to him, because some one
in England had written to ask if
they cd find this out without telling
him. ^{i.e. papa} I said if they wd allow me
I wd send an answer next day -
meanwhile I consulted B. J. A.
chiefly because I knew there was
some persons connected with
accepting the title & I feared it wd

be too great. B. ascertained for
 me that it amounts to about \$520
 & we thought that it wd be acceptable
 to papa even shd he have to pay for
 it, as it wd be the best step towards his
 being offered some more congenial
 work. but as I said I know nothing
 of the party or parties from whom the
 suggestion emanates. it may not
 amount to anything.

But the dinner here has runy &
 this & other letters must be taken
 to the mail before 2 o'Clock.

Please excuse everything I have
 had frequent interruptions. But ever
 believe me to remain
 your loving
 Mother.