



Montreal Sept. 12th 1911.

My dear George

I arrived here
on Tuesday night the 8th to find
our people at the highest plane of
excitement and a grand excitement
going on in the Museum & Malson's
hall for the glorification of five
hundred U.S. Electricians, who are
still here & continuing to receive hospitality
both of a public & private character. &
my small share in this added to
my seeing Anna & family, Florence, will be
has been such a sudden & unaccounted

strain upon my strength that I
find it difficult to keep a clear head
& steady feet - I have however been
wise enough to take in the situa-
tion & as far as possible to private
affairs stand, or drift in other
business, until Calm is restored &
so my trunks are unpacked & house
keeping as usual ends. I was so
much pleased at your taking time
from the important business now
occupying you to write me such a
long & interesting letter, which I received
in Rock Ferry before I left, & one month
after it was written, that I resolved
that I should answer it before
I left the ship but as you know

as a long voyage, like an across
 the Atlantic, draws to a close friends
 old & new become so intimate & interested
 in all the details of what is passing
 or expected in the near future that
 it takes more firmness than I had to
 withstand the temptations of the circum-
 stances & even now it is but a hasty
 few lines I can manage. Rankin
 returned with me although I do not
 think he means to settle down here, but
 as yet there has been no opportunity for
 confidential talk - he is immensely interested
 in your work & its progress & has read
 with great interest your letter to your
 father telling of your Bebyloff labors
 experiences & your departure to these still
 more barren & desolate shores

do Congregate. I am glad there in
 such busy regions you have a second
 steamer somewhere in your neighbourhood
 as also a steam launch wherein to
 approach the shore as it there appears, at
 this distance, elements of safety. As well as
 helped to your work. Sir D. Smith
 gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday
 for the Electricians at which Lord Stanley
 was - he seizes an opportunity of
 talking to me & spoke in the kindest
 & warmest way of your fitness for this
 important work & the universal acknowl-
 edgement of the wisdom of your appoint-
 ment, all of which was most gratifying
 to me & I thanked him & expressed
 myself in accordance with my feelings

I left ~~London~~ ^{London} & had sweet little
daughters very well. I with the promise
that, all being well, they too come to
see us all next summer. We spend
a delightful three weeks from the
middle of July till the 8th or 9th of August
together at Holy Island N. W. ^{Coast} of Wales -
where all breezes sweep from the sea,
& so invigorating that I felt equal to
3. or 4. miles without fatigue. but
from present experience I doubt if it
has left any ~~useful~~ ^{gathering} strength. As a ~~visit~~ ^{visit}
to the Electrical Exhibition & a dinner
party given in Mr. Peapack's honour
has left but little vigor to begin the
work of today. English visitors are now
thick as blackberries - on Wednesday we
had one to lunch. two to P. M. tea. 4 in

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The evening - yesterday Midley, we
had sup - this morn, besides Prof Carris-
Wilson who arrives from England today
& is to lunch with us at 1.15. However
we are most fortunate in having
also our dinner to back while poor Anna
& Florence are literally struggling through
each day with altogether inefficient
help. Mary Elliott left for Englon
an hour after I arrived - I have
no doubt you have heard of her
engagement to Mr Andrew Taylor the
Architect - I understand that he expects
to follow her in November & bring her
back for good. This will be a great
pleasure to J. & I hope a benefit also to wife
making matters here where he can
spend a pleasant evening, as Mr J. suits
his ideal of a sober minded man.

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Will is having his patience taxed
if not his health made sick by delays
& disappointments in regard to the
new C.P.R. department. Van Horn, much
enthusiastic in the matter, is indifferent
& shameless weakening & watering the
arrangements down to merely a branch
of the Chief Engineers office & so far as
one can get at the inward causes
it will appear that Peterson is the
troubling block - He knows his value
to himself & so wants to be able to command
his services & is jealous of his being placed
at the head of a department as giving
him more independence. As the upshot
for the present is that W. has returned
to the Engineering Office to act per P. in
his absence & preparations for being

They are in allegiance - James Will
is much displeas'd - They cannot
afford to be him for your father says,
until arbitrations matters are settled
& these Sir John's death have com-
plicated & caused delay in . I suppose
your advice wd be to hold on till
the wheel of fortune turns its favourable
side & I have little doubt these nobles
nobles there is what has to be done
whatever fortune's pickle hand may
give . With all loving good wishes
for your continued success & safety
I am ever your affectionate

Mother .

P.S. Just had my first letter from
Eva . (Sep. 22) all are well .