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house in Victoria?

to Mr. Baring
and
& Mr. Baring
Messrs. Baring

C/o manager
Bk. of Montreal
Canada

July 28th

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter July 21st which I received safely a couple of days ago, on going in to Victoria.

I had at the same time a letter from Father of the 17th in which he says that he had just had a line from Bernard who had been with Ann & Eric for about a week. Bernard he says

considers the place airy, dry & salubrious and does not think that a better place is to be found in that neighbourhood. but he does not find Eric any better and is somewhat disheartened about him.

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Bernard intended going on
to Milton and will probably be
there now, which will be a
relief to Mother, who has rather
I fancy felt the burden of a
housefull of unprotected children
most dole. I fear that Eric's
case is likely to be a pretty serious
one, both lungs apparently being
affected, and there being of course
unfortunately a strong hereditary
taint predisposition. You no
doubt have Eric's address, but
in case it may have been mis-
laid, I give it again:

Conrad's
Maplewood Farm, Elizabethtown
Essex Co. N.Y.

Mother's progress here much
as might be expected. House is
now roofed in, and barn &
outhouses completed. We have
now a wheelman, four little gaps &

a Chinaman, all hard at
work, besides carpenters,
a couple of men fencing, &
other contract work. Altogether
in another month's time it
will be one of the prettiest
places on the Island. During
the past week, we have had
quite an eruption of visitors.
Besides others, we have had
the Bishop, the Admiral & the
French Commodore, and yesterday
the Governor. Mr. Reed, a very
pleasant fellow, who is growing
hope in a most business like
way, and making both his
own and the district's reputa-
tion in this special line, is
immediately across the road;
& before long there will I have
no doubt be quite a little colony
of pleasant people in the
neighborhood. In the mean

time, whilst things are being
licked into shape, Mr. I. has
been dispatched on a voyage
to Sydney by one of the new
Australian S.S., to visit her
people who reside there, and
will not be back until about
the end of next month or
beginning of Sept.

I have not recently met
several friends of yours, - Mr.
E. bits of E. bits & Taylor, who
reminded me that he was one
of the party that went up the
gorge on the Queen's birthday,
fifteen years ago; - D. Powell
who has recently bought a large
property a couple of miles farther
on in N. Saanich although he
does not at present intend
living there, - Dewdney the
Gov: & other -
all express the hope that you will

not neglect to visit Victoria
and look up your innumer-
able friends and well wishers
during the summer.

Remember me to
Mr. Evey whom I met if you
remember when I was last
in Kamloops, about 3 years
ago.

I shall be detained here
until about the end of August.
In Sept. I hope to visit T. and Mr.
on my way eastwards & shall
hope too to see you, if you are
in Kamloops vicinity at
that time.

With all kind wishes

Yours very truly
J. Rankine.

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With all kind wishes

Yours very truly
J. G. [Signature]