

Birkenshaw,  
Little Metis.

Aug 31, 1894

Dear George,

Mamma is so busy with packing up for our return that she asks me to thank you for your nice letter of the 19th. It is always pleasant to hear from you, and great cause for thankfulness & concern of your welfare.

We are much in the usual way, but the weather has of late been rather and rainy. Bernard has come to Metis, but I fear not at all well. He has had a bronchitic cold in England, and met with an unfortunate accident of poisoning with Prussic Ivy at Strabothorn, and seems I fear about to enter on his journey's work but not with the dejection

caused of Eric's illness but  
with poor health on his  
own part. The weather  
has unfortunately been very  
trying to him since he came.  
I fear poor Anna was before  
her a sad time. I hope she  
may be sustained. We are fortunately  
near to her household, and if  
God gives strength will do all  
we can.

William has got on  
fairly so far; but I fear  
has had much bad weather  
since he last wrote. It has  
not however been windy  
only wet and foggy.

We are to leave here  
next Tuesday (Sept 4) and  
Mamma and Eva are to

So on to Anna for a few  
days returning to Montreal  
about the 10th or 11th Sept,  
at which time the Humphries  
and Florence and her children  
are also to leave. Eva still  
speaks of leaving on the 29th  
Sept, but may be able to  
stay another week. I  
fear you may not be  
in time to see her.

The Protestant Association  
is to meet next year at  
Greenwich, in 1896 at Liverpool,  
and there is a prospect  
of Jointure in 1897. I am  
half promising to see that  
if spared in life I may go on  
to the Liverpool meeting.  
I hope the Jointure people  
will not bungle their invitation.

If the Association meets there  
in 1897, we shall all have  
to put in an appearance  
of course. I have mailed  
you "Nature" with opening  
addresses. It was delayed  
by Huntington & Fleet reading  
it. I shall also send you  
no with Reports of Proceedings.  
The meeting seems to have  
been very successful. I have  
received the no. <sup>of nature</sup> you returned  
with Kelvin's notice.

I see in the papers that  
the dealers have made a good  
catch this year, also that  
the Am. Govt have currencied  
& pay indemnity, but are taking  
advantage of interest of some  
to put off appropriation for  
payment till next year.  
Great depression of trade still  
exists. Our cities are inundated  
with unemployed people from

The United States, and  
 I make matters worse  
 our wealthy men in  
 Montreal have been  
 throwing away millions  
 in floor speculation,  
 fear is going to be a  
 dull winter commercially,  
 and not favorable  
 for great appropriations to  
 secure parents. The  
 politicians are boring  
 round all over the  
 country in prospect of  
 a general election,  
 and both sides are

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being the Manitoba School  
Question, the Pro. Alliance  
the Farmer "Patrons" and  
the Am Tariff in the  
attempt to squeeze me  
a little political capital.  
The new Fast Steam  
Service is exciting much  
enthusiasm, but I hope  
it will go on in some  
shape. The recent falling  
off of a million in the  
tratte returns of the C.P.R.,  
is against it I fear.

You have the warmest  
regards and good wishes of  
us all. Ever yours  
Madame