

My dear George. I enclose letter fr. Parkins by
wh. you will see his intention. I am very sorry it
seemed so much the best way that you sh^d meet
& together discuss the general lines of the work, &
then P. sh^d look over the contents of the boxes in the
Museum. I had intended to get a return ticket for
him fr. here to Paris & have it ready for him. Sh^d you
as the time comes near, see the way open to meet him
in Montreal. I w^l be glad if you decide still to.

to write to me anyway. He'd telegraph his
acquiescence or otherwise & we'd take care to join
him.

I have had a busy day & am planning a little
part & am sorry you had to be.

Affectueux
adieu,

Lucy

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8, GERALD ROAD,
EATON SQUARE.

May 18. 1900

Dearest Mother,
Your letter
May 7th has just arrived.
The "Buenos Ayriar" is
not a greyhound, & has
taken its usual 10 days or
so to get across - Good
ships on the St. Lawrence
route are scarce this year.
I myself found it im-
possible to get a passage

2, on any one of the
newer & larger ships, I
have consequently, as you
know, taken a berth on
the "New England" on June 7th
for Boston. I shall I fancy
find it most convenient
to come round by St. Johns
& the Intercolonial - I, as you
have heard, intend going
to Scotland for a month or
two, with nurse & baby - This
so far as I know is about
all we have in the way of plans
at present.

I) I am pleased that
you like Margaret's photo,
& hope you will like the
second one (standing)
even better. She is now
rapidly learning words
& phrases, & nurse has even
attempted to teach her
her alphabet -

I am sorry to hear that
Miss Lum - has been ill,
"Rheumatic gout" sounds
somewhat formidable, but
I trust that she is now
better again. Express my sympathy!

I have a note of acknow-
ledgment from Arthur
Crow. They seem pleased
with your present, & are
writing their thanks; - no
doubt rec^d by this time.

Lady Strathcona has an evening
of sorts on the 24th to wh. we are
invited - we have been calling on
some Australian friends of mine,
who are at present in London.
Also last week we attended a
"drawing room" tea at M^r. Geo. Coats,
his daughter having been "presented" -
otherwise matters jog along
much as usual in a somewhat
uneventful way -
G^d send best love, Affectionately
Rankine.