

293. University St.
Montreal.

Friday, Sept. 22.

My dear George

The books have
reached me this noon in
perfect order. I am very glad
you have sent them first to me
because it is pleasant to see
just how handsome they are
& Parkine will take them care
which may serve as an additional
excuse for delay. I desire to repeat
my thanks to you as I do feel sincerely
grateful for the amount of trouble

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you have taken. Your letter
to father came this morning -
I daresay he will like to answer
it one of these days. I see
you are at present full of work
worries & Cares but I do earnestly ^{hope}
that you will please put at least
another week of change & fresh
air before the Autumn cold
sets in. I enclose a note just received
p- Anne telling merely of her
arrival. I thought I sh^d feel pers^{on}
& motherless while she was away
but I am getting on very well

Mrs Elmer (an cook) left for
 England by the "Sainier" on Wednesday
 night intending to return in six
 weeks, In her substitute I find
 a nice, meek, clean woman that
 requires a good deal of teaching
 but she is attentive & well loved I
 think give me less trouble.

As to father he appears quite as well
 physically as before his serious illness
 at Intis - only he is thinner.

Pankine has had a dull time
 both at Intis & here. I am extremely
 sorry but cannot well help it.
 He is trying to make things easier

for me. I am only afraid
 that we shall lose our good
 & most useful nurse Bulluck
 who tells me that she cannot
 bear the thought of beginning another
 winter of such manutenance work.
 however, I want her to take a holiday
 & when she feels better to make
 her final decision, besides with
 a nurse now coming in in 2 hours
 daily better arrangements can be
 made. I do not know when H. in-
 tends to go to Attance.

Ever yours affectionately

Mathes