

Rideau Club,  
Ottawa.

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Dear Rankine,

I was in Montreal one  
day last week at the meeting of  
the Federated Can. Mining Institute,  
& although I had but little time  
to spend with our people there, found  
them at least all in fairly satisfactory  
state. Foster was as well as usual,  
but suffers from want of variety  
& interest. Foster is much in  
need of a rest & change, but it is  
hard to induce her to go away  
for a few days, business being  
difficult to know exactly how or where

at this season it would be  
 worth while going for such purpose.  
 Parliament is to meet next week  
 & I fear we shall have a session  
 prolonged far into the summer as it  
 begins so late. Meanwhile I am  
 trying to get our Summary Report of 98  
 printed by incessant struggles with  
 the congested Printing Bureau &  
 on top of the usual flow of routine  
 office work. Toward the end of the  
 month I have promised to go to  
 Toronto to speak at the Canadian  
 Institute on Mines Minerals etc  
 of Canada, but have provided  
 myself with a lot of lantern slides  
 which will minimize the speaking  
 part of the programme.



I heard from Water, when in Montreal, of your  
 condensation which, however, appears to be a very  
 gradual process. You have certainly had a long siege of  
 it & I hope that you will be able to get away from  
 London for a time now to recruit.

Many thanks for the various papers, magazines &c  
 received from time to time. I am sorry that I  
 cannot reciprocate with material of equal interest.

My kind regards to flo.

Yours truly

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