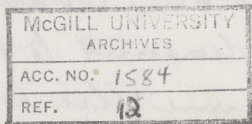


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My dear Hope,

Before proceeding to business

I wish to congratulate you & Eva upon the recent event of "national importance" - the arrival of a little daughter. May she be a blessing to you both! We are delighted to hear that mother & daughter are both progressing so favourably. Nobody says anything as to how you are progressing, and so I am constrained to hope that you are doing well. Considerable experience has caused me to conclude that when babies are born into the world the suffering of the papa is not much less than that of the mama, though perhaps different in kind, and yet we hear that "mother & child are doing beautifully" and no one says a word as to how the poor father is recovering from the shock. You have my sympathy and prayers for your speedy convalescence. So much for the prologue. —

I hope that before this you have been able to take the baby for a drive in the buckboard. The poor little thing

must have had an inborn craving for
 buckboards, and it is pleasant to feel
 that she can so early have the craving
 gratified. Your vehicle was shipped
 from here about three weeks ago by the
 Dominion Line, but whether it was
 properly addressed I do not know,
 as I was out of town at the time. I fear
 it is not exactly what you wanted as to
 top, but my explanations to the man
 of your letter of instructions seem to have
 been misunderstood. When I heard that
 the buckboard was finished I went out
 to Sacton to see it and it did not
 seem worth while to alter the top, which
 after all is much more convenient than
 the Metis style. Altogether I thought that
 the thing looked very well, and Mitchell
 assured me that he had used the best
 of materials throughout. If it does not
 suit you send it back and I will take
 it off your hands for Metis. Considering
 the amount of work & materials it is
 cheap. The invoice I send herewith. I
 thought it best to pay it & get the discount
 of 5 p. c. for cash.

And now as to the mortgage for Eva, con-
 cerning which Sir Wm. has already written
 to you. It seemed too bad that the
 money should be lying in the Savings
 bank at 3 p. c. if a good mortgage could

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he found that would yield $5\frac{1}{2}$, and such a mortgage turning up we thought it best to take it. The amount was \$3000, which was more than the amount in the savings bank, but Sir Wm. offered to advance the difference as a loan to Eva. The last stock dividend was not sent over but applied to the mortgage. As Sir Wm. wrote to you some days ago he wishes you to pay the balance of \$450. (say £91.16) to Lady Dawson instead of sending it over here.

In the Savings Bank there is a balance to Eva's credit of \$13.63 plus interest from Dec. last. We thought it best to keep the account open.

As to stock dividends and interest on mortgage you will have to give us instructions. We can send the money or deposit it here as Eva may direct.

The mortgage is I think a very good one — the balance of purchase money on a good home on Peel St (306) valued (including the land) at \$11,500. The land is worth more than the amount of the mortgage, but the insurance policy on the home has all been transferred to us.

I took Anna & the children to Paris nearly a month ago and after spending a week there returned to town to which I still am, trying to get a little work done. I am keeping bachelors hall and find it rather dull work. Exactly when I shall get away I cannot say, but I may be detained here until the first of August. My house at St Andrews I have rented for the summer to Prof. Cox & last week I was up there for a few days to see

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him installed and to attend to farm matters.
The month of June was exceedingly dry and as a
result the hay crop at Sth A. is a failure, and
I shall not attempt to keep all my stock through
next winter but fatten a number of the older
cows for beef in the autumn. There is good
prospect of the railway to Sth Andrews being finished
by September or October. I found that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of
the line had been graded and that there were
130 men at work.

I hear from Anna almost daily and as far
from always had good news. In a letter
received to-day she says that Sir Wm., who was
looking very tired when he went down now
"looks very much better". He talks of going to
Nova Scotia soon and taking Eric with
him. The chief excitement down there seems to
be the engagement of Miss Elliot & Mr Taylor
& architect - consent to which has just
arrived by cable from Peter Elliot.

With kindest remembrances to all who
should be remembered and a kiss for
the baby Believe me

Yours very sincerely
T. J. Harrington

Ask Eva if she would like me to
send her a prospectus of the Trafalgar
Institute.

I send two recent photos of Lois, one
for Lady Dawn & one for Eva - if she takes
any interest in other people's daughters now.