

DOUGLAS FAMILY

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Correspondence

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Darling Auntie,

Only a short note now as "Fitzg" is coming to tea in a few minutes. Marvellous sun + we are sitting in the garden writing letters + sunning.

H.C. is a real pet + very charming. Jay is coping quite well + in better + better spirits, I think. He plods along with his work but has good times in between. We had a lovely lunch picnic both today + yesterday + it was great fun - yesterday by the river watching the ducks + the punting - today in the long grass nearer his lake as he had a lecture + had little time.

His lake is really very fine + he has lovely pictures of his area around the desk - Greenland mountains + glaciers. Harmsen has been asked to supper tomorrow night.

The University is so beautiful + we had a lovely walk around all + of the colleges: Exeter - beautiful chapel like Sainte Chapel in Paris - quite fine dining hall - Christ Church - the Cathedral + garden + very fine Great Hall, the Magdalen garden + Marston - so funny + old + picturesque. Oxford itself is so beautiful + the flowers, trees + birds everywhere fill the air with fragrance + song. The library is the best project + so beautiful.

Yesterday we found Barbara Exced - just across the border. Her sense of vivacious self full of talk + impression of Oxford. She really loves it but finds it a bit much at times. She says the train at the Hospital are really A1 + very very brilliant work is done. She does not know what to do next

We went to "Five Finger Exercise" - the
play we tried to get tickets for in NYC
at Xmas - very good - psychologid.
Barb came back w/ us to supper &
H.C. made a lovely meal.

How lucky I am to be here.
Thank you so much for this marvellous
present precious Aunt. & the
present of getting a degree - which
without you would be quite impossible.

Bless you very much & take care
of your dear self.

They loved the hills of the
Valley.

It was so marvellous being out at
the airport & driving in Pessie!

So much love
M.



DR. A. V. BERT DOUGLIS.

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OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Dartmouth Ferry.

May 7th 1950

Monday.

Dearest little Aunt.

Sorry I didn't hear you last night - I said "hello" but you were gone. So glad you rang^{us} up. Somehow I think things are gradually beginning to show a wee bit of light. Dad has talked with the Christian League, and I believe Laurie Lee's that this matter can not be just pushed under. Though Brainless he at least can talk with some semblance of sense which is more than the K.K.K. can do. The endless battling is tiring - but Oh I am so glad you wrote that wonderful thoughtful letter with so much fine sense & understanding in it. You are a wonderful darling. I'm sorry I haven't written for so long. There is no excuse. Hip has been busy - but so it always should be.

I was suddenly asked on Thurs. to adjudicate a speech festival on Friday night in the new Lower Jackville School. About 12 districts came to the festival. I was terrified - but as you always say one should never allow opportunities of this sort to defeat one. I had no idea what a speech festival would be like. I really can't say that I recognized myself adjudicating - after the first few it began to be less terrifying - but it was most interesting and I learned a lot. Hard work from 7:30 until after 11 pm., one class sang right after the other. There was choral speaking, and poetry individual recitations. Some of the comiest negro children. Smiley came out with me and talked to a lot of the people.

remembered. The New School they have is really very fine - Four rooms - two of which open up into a very adequate hall with stage. Mother was adjudicating in Sheet Harbour & Mrs. Silver at the same time.

They had a bigger group and divided the adjudication between them. Mom said it was kind because Mrs. S. wants in literary speech and likes to avoid the critical path, while Mom wants to attack more pointedly some of the bad results. 'I don't know what I did' there was plenty to say of course - but I'm sure I didn't stress things enough.

The Dartmouth Music festival is coming up this week - non-competitive - I have all my classes in - all grades must go in - alas! Some of them are pretty grim.

At the moment I am waiting for one School at the High School where they come and practice on the stage. It is an awful muddle getting them all arranged to come & go & with cross teachers it is ghastly - but there's not all cross - so that helps!

I also have two grade VI's doing choral reading which is fun - They really do it quite well I think. The head of the ^{Dartmouth} Schools, ~~the~~ Mr. Forsyth - is a most cooperative and nice person and I like working for him immensely.

On Sat. the Drama Festival in which my Y.W. play went on again, and Pat's AA. Milne play went on. They both went well - but there was so semblance of a Festival about the affair.

no commentator - or advice of anyone who mattered listening to the activity. However it all passed off quite happily despite the seeming lack of interest. I wish the kids would come!

We had the most wonderful picnic yesterday to the Aspataugan ^{sp.} peninsula - Lloyd came with us and enjoyed it. He is going off to Baffin land this week. Mum & Dad will miss him a lot. He has been a terribly nice person to have around, and a wonderful help to Dad.

Anyway, yesterday was hot and windy. We bought lobsters enrant, had chicken and the most wonderful assortment of victuals + grand smoking tea. Oh Break, I wish you could be here to come with us on some of this outings. The colour was wonderful and the sea was full of racing waves and heat literally oozed out of the ground.

I made one worth while piece of pottery - a coiled jug which took ages to make. I left it with only the spout handle to make one night covered with wet rags to keep the clay soft. The rags were too wet & the moisture seeped down & the bottom floated out of her! Matification. Mr. Sadowsky found it before I came and ~~got~~ to work to fix it, the kind soul. He was very upset. However he did a wonderful job & now it is almost as good as before. It all sounds rather

per pitched I am sure - but if one makes something fairly good and a special shape one can't easily repeat it - it is like a ship!



My piece de resistance and I think my swan-song from actual pottery making. I would much rather design.

20. Kent. Tuesday

Suddenly another Speech Festival down on the Peggies Cove Road - with Mr. Silver & a Librarian of Teachers Library & Mrs. Vernon.

She & I took turns in speaking about the different classes - Some quite good work was done & two excellent choral readings out of about 6 - Several schools come together for this festival & the best room grade 5 up come to Halifax for a final with schools all over the province. It is a good system. I've been so glad to have a look into it. It was Beautiful down there - the colour was stunning today rich prussian blue & turquoise sea and a far distant Mauve shore. Everything looked happy and clean and sparkling.

Precious Aunt - John is in quite a state about his bike and prospects of Europe next year but he will get out of it in time - I think as Mom does, that he will have to face some of these set backs philosophically - Maybe a contribution to

a new bike - but not a whole new bike I think. He is a darling soul and I think the sooner they all know what is going to happen the better - then he can look forward. He hates the idea of missing Grade XII here. But if France was on the agenda - He'd be a fool to pass it by don't you think so.

I have as good as been offered a job in the Prob. School in Shawinigan Falls for Music. Prof. Hamer recommends it highly. & everything about it sounds good, friendly and nice, But Oh little doubt - I don't know if I want to go to a place like that that's a bit crazy. I have no job here yet & am not qualified fully yet - though will have my music teachers license soon I hope. But the field of Adult Educ. seems to be opening up - very slowly - but it excites me - I feel if I go away just when I'm beginning I'm missing chances of getting a grasp of any niche or opening that opens up. Already I've found several things I can fit into - nothing paying

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but at least they tend towards getting
known and sought after - Sounds
awful doesn't it - but one has to dig
one's own way a lot I think. If I
go to Shawinigan it will be secure &
interesting & good experience & - in bounds
friendly & limited - but I shall not be
breaking ground in which I feel any
sense of really wanting to expand into

— Maybe I don't want to here either
But - it is a ~~place~~ ^{place} & lots of scope &
field for adult Educ. which is good
ground work for any part of Canada.

I'm getting to know people here and
I like it on the whole - so why now
pick up and leave for a year? Is
my reasoning right? This is the
first time I've actually thought it out
& I'm not at all sure - Only it seems
clearer than ever - crazy to suddenly
go to Shawinigan next year when things
are beginning to open up here.

What do you think?

One idea is - that if Mom, Dad, Prof.
go away for a year the George Grants might
have the house & I an "apartment" in it
if I stay.

Margaret Critchton says she feels like a camelion - where ever she goes she settles down more or less contentedly & yet not wholly so - I feel much the same - but I feel happier about this than I've felt for a while. One never gets as much done while living at home as one thinks one will for one "wastes" time just being in the family - Please understand "wastes" in its relative sense.

About the summer I am not sure yet - but it will gradually evolve. Maybe a bit of painting would be good. The longing to work on children's art again.

Smithy seems very well to me & I think she is really at ease & enjoying her visit. She seems less tense somehow. Seeing her makes me feel very strange. She is so exactly the same as when I saw her before I left for England & I can hardly believe sometimes that I have been away for 2½ years to so many places.

I think I feel envious of you this summer but that is crazy - If one could only stand off

on a Star and view life objectively from
 afar and see ones life as a pattern
 following certain curves calmly - it
 would help. I think it will be a
 very wonderful summer for you.

Yes, I agree Drew is a Damn Fool.

How can you Outlaw Communism - It
 will only go More underground & Sinister.
 Keep it above ground so much as possible
 & build up standards of living, Democratic
 methods, education, free speech, equality
 and understanding among people. Stop
 Wasting energy on suppressing & slandering
 & worrying about Communism - Oh how easy
 we all are in our panics which force us
 to forget democratic methods - the thing we
 stand for. I also am v. much against
 the banning of the Red Dean of Canterbury in U.S.
 He is open, honest & if we can't stand
 critical opinion what are we worth?

John Graham asked me to an amazing Faculty
 Party at the Lord Nelson two weeks ago. Was
 very comic & unorganized & I had funny glimpses
 of faculty people I'd not seen for ages & who
 didn't know who I was - One or two said they
 know me when I had pig tails! Horrors!

I think the light might break through any
 day - but it needs to be pounded on!

My Greatest love to you darling Aunt Allie
 How I wish I could have a long talk with you
 Bless you precious One. B0939.

Music Room Queens

July 24th '60

Darlingest Aunt Allie and Mary;

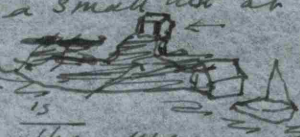
I am in one of Madam Bisionie's lectures on Music. Today we are listening to Gluck. I haven't written for so long. What lovely letters from you. Today Darling Aunt is your great day. We are thinking of you - I am sure it will be a very wonderful day. There is so much to tell you. We are having a lovely time at Summer School. Mom is loving the Art and Dad has nice classes on the whole. The Geographers I think are specially keen - After 3 wonderful lectures on the Antarctic they gave him a great clap. Students don't often do this! It is all such fun. I love being here doing Nothing!! I have been sitting in on some lectures - Music & Madam Bisioni. Two lectures on Music from Pratt - some psychology and a few Public Speaking from Edinburgh - but I had to leave these for it is at One o'clock and couldn't manage it satisfactorily. If I'd been staying at Summer School I'd have taken that course - The participating is the main thing. It is a lovely summer school last Sunday we were invited to the Biebers to tea to meet Madam Bieber & others. We debated but came back really from the island and had the nicest tea with them. Grant Macdonald there & we met him for first time. An awfully charming person. Also Miss Merriam & Miss Macdonald ad Miss Healey all in Pink! & Dr Tracy. Peter Bieber is a charmer. They are coming to the island on Sat to bathe and tea with the Saunders. We had such fun last weekend. The Polish Dr. who drove me up, Dr Gorecy, and his Uncle from Chicago came here on Tues last. They stayed the evening & we all had terrific chats which Dad enjoyed thoroughly. Next day they drove me to Gananoque. I was a little loath to go at first but had no say. It was a good idea though.

We stopped for 20 mins in Clayton & were all questioned etc & Corey was not allowed off not yet being a Canadian. What a fuss the U.S. does make! Back to Can. about 3pm. We jumped into the Terviot and Corey rowed us over to Askink. We were starved and had a wonderful chop dinner & swim. After this they left for Ottawa & I went back to the Island - It was perfectly wonderful being there. I have started reading your Dr. Faustus. Thomas Mann. Aunt Alice. Next day I laged and visited Miss Allen & found that Miss Coleman was keeping much better bed. She has gone down hill quite in fact. Miss Allen is really charming and wonderful. I idled up the river enjoying every inch and saw the water taxi arrives at the Wrights with the MacAthens & Miss Findley - Then I went to the Formans and sailed with Betsey and her small brother. They remembered so much the race with P. Y. & M in the Triton.

July 31st! Oh time - How it flies! It is hard to keep up with you. What wonderful times you are having. We also are having a glorious summer of a different sort. To go back.

On Friday Mom & Dad came and we went to the big picnic up at Wrights with the MacAthens & later Margaret & her husband & Tom. Awfully nice. Met Margaret for 1st time & liked her very much. Alex is nice, though rather strange. Kathleen very nice I liked her. But Alex's wife Jim afraid I didn't much like. I thought her manner & humour crude.

We picniced on little Sag. Sat laged & went to tea with the Formans. They have built a small hut at the top of the hook of their Island which gets all the wonderful views & is insured against Herberian damage. Then we rowed up to Mermaid (my Birthday, by the way, & so lovely!) & Mom & I painted & Dad fished & made tea & cut my cake by accident - so comic! We had a glorious morning home by twilight, Sunday. Saw Miss Coleman mid morning. She was in bed but we all had good chats. We left for Kingston early in Oct.



André Bichel had invited us to go to tea & meet Madam Bichel & several other people, there was a special service at the Cathedral with Madam Bichel's choral group singing Palestrina & Mozart - quite nice. Tea at Bichels was fun. We met Grand Macdonald for first time. Peter Bichel is a grand lively little boy. Dad had a great time talking with him. Grand Macdonald asked us to come & see his work - we asked him 'father'. Next day Anne Krause & all of us went to Town & Country for supper of Italian Spigetti - then A. & I went to the Music room & Mom & Dad set off for home. But an inspiration took them and they rang Grand Macdonald & went around to see his pictures. They came back quite late & were thrilled by it. Dad thinks his work is wonderful. I went next day. I like a lot of it very much, though some of it is a little too neat. I think Dad does draw beautifully. We all went the next evening & Mom showed him her painting and he liked her (Picasso) and he guesses that Dad likes. He is an awfully nice person with nice ideas - but I think something bold & dashing - I don't know, maybe not, I liked him. We had two lovely supper picnics last week with two painting ladies of Mom's. The nicest people. A Miss Baggis from Music Conservatory Toronto and a Miss Rogers - they both enter into things & love having fun. We painted beyond R. Mills where the Geological "tree" trunks are & Dad came after & judged our production & we all ate. We all painted the same subject & what different affects were produced. 'Twas fun.

We went to the Island last Thursday & got ready for the Andies. Dad met us in town after his lecture & saw they had arrived. It was a very thundering weekend - A huge crashing storm that night.

I hadn't seen the ⁴ Andies for 9 years - Incredible
They were just wonderful & looked so well.
We Supped Friday with them at Drinkbonny
Next day they came to the Island for Steak lunch
which Dad made. Wonderful. Then the Briers came
for Swim & Tea & Also Dr. & Mrs George across
from their island - Samson's Island which they
have bought! We had a great tea and chat
and mixup. It was a nice group. Uncle Andy &
Dr. George talked a lot of music. We had all
our pictures up in the drawing room which
was fun & brought comment! I think all
enjoyed the day.

The Andies spent most of Sunday with
us and we went to supper with them in
the evening - Then back to Kingston and
they left early this morning for the U.S.
They really were so warm & nice. Uncle
said he thought Dad had won a battle of Pat.
& had played his hand extremely well. He thinks
the whole issue will worry them & that after a
year away things will be better. Mom painted &
Aunt Margaret sat & encouraged & enjoyed. So
& so cute!

I am going back to Halifax this week and I
start work Aug 8th Je pense! I hope to send
P. & J. up here for two weeks before they all
go off to France. I am quite looking forward
to the work & learning about it. I believe the
G.W. has someone for the job now so that
makes things better. It has been very hard on
them I know. Miss Herman is an extremely nice
person.

Thanks you Marc for the enchanting scarf
you sent me. I think it is just beautiful & misty!
Do you or AA know anything about two lovely

Books that were sent to me from Cambas. One on Turner & one on Sisely - No name came with them and I have no idea who sent them to me. I wish I knew.

The Mackenzie Naughtons are back & the house feels quite cramped. We don't eat there any more which is a bit inconvenient though not too bad. Mrs. Naughton is very nice - but a bit fussy & nervous - Mom gets it more than I do. Have seen a lot of people here. Barb Bews, Janet Truckenbrodt, Judy Ettinger - and of course Anne Krays. We have had great fun.

Wish you came back via Halifax. Aunt Allie I can't bear not hearing all about it & also seeing you. We will have to have a long phone conversation - on me - for say then I should be quite rich!

Mom & Dad in grand form - Dad gets tired easily. It will be wonderful for him to have a great holiday.

Am going to supper now at the Braves. Geoff is looking - Lorna is there for a few days - Fun - Anne is going too.

So much love to you dear Precious Pets. How we love getting your News. We think of you and all the wonderfully interesting things & people - Bless you both.

Love, Buzzy.

21 Aug, 1950.

Dear Professor Douglas:-

I have been waiting to answer your letter so that I could report on my visit with G. Kerr, but I did not think this would make it so late that now I am concerned at catching you before your scheduled departure.

At long last I did manage to see him (G. Kerr) and we had a very interesting chat for almost an hour. He was very pleasant and I tried my darndest to get him drawn out on the Kerr-Douglas

He did say how much he would have liked to have me as your assistant but retreated his (and the Board's) view that they could not possibly offer more than an Assistant Professorship at \$3000 D. 20.

We had an interesting discussion comparing Oxford and Balkan rate of pay and English and Canadian costs of living and he agreed that \$3000 was a very marginal salary, on which to live and one which afforded little security.

debates. Twice he almost did but then caught himself and said "Oh I had better not go into that" and changed the subject.

His first remark gave me a grand opening - he asked what I was doing at Oxford and when I replied he asked how Mineralogy differed from Geology. - so I pointed out how this subject is given special attention in almost all universities

Well - as I say - we had
a pleasant chat and he
said nothing other than general
policy and I feel the interview
did not hurt any future
plans in which he might
figure although I think
he might have thought me
almost impertinent 851
some points.

Now - we look forward
to seeing you in Oxford,
we are getting a car and
so would be delighted

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to meet you anywhere and
also, if you would like to
borrow it to see any
part of England that, too,
could be easily arranged.

What a pity we are sailing
on the same date from
different ports and not
on the same vessel.

Our best to all
and we look forward

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to seeing you on the
other side.

Tally to and from
voyage.

As ever

Richard

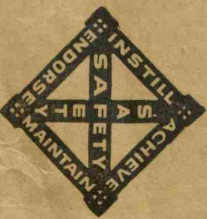
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Dr A. Vibert Douglas,
Tourist Passenger, Incoming
EMPERESS OF SCOTLAND,
140 St. Peter Street,
QUEBEC, QUE.

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Prof. G. V. Douglas,
20, Kent St.,
Halifax,
N.S.

A. Allie
24th August
1950

Dear Aunt Allie,

I wonder if we'll see your ship sail past us up the St Lawrence. I wish we could jump over for a few minutes to welcome you back.

The Island is lovely, such a grand place it is, this year it seems much more accessible, which is nice. Many trees have died in the last three years since we have been here. I think that they probably could not find enough sustenance for their expanding growth. The remaining mountain Ash is almost dead and we have cut down the fifth oak. I think it will be good to let more sun in and also blow new trees to sprout.

Uncle Brian's death came as a terrible saddening blow to us. I so looked forward to seeing him at Carrow and one wonders how they will continue without him there. Aunt Violet must be dreadfully struck. Sudden unexpected deaths is a thing one always find hard to cope with and register.

Carrowgarry will certainly miss his grand spirit and warmth and fun. The neighbourhood will miss his leadership in so many ways. He and Aunt Violet were the main spring in that lovely place. I am so happy that John and I met Uncle Brian before he died.

I am sure you have had a wonderful trip and have ended now your term as president. I am very sure that many people have been enriched by your work.

I am getting very excited to go now and the idea of staying in France and really learning French seems marvellous. It will be grand having Mary there too. The prospect of going to Queen's next year also is grand.

Very much love to you now Aunt Nellie and I hope the term at Queen's won't be too strenuous,

Tallyho

Pat

Montreal - Friday.

Darling Pass, we have just discovered
that you are on the Scotland
and therefore you will be
stuck in Quebec.

Douglas Timmer will be in Quebec
to meet you with the car
5-49-15 N.S. Licence.

He will drive you to
Kinnipton. The car will
then go to St Henry
Garage * for storage.

Great love dear Aunt
John is here with me.

Tally ho -

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Bayot St
Kinnipton

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Aug 24. 50.

Allie darling - How tantalizingly near we shall be! You coming - us going. I hope you have had a restful voyage.

This has been such a marvellous summer. Too bad to have this justification caused by stroke at its end.

Do put your thinking - willing - praying - whatever caps on & help get us to Kingston or environs. That's the latest, due to G's & my pleasure there this summer & our long desire to get away fr. Hfx. G. believes there might be enough to keep us going if contacts turn out satisfac & the fact that he has work (nearly certainly) - well paid till 1957 Dec. is a help. We have moved to near or in Kingston in preference to Townships while boys at College! Hey ho, I do hope so.

G is becoming v. troubled re the trip or tho to come back so much earlier (Feb.) seems a pity - I think it so relieves him to have a job & possibly thro it to get away fr. Dal that its all right. I

very definitely backwards!!

I've left four coats or 2 or 3

pictures in your Kingsley care. Grant is looking after my tea for two "Picasso" picture kees. he like it so much!

We hope to go sailing with J. Davis. I don't think I'll get back there as the we might be here or K'ton next summer again (doing Report) tho not at S.S.

or Sat. jolly have this extra time here. So VERY much love darling Sonora - Olga

See Grant Macdonald occasionally. He has become a dear & intimate friend! I hope his exhibit in Oct. goes with a bang for he needs the cash.

Its hot & lonely here now. The first hot weather of the season -

Benny sounds very happy & occupied. It will be lovely to see Mary & hear all about your summer.

How sad & sad it is about Brian - Oh dear me - poor things - Its really hard to believe.

I've had huge encouragement re painting this summer, one way & another - tho when you get to Ash Kirk you may think I've gone

Ashkirk Lodge,

Allie Darling, welcome home.

24th Aug. 1950.

A million million blessings on you dear +
great Head.

There is a Rly strike on and so here are
the arrangements for the transport of your
dear Precious + great Self.

Tomorrow when I take a load to Montreal
+ give this to the C.P.R. for delivery to you at Quebec.
Then we return + will drive the family down
to the ship. We will put the car in a
garage and then Mr Douglas Trimm, a
Quebec student, who runs the flea club + works for
Mr Sedgwick 1000 Boat line, is coming down by
Bus + will pick up the car, meet you
and drive you to Kingston. At Kingston he
puts the car into storage at St Remy's
Co a Mr Turner. For the time when you
may want it, it will be in "Live" storage.
When you decide you do not want it any
more tell him to put it into "Dead" storage.
I want you to enjoy it and that means using it.
Now until you can drive, if you want to, get
some student to take the wheel and drive you.
Douglas Trimm, said he would do anything for
Dean Douglas. They all love you, here +
longways, as they should.

I've had a wonderful Summer School -
everybody passed - praise be - + Pass these
Summer School people are not ordinary
undergraduate calibre + statistics applied to

people of 19 - 23 do not apply to
people of 30 - 50 who have gritted their
teeth and paid their own way. The 70 of A's
goes up. It stands to reason - the level of
the course is undergraduate standing but the
level of approach of the student is post-grad.

for the sake of the I.T.U.W. I am glad that
f. Moran succeeds you because I think Miss B. is
probably too English + too tense. I saw Wallace + Miss Joyce
she has enjoyed Dublin so much - wants to return there!
They both thought that the publicity had been rotten.

That bloke, Quinn's has, has the wrong approach.
I was with Joe Gray + he came up to Gray + said

"Oh Dr Gray what have you to tell me about England?
Joe just closed up like a clam + stared + said
"Nothing I was there too short a time". If the bloke
had said "How does the Quinn's Synchronization compare
with similar installations in England he would have got
an ear full! Joe told me that he has seen nothing
to compare with the Quinn's set up! Uncle Helen had
one clipping, globe + mail + a picture of you.
Not a good one. Dr Mack - Hampton had one nice
little bit re your speech in the Whig-Standard
but the publicity has not been good.

Grant Macdonald has become a real friend esp.
to Olga. They understand each other + he has given
her confidence in her art. He is all that you said
he was. Now the thing is to get a really good
account of the I.F.U.W. into the papers + Atlantic
Monthly. I'll try + concoct my version + send it to you
from London. We tried to get our sailings postponed to
Sept. so as to meet you but it did not work so this
arrangement looks to be the best one. The Times had seemed
so nice + so keen to help you. Dear Precious Pass
I adore you and admire all that you stand for.
I expect to return to Newfoundland in Feb. or do a job for
Dept. of National Defence - Geography of Newfoundland + Anticosti.

Bowen, the Director of Joint Intelligence Board for Nat. Defence came to K'lon + saw me about it. Orson is giving me an introduction to the Quebec Office in London so that I can make some contacts there with a view to opening up in Montreal. We shall see how it all works out.

Tracy says that there is no prof. + grad. next year but Hutton who is leaving says there is so I don't know. Don't mention a word of the following to anyone unless Wallace mentions it to you but they pulled a fast one on me. I had said that the prelim. exam.

in prof. was a farce + asked for an essay instead. Every Mon. + Wed. 2-5 or 5-30 I met the students + went over their essays carefully with them. On 4th Aug. they handed in the final draft which I corrected + then went over these with those who were not satisfied. My understanding was that these were the equivalent of the exercises for which they paid 50¢ a piece.

I think that there were 10 exercises last year. I had 34 prof. + ∴ should have had $\frac{340}{2} = 170$ instead they paid \$34⁰⁰ or \$1⁰⁰ / essay

Considering that the demand for prof + grad was so great that they decided to put on the course which brought in -

34 x \$36 = \$1224 + for which they paid out \$450 + 23⁷⁵ + 34 = \$507.75

they, the Univ. have made money.

The grad. 17 x \$36 = \$612 for which they paid 450 + 23⁷⁵ + 68⁵⁰ = \$542.25

Hutton + Healy said for me to see Wallace + R.C.W. said that they had not budgeted for the exercises + that I was well paid.

The 4 loser is that if I had not said anything they would have paid for the exercises but because I improved the course + put more time in - for more time - 2 afternoons of conference for 6 weeks they pay less. However don't do anything but I want you to have the facts so that if anybody speaks about it you will know what it is all about.

I told Wallace the facts and he said he would speak to Tracy - but when he said "you have been well paid" - I said "you will be w. if that is your decision there is nothing further to be said about it." So now I've won another side of R.C.W. and he is the real loser!

Away all these thoughts - I've loved the work + valued the students + I think that they have been given some visions of the world. All the Exam. books are in Miss Healy's Office

Great Dear Darling Sister - I'm back to normal - O. is so happy with her work in the art school. André has been a grand teacher + knows a lot but is not so hot as an artist. Mason + Schaeffer are good dabblers. This modern art is so fearfully ugly. The difficulty is that Artists have no real standards - some like colour, some drawing some composition + they are trying to do something new + creative but are not really masters of the art. MacDonald is a master draftsman + ~~and~~ paint - some of his recent stuff is most interesting + beautiful - Bless you + great love.
G.

Ashrick Lodge
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Dear Aunt Allie:

Welcome back. I hope and I know that you have had a glorious but busy summer.

I have had a wonderful summer myself. Pat and I found no time at all with our jobs down ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ Halifax, we were so busy. We enjoyed them and got some experience. We then come up here for another wonderful time and soon we will be ~~aboard~~ aboard the ship and having another wonderful time.

It is so very sad about Uncle Brian. It was a great shock and sorrow to everyone. A row will not be the same without him. Everyone will miss him terribly. Mother is just wonderful about it all.

Buzzy seems quite settled in her new job which at first appeared awful. She is now having quite a lot of fun and I think is going to enjoy it.

It will be wonderful to see Mary and it's a year. It will be terrible to miss you and not see you for a year.

What a state Canada is in with this railway strike. I do hope it is settled soon.

I do think Kingston is such a nice city and Queen's is such a fine university made all the kinder by such a fine dean of women. I must say good-bye now
Precious Aunt Allie very much love to you
John.