

\$19,000 goes into Dad's estate - & of course there will be the Realtor's commission.

Mary was to go to Ottawa with Stephen & Dan but all the Ottawa Children had flu - Marie Claire thought she might be getting it as well - Her lawyer still not through with things.

All here are very well - the boys very active with hockey, swimming and judo etc. Christine + I went to a dancing group at the church on Sat. She enjoyed it + said "the next time you take me you can sit + watch!" <sup>Did my getting Chapter I + II ready for final typing.</sup>

I had a lovely letter from Mother to Grannie describing how you and she played a great game with the canoe - tipping out and getting back in! + how she could not get back in without you getting in 1st! Sorry to have mislaid it but

I've so many cases of photos + letters I get quite confused! Also I could not find the box of Aunt letters in 342 basement - hope nobody was summarizing them - but probably I put the box down + covered it again - there is so much clearing

Must stop now! so much love from us all!

527 Palmerston Blvd  
Feb 13/72

Dearest Aunty,

I wonder how

the China plans are progressing? Will the red tape block you going in March? I hope anyway that the plans will work out this year at least.

This term is passing so quickly! We had an excellent visit to Montreal in January. I went to two French schools over near Riviere de la Prairie - and we had productive meetings on Friday Eve + Saturday. The train trip is so much more relaxing than plane -

pay now - about \$1500 - 2500  
 and of course considerable  
 fees for legal help - there is an  
 incredible amount of work involved -  
 partly a result of protecting the  
 Carrels firm from future questioning  
 + you + me as executors - they are  
 reconstructing the history of Dad's  
 estate since he died - showing  
 source of income + payments - not  
 too difficult as the payments all went  
 to mother + the bank records are  
 complete - but do not specify where  
 the deposits came from - i.e. what  
 dividends, interest etc. was from which  
 of the Companies - but that can be  
 figured out.

I had another evaluation made  
 on the house (342) and this one is  
 closer I believe to real market  
 values now - previously it stood  
 between 58000 - 50,000 with emphasis  
 on the lower figure - which was used  
 for estate evaluation. The man  
 on Saturday was quite sure we'd  
 get \$60,000 on the basis of recent  
 sales on the street very close by.  
 I think in March I'll put it on the  
 market at \$62,000 not to be sold  
 for less than \$60,000 + see what happens!

We have received a grant from  
 the Sect. of State's office to  
 allow for exchange of students from  
 Montreal + Toronto - this will take  
 place in April I think - I'm  
 very pleased - as it will give a new  
 dimension to the project.

I enjoyed your article on  
 the Can. Observatory. Colborne +  
 Bond Head had so many problems  
 in governing the colony that I  
 would have thought an observatory  
 would have been a relief from  
 their worries about Mackenzie + Co.  
 Nice to think our air was once  
 described as clean + pure!

Lover was very true to his  
 well known position - nice to read  
 anyway.

I have been down to sign  
 papers re-accounts in England  
 etc. Aubrey thinks division of the  
 estates will be possible fairly soon -  
 there evidently will be some tax to

527 Palmerston  
Feb 14/72  
Very sorry to hear  
about B. Mellin; I hope  
the rest of the family will  
be well again. Love to  
all from  
Doris

Darling Aunt Allie,

Your letter

Came this A.M. + mine to  
you will have arrived before  
this one! Very sorry China  
has not acted yet - I may  
phone yesterday after I'd  
posted your letter + told me  
about the slowness of visas  
Perhaps later in the year  
they'll be able to arrange  
the tour. My series of  
lectures on China ended

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Last Tuesday with a showing  
of the East is Red - a great  
Pageant musical cum  
Opera - of the story of the  
Revolution - its trials + great  
successes - performed in Peking  
with a cast of 3000! Rather  
long but quite a show. Then  
we had an enormous  
Chinese meal in the restaurant  
of one of participating teachers  
or at least his father's restaurant.  
A feast! Nixon will be lucky  
to do as well!

Thanks so much for the  
decrease in mortgage note.

3.

Dad's estate is presently valued at about \$70,000.

Certainly Ingram + M.C. will receive the interest from their portions - of the two estates. Audrey enquired about the possibility of combining the two but it is evidently not possible legally - but the banks will simply send quarterly cheques - when the whole thing is straightened out.

Audrey received the green light today for final typing

4.

And praise for a fine piece of work. She is so bucked by that & is rushing to get footnotes etc. etc. all in correct sequence to take the 1<sup>st</sup> two Chapters tomorrow & the last two on Friday to the typist. It has been a long haul - and of course at the end there are no jobs! I'm lucky to have been a depression baby and not on the market these days!

I never heard from Miss Royse so suppose that they quietly

found someone for the  
 job at Trent. (Not really for me  
 I expect.)

Glad you had a good  
 Concert - Audrey + I  
 splurged + went to hear  
 Rostropovich - Last week -  
 Absolutely marvelous +  
 So without any reservations  
 sheer masterful playing  
 creating the music ~~with~~  
 which the Composer had  
 written but I wonder if they'd  
 ever heard it so well  
 played! Back, Strauss  
 Prokofiev (sp) + others

6.

All goes busily along—  
Do be careful on the ice!  
Very treacherous.\*

Take taxis for shopping!  
Spoil yourself a little—  
at least '1000 a <sup>much as</sup> you spoil  
us & you'll have taxis galore!

Very much love  
As always previous  
Auntie, Pat

\* Audrey has fallen bang twice  
since she fell at Mary's—



He has to stay where he was. His very nice  
 Pat & Audrey to have found an one of David's good  
 parents. My mother's second name was Leitch  
 I am rejoicing in a new year of life thanks to  
 David sending me to a good hospital consultant  
 for my 20 evening asthma. It is important to take  
 to do things fresh again - Every year minute  
 gets in getting my policy renewed. With a  
 wheel & pain I have no extra out to improve  
 gradually. I do hope 1973 will bring you on way  
 in your family. We like your little paper calendar  
 will make the days full on paper score; with love. David

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Dr. A. V. Douglas  
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Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 72

My dear Allie - Your letter dated Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> has been travelling up & down to the lke of Wright with me waiting for an answer. You were certainly in my thoughts the day you wrote. I must refer to your nice remarks about our "kindness" to you at that time last year - it was only providing a very doubtful bed in very uncomfortable rooms - what you don't mention is your own wonderful spirit which is a rare gift to those who meet it. I wish I could define it - I think you must have a tremendous faith & a great hope & love of life which communicates itself & gives strength. I can't find words - but I would like to say thank you for what I have received at different times when I have been with you.

I came to the Island this morning with the dog - Frangy is in Vienna & hopes to come straight from London Airport in the afternoon. We love our little house here - & I find it the nearest thing to being in Ireland though it is so different. One day I expect bungalows will grow up in the field across the road - but the sea is only a few minutes walk away - & the downs are as close - with wonderful walks. We have had a string of visitors - but finally enough the only relation is Margaret Brighton who came for a week-end - Bridgid & Tim have still to come & some of our other close friends have not yet been here. The kitchen is the nicest I have ever had - & I will make a belated start to mow on mince pies!

I was so sorry Robin never got to Canada I was longing for him to see you all & to hear first hand news. But being a "mature" student makes him very serious - & he says he is a slow worker - & so I suppose he felt

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Feb. 14, 1972

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas  
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Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:-

I was so pleased to receive the copy of your paper on the St. Helena Observatory. Procrastinators are not a unique phenomenon of the world of today. I hope we have more articles on the history of astronomy in Canada. I assume you know that Peter Broughton has written us here to encourage activity in this field.

We were all very much upset by the death of your nephew John Douglas last spring. I felt so badly about it that I just didn't write anyone except his widow. I think we can justly say he was a casualty of the Moon Rocks.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter".

Peter M. Millman



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17.2.72

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Concerning your grandfather Captain Vibert, I wonder if you could give me a more exact date to work on. I have to hand the Minute Book covering the period 1880 to 1890 & there is no mention of a Captain Vibert. This Office goes back 108 years & there is no mention either from the formation of the Office until 1880.

I have the names of all Port Wardens & there is no Vibert. Deputy Port Wardens were hired from time to time & I have the names of those until 1890 & again no Vibert.

After 1890 the records get more detailed & I would require a definite year to search for the hiring of a Deputy.

Yours faithfully,

John B. Walker,  
Port Warden.