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Diary of the 9th Duke of Devonshire 1916-1921: Covers his time as Governor General of Canada

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New Years Day 1916 The New Year opened with a terrible job of wind and rain. Long honours list in which my name appeared. Not much news but not unfavourable such as it is. Alwyn Cavendish very pleased with being mentioned in dispatches. Short service at 12. Quite nice. Day grew worse. Walked round the garden. Lot of branches and twigs blown and one or two trees. Lady Blandford arrived. Wild and stormy.

Sunday Jan 2 1916 Wind dropped, but steady rain. Wish we could get a dry spell. Church. Mr Hammersley preached very nicely. Eve was rather tired and went to bed after church. A good many letters, telegrams. No news in Sunday papers. Walk in the afternoon. Taylor came over. Seems tired and rather worried. Expect he is doing much too much.

Monday Jan 3, 1916 Caught the early train at Chesterfield and arrived punctually in London. No very striking news, but afraid the death toll of the "Persia" will be very heavy. Lot of Admiralty papers. Everyone very kind about the factor? and a number of nice letters. Recruiting Committee. Afraid the Labour people may cause some trouble. Nothing to be done at the meeting but a discursive and desultory conversation. Lot of rumours about Cabinet affairs but nothing definite. Understand the evacuation of Hellas is to be carried through at once. Hope Eddy will be all right. Dined at the Turf. As I was writing letters about 11, the telephone rang and I was told Lord Hartington wanted to speak to me and I was quite terrified but recognized his voice at once. He says he arrived this morning at Southampton and is at the Royal Free? Hospital with dysentery but says he is going on very well. Great relief to have him home.

Thursday Jan 4 Got up to the hospital about 8.30 and found Eddy in bed, but wide awake and cheerful. He looks thin and fine drawn but seems improving and is in excellent spirits and telegraphed to Eve and Maud. Maud came up about 12 and Eddy appeared also and seems none the worse for being out. Eve came up. She seems quite different as if a great weight was off her mind. She brought Charlie too. No special war news. Lot of rumours here. Simon has resigned but so far no one else. Afraid there may be a lot of trouble in the HofC. Good deal done at the Admiralty. I took the Finance Committee. It will add to the intent of my work. Eddy stopped here for dinner and I went back to the hospital with him. He seems to think he will have to stop there for three weeks but I think we could get him out sooner. Lot of letters about the Grater? People are really very kind in writing.

Wednesday Jan 5 Nice day. Russians appear to be making progress. Eddy seems alright. Maud came up from Hatfield. Afraid there are a lot of ? at Chatsworth as there are a case of measles, diphtheria and spirited fever. Do not know what will be best to do. Asquith introduced military services bill. There will be a lot of opposition but the bill is as innocuous as possible. Dined with Elsie and Kerr?

Thursday Jan 6 Mild and muggy. Did not see Eddy as I had a long and busy day at the Admiralty. Afraid there is a good deal of feeling about the compulsion? but not much war news. HofL debate on Parliament bill. Dull and insipid. Luncheon with the PM Very pleasant and interesting Dined with Elsie.

Friday Jan 7 Better day. Division of HofC was quite good but afraid there will be a lot of trouble. No news. Charlie and Maud went back to Chatsworth. Eddy got out of hospital. Lot of Admiralty mail. Dine with Vi.

Saturday Aug 8 (Jan?) Russian news seems improving. Not much else. Cleared off a good many letters. Admiralty. Long and ? talk with Sims. Afraid the air department is very troublesome. They try to short

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circuit everything. Evie, Eddy and I left about 3.15 and got to Heath? Found Blanche, Dorothy and Rachel there and all the others up at the house. Very nice for us all to be at Hardwick again and all together. The two Candal? girls, George, Alwyn and George Teck also came and they seem to have to over very well and comfortable.

Sunday Aug 9 (Jan?) Nice morning. looked round the garden. Everything seems in good order there. It is certainly remarkable what Mr. Stent? does in the House and Wilson in the garden. The place looks well and seems to feel quite inhabited. Church. Read the lessons. Anne keeps as close as she can to Eddy and looks up at him frequently. No special news. Walked round the Park. Anne never left Eddy. Some new trees broken but somehow the place looked very beautiful. It is something by itself and that idea grows every time one sees it. Got back to London.

Monday Jan 10 The Concceration and ? was successfully carried out so that ? defaulted? expedition is now at an end. ? they had been able to do quit? ? mine it would have been a great success. The sinking of the king Edward was reported. heavy fighting on the Russian. Lot of Admiralty work. Long and tiresome meeting with 2nd S L and Secretary dealing with DW and DAS There is blame on each side, but they ought to manage to get on quickly and better. Better news from Mesopotamia. Dined at the Turf.

Tuesday Jan 11 Nice morning. News better all round. Good lot of admiralty work. HofL rather interesting. Wet and cold in the afternoon. dined at Gibson's

Wednesday Jan 12 Cold and rain. The Austrians have apparently achieved a considerable success over the Montenegrins. Otherwise not much news. My last remaining upper tooth came out. Shall miss them sadly. Longhunt made a better job of the plate than he had done before. Princess Mary's Committee. At last there are some faint indications that the end is approaching. Nothing much in the HofLords. Interesting conversation with the Secretary Admiralty about Works Department and her service. Not an easy problem to solve. Dined at the Turf. Quite nice.

Thursday Jan 13 Bright but cold wind. French have landed at Corfu. Earthbourne Water Works. Talk with Burke afterwards. Finance Committee Interesting but air people are difficult. HofLords very dull. Sensational reports about the Emperors health. Maud arrived, but got wire from Vi saying she had better not come. Went across to Lansdowne House but got no light.

Friday Jan 18 Nice morning. Cold. Vi seems uncomfortable and does not seem to want Maud. Plans uncertain. In the afternoon Maud, the two Georges, Teck an Cavendish, Alwynne and Salton went to the Empire for the cinema show and in the evening the same party with led a ? went to a flag. Went to Longhurst and got my plate adjusted. Long day at Admiralty. lot of talks with different people and a Finance Committee. ? appear to have taken. No other war news.

Saturday Jan 15 Dark and dull. Dearth of all news except the fall of Celltage? is confirmed and D Clelmford's appointment as Viceroy. Attended at Buckingham and the king knighted me and gave the insignia. He was really very nice and kind and strongly insisted on the fact that he had personally arranged for me to have the Garter. Big investiture. George and I were done first privately. Detained at Admiralty. Long talk with Secretary and Sims about the Air Department. Again Sims is very difficult. He does not seem inclined to move from the old established lines. Sent a telegram to ? saying that men on Govt works would be exempted. Got to Hardwick about 9.30. Mother and Edward Green there. Eddy seems to have had a good shot at Mavywith? and enjoyed it. He seems well. He and Blanche go to London tomorrow. He for his Board and the dentist. Blanche for the College of Music. Afraid she maybe rather dull. Most unfortunately there is another case of measles at Chatsworth. Very tiresome. Difficult to know what out to be done.

Sunday Jan 16 Nice morning. Church. Afraid the Curate is not at all satisfactory. Eve's plans are very vague and uncertain owing to the measles. Eddy seems very fit and well. Went round the house after church. In the afternoon went for a walk by the ponds. Several trees broken and blown down. Eddy and Blanche went by the evening train to London. Letter from Fowler asking to have the parishes divided into their old divisions. Think it may be a good thing.

Monday Jan 17 Heard that Maud had gone to see Vi. Expect she will come up on Wednesday. No news in papers. Went to Derby. Denstorial? Association. Not much new but interesting on the whole. Emergency Committee. Not much to be done but heard from Hohaid? as regards progress. Got off to London about 6.30. Raining fast. Blanche had been to the College of Music set to do the exam tomorrow. Blanche

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Egerton is taking charge of her. Eddy went back to Hardwick. I just missed him. He has got six weeks leave and is then to go to another board and afterwards have light duty. did several papers at the admiralty? Dined at noon ? with blanche. heard rather better news from Mesopotamia.

Tuesday Jan 18 Muggy and damp. Montenegro surrendered. No other news, but great deal of feeling about food going to Germany. Lot of Admiralty work. Interesting debate in HofLords. Dined at Gibson's. Blanche got on alright at the College of Music.

Wednesday Jan 19 No news. Maud arrived at luncheon here. She liked Vi's house and said it was much better than they thought at first. Mother came up and we all dined there. Made two little speeches in Hof Lords. Got through alright.

Thursday Jan 20 better day. Russians claim success in the Caucasus. Montenegro still in mystery. Busy morning at the Admiralty. Heavy showers. Charlie arrived from Chatsworth on his way to school. He seemed very low but will be alright when he gets to school. Blanche Egerton went away. She quit enjoyed looking after blanche. Wrote to Maine? and told him I was afraid I could not keep him on after the war.

Friday Jan 21 Mild day. No news. Dentist Afraid he would make mischief as per other plate. Maud and Blanche went home. Lot of Admiralty work. Finance Committee and then Bond. Both very interesting. Settled to give Crystal Palace will cause a lot of new work. Saw Avery? Settled to sell some American securities and also if the purchasers would pay money down to get the Somersetshire property - think it is wise. Dined with Mother. Afraid she is very infirm. Pity. I could not get home as I might have had a short with Eddy. Must try for one next Saturday.

Saturday Jan 22 Rachel's birthday. She is 14. Seems only yesterday she was born. Busy morning at Admiralty. Conference about Svengordon? Very interesting. Russians appeared to have achieved considerable success in the Caucasus. Managed to get 2.30 train. Found the convalescents up at the house. They seemed a very nice and competent lot of men. Eddy very well. He has managed to get some shooting. Cunthia Connelor? is here and no one else. Eve and children very well. All seems much as usual here.

Sunday Jan 23 9 degrees frost. cold wind. Eve stopped in bed. Rest of us went the Church. Hammersley read the 39 articles. Walk in the afternoon round to Sland Wood? Eve did not get up at all. Hammersley did the evening service very nicely.

Monday Jan 24 Lovely day. Left by 9.28 train and got to London for luncheon. Air raid by aeroplane. Not much damage. Lot of Admiralty work. News from Mesopotamia is quite ? Blanche came up in the afternoon. Dined with Mother.

Thursday Jan 25 Nice morning. News vague and fragmentary, but nothing very pronounced. Interesting morning at Admiralty. H. of Lords long and dull. Got 2nd R Military Service Bill. These long afternoons at HofLords are very disturbing and a terrible waste of time. Dined at Grillions?

Wednesday Jan 26 Nice day. Not much more morning news. Coalition candidate got in at Nish Eng? but not by a big majority. Went to Lansdowne House L? Day. Abortive meeting in my room over a ? old admiral Lowry? had started about meeting up the road at Rosyth. Spent a lot of time preparing answers for questions in the HofLords. Devonport behaved as badly as usual and made a long speech and very harmful. afraid I did not make much of my reply. Waited four hours lounging about at the Lords. Will be a mercy when the thing is over. Eve enclosed telegram from Lady Aileen Robert saying Gluend Wilson? would take Eddy on his staff. Eddy also wrote. I got into communication with the General and after ? him said I thought Eddy right to go back to General Maude. Dined at Pralter? Afraid ? ad news from Mesopotamia India office appears to have made a mistake in a home and we are really over twenty miles off. Afraid it is very serious.

Thursday Jan 27 Muggy. Edward Grey's speech appears to have been well received at the Press but there is still a lot of carping and criticism. Busy day at the Admiralty. Parliament was prorogued. I was one of the Commission. Salton? brought Blanche to see it. She was quite interested and amused. Kat news seems rather better - otherwise not much, but there seems to be a lot of activity on the Western front. Dines with Mother.

Friday Jan 28 Mild and muggy. Nothing in the way of news. Saw Ld Lansdowne but he did not have anything to tell me. Busy morning at Admiralty. conference on Armstrongs airship shed etc. and then a very long finance Committee. Saw Carney? in the afternoon. He did not have much to say, but took a long

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time saying it. Several things to do at the Admiralty and then caught the 6.30 train and arrived home about ten. Maud had gone to bed. Others very well. Cynthia Henslton is here. Eddy seems to have enjoyed his shooting. Hope we shall have a nice day tomorrow. Indigestion rather bad. Must take a considerable dose.

Saturday Jan 29 Nice day, but very mild. Shot one PARL AND Beeley. Quite a ? lot of pheasants, but did not do well with terns? Eddy shot quite well. News seem rather more favourable. Dorothy, Rachel and Cynthia came out in the afternoon.

Sunday Jan 30 Very nice day, but too mild. We shall suffer for it before long. General Lake has reached General Aylmer in Mesopotamia. A lot of fighting in the West. In some places the Germans seemed to have got on a bit, and in others to have been repulsed. Hope they lost a lot of men. Lot of letters. church. Went to see the men at the institute. Nice lot. Some very young. Finning came to luncheon. Looks well but very deaf. Walked round the Kitchen Garden in the afternoon. Nice soft evening.

Monday Jan 31 Left Chatsworth about 7. Quite mild there, but when we got to Nottingham we found frost and fog but got to London punctually. Blanche very well and cheerful. News rather bad. French have been driven out of their trenches in places, but repulsed attacks elsewhere. Rather bad Zeppelin raid over Paris. Lot of Admiralty work. Zeppelins reported from the East Coast but they did not reach London as far as was known late at night. Dined with Mother.

Thursday Feb 1 The aim about last night appears to have been over the midlands. No Zeppelins came south of Newmarket or west of Stafford. The line and station at Derby were damaged and three people were killed and six wounded. The damage elsewhere appears to have been considerable. Royal Patriotic Fund Confirmation Meeting. The Prince of Wales as Chairman of the Stationary Committee spoke and did extremely well. Nice voice and good delivery. Considerable excitement about the raid. Otherwise not much news. Later intelligence showed raid was very extensive, but no great material and no military damage was done. 54 people reported killed and as many wounded. National Relief Fund. Had not been for some time. Same old wrangles as ever. Dined with Mother. Blanche went to dinner with Alice Egerton for a play.

Wednesday Feb 2 Milder and damper. The affair? which was supposed to be lost has been brought in as a German Prize to a US Harbour. Very curious case. Expect it will give rise to a lot of trouble. No other news at all. The Raid seems to have been very extensive. I hear that the children went to see the damage at Derby. Blanche's birthday. She seems very cheerful. Dined with Mother. Vi was there and seemed well. She is happier about the children.

Thursday Feb 3 Mild and stormy. Wet evening. Lot of newspapers writing about the Appam? Interesting letter from Holland. The private uses of telephones were very troublesome. Heard seven bombs were dropped near Cranwell. Very long Finance Committee but interesting. Dined at the Carlton Hotel. Linda and Billy Scott, Walter Dalkeith, Alwyn, Francis, Mary, Blanche and self. Think Blanche quite liked it. She then went on to Bric-a-Brac. Quite bright and nice, but no great dramatic effort.

Friday Feb 4 Official statement that a Zeppelin was seen in a sinking condition in the North Sea. Blanche left for home by the morning train. Lot of rain in the night. Glass very low. Eddy arrived about two. Was going to ? and enlist and then to dine with some of his Cambridge friends. Bad news from Ottawa. Parliament buildings destroyed. Foul play expected. Left at 8 for Newcastle and got there about 2.30. Train very late. Eve arrived alright. Found McCockrane and ? Sasler Noble. Both very civil and terse? Afraid I kept them up.

Saturday Feb 5 Lovely day. Breakfast nine? Lot of ladies in the house, rather difficult to make who everybody was. Lady Noble is a really wonderful old lady and very interesting. She is 85 and as active as possible. Started a little before tea. Eve and I and some others went over the shell works at Scotswood and then went down to the river Mink? in a Council. Very interesting. got back to ? for lunch. Started again at 3. Eve managed very well as to the Council. The shop. The C? went off beautiful. She is very long with graceful lines. Sort of tea afterwards. Made a short but I am afraid dull speech. Long journey home, but got back about 12.20. Afraid Evie will be very tired.

Sunday Feb 6 Wet and cold. Nothing much in Sunday paper, but the relations of US and Germany appear to be again rather strained. Lady Moucher Cecil, Charlie Day? and Brooks Short and Sandor are here. Anne is stopping in bed as she had rather a gastric upset. Seems bright, but looks rather draggled. Church.

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Holland and his son came over for luncheon. He was very interesting about the Zeppelins. Seems certain that the lightning was a great source of danger. Also talked about the Emergency Committees. They are doing fairly well on the whole. Walk round the Stand Wood. Went to Ederson for McHammersleys deduction. Bishop of Derby did it. Nice service and interesting. Anne seemed much better in the evening.
Monday Feb 7 Mild night. Left Chatsworth soon after seven. Raining, but cleared up later. Lot of water down the line. Not much news but a good deal of activity. Got to London punctually. nothing much at D H. Lot of Admiralty papers, but nothing very striking. Recruiting Committee. Interesting and good lot coming on. M.C.C. Committee. Seems very strange especially as cricket seems to be a thing of the past. Dined with Mother. Dick and Mervyn were there. They seem well. Eddy, Maud and Blanche arrived. Eddy looked rather seedy. Saw Ld Lansdowne in the evening. Seemed well, but gloomy about Mesopotamia. No other news.

Thursday Feb 8 Lot of rumours about a naval engagement in the North Sea, but quite untrue. Lot of Admiralty papers. Reported to 1st S L condition at Rosyth. Think he was better pleased than he had been. Lot of reports about big movements but nothing authentic. Talk with Knaresborough. Peat at Currey's concerning Ritchie advance as towards amalgamation with Barim? and Mistrim? Settled there would be no harm in showing him the 1914 accounts. Dined at the Carleton. Lady Moucher, Mary and Oliver Lyttelton, Esmud Elesolt? Maud, Blanche, Eddy and me. Went on to see Bric Brac. Quite a successful evening and I think the children enjoyed it.

Wednesday Feb 9 Cold but fine. There appear to have been a lot of fighting in Nance and in the evening French admitted that the enemy had penetrated train lines. Busy day. Ld Lansdowne is worried about a move to the address but eventually got hold of Clarendon. Think he will do well. Children out all day. Went to luncheon with Lady Salisbury and to dinner with the Lytteltons. When they were very late. Dined with Mother. Sea plane raid over Kent, but no harm done.

Thursday Feb 10 There appears to be no news. The children did not get home till three and seem to have enjoyed themselves very much. Eve went on a nice letter from General Maude. He said he had sent in Eddy's name and I hope he will be mentioned in dispatches. Sallor seems rather seedy and has got the gout.

Thursday Feb 10 Nice day. Alternate accounts of fighting in France, but seems severe. Got through a lot of odd jobs at the Admiralty. Aalton stayed at home. The children did not get here till three from the Lytteltons. Seem to have enjoyed themselves. Eddy dressed himself up as a girl and quite took me in. Maud said that Saul Althorp? was in her room and had got engaged and brought his young lady there. They were very pleased with themselves. Saul stayed for luncheon. They all went to Chatsworth. Dined with Mother. Blanche Egerton was there.

Friday Feb. 11. Cold and wet. The Germans claim that their fleet came out and got out onusers? but it turned out that they got the Dugge Baul and found four trawlers, one of which they took. The other three got home safely. Slack day at the Admiralty except for one or two interviews. Dined with Farquhar. Very pleasant dinner.

Saturday Feb 12 Cold but bright. Afraid the Arettswa? was mined. but most of her crew were saved. Great pity. Tiresome meeting at the Admiralty about the Armstrong Air Shed Sims at the Treasury are both tiresome. They will not take the big view. No other news. Got home for dinner. Blanche has a warning of measles but the doctor seemed to think that it was only a rash. ?? Cocky Hoares Brook Short are here. Eddy seems well.

Sunday Feb 13 Lovely day, but ? not settled. Church. Hubert Discombe came to luncheon. He is recruiting at Maufield. There seems no one here and Taylor and Sweeting came from Balewell. They seem pleased with recruiting on the whole. Maud, Gail? Cocky and Eddy went over to Wellbeck.

Monday Feb 14 Left Chatsworth soon after seven and got to London punctually. There seems to have heavy fighting both on Turkey and both fronts – on the whole the Allies seem to have done rather more than the evening. Brook Short came up with me. Note from Sutton to say he is still laid up. Afraid he must have a sharp attack. News of Aretuna published. Fighting in many places and seems to have been severe. Dined with Wolverton. Very pleasant. Afraid poor Weyning's boy has been killed.

Thursday Feb 15 Muggy and rainy. Long time at the dentist, but he could not get the plate right. Heavy fighting goes on with varying results. Saw Ld Lansdowne. He did not have much to say. New session

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opened. I was one of the commissioners. Talk with Professor Cadman. He seems hopeful about the bill? House of Lords. Rather a dreary debate on the address, but on the whole Kitchener was reassuring. We shall have a lot of very tiresome questions. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Wednesday Feb 16 Very wild and stormy. Press not unfavourable to Govt. Heavy fighting in many parts. No decisive results. Longhurst. Think he has been able to fix up a a plate with springs. It is really quite a chance that it may be alright. Afraid we must have had rather a serious setback in France. Nothing much in H of Lords. Expect a bit of trouble will come later. Officially announced that Egreran? had fallen. Hope it is true and may have some useful results. Dined with Mother. Dick had just come up. Made several very random statements.

Thursday Feb 17 Milder. Fall of Egreron confirmed. Satisfactory. Govt had a bad time in Lon main about air. Unsatisfactory debate. Saw Bishop of Southwell. He is quite in favour of division of Heath? and Hucknall? Shall probably have to pay pretty hearty. We had in an debate. Kitchener managed alright. Dined with Abercorns. Very pleasant. James very anxious for Eddy to form the first. Rather against it myself.

Friday Feb 18 Raw and wet. Russians have captured a lot of guns and booty at Egreram. Very busy at Admiralty. Board. Very dull. Saw Sir Hohn Jellicoes wanted some small things. Hofwood? told me of an interesting conversation which ha had had with a Dane. The gist was that he thought the German Hert? would come out. Dined with Mother.

Saturday Feb 19 The Russian news continues satisfactory. Milder. Long finance Committee. Some of it very interesting. Luncheon Lansdowne House. Little Mayard Fitzmaurice had her tonsils out and seems to have got through very well. Poor Vi has lots of worries. Saw Salton. He is still kept to his chair and cannot put his leg to the ground. He has had a very sharp attack and very sorry for himself. Finished up some work at the Admiralty and got home at 9.30. Everything as usual there. Eve got a baddish toothache. Anne has had rather a return of her biliousness. Otherwise they all seem well.

Sunday Feb 20 cold 11 degrees frost. No news in Sunday papers. Anne better but stayed in bed. Church. Owing to the lighting orders, evening service had to be at 5.30. Chapel at seven. After Church, went up with Cockerell to see the horses for the Ludor? shops. They looked git and well and well and will be no disgrace. Talk with Cockerell. After luncheon went to the Kitchen Garden. Eve and Blanche went to London by the evening train. Wish I could get a quiet time here.

Monday Feb 21 Got to London punctually 10.40. Eve and Blanche out. Very cold. Russians seem to be advancing rapidly. Another air raid on Kent, but not much damage. Otherwise no news. Eve had her tooth out but I am afraid the root was left and will probably give a bit of trouble. Blanche went off on some expedition with May Lytellton to Maidenhead. Lot of Admiralty work. Recruiting Committee. Rather a tiresome talk between Eddy and Gothard? Quite irrelevant and very tedious. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Tuesday Feb 22 Cold but fine and bright. Some air battles. Otherwise not much. Tiresome job at the Admiralty. Gibbs the contractor is evidently on his last legs. Went to SH Show. Seems much as usual as far as the ausmats? are concerned, but the whole thing is not at all like old days. The yearling colt was ? an the 3 year old HC. Think they might have done better. Found glasses and numbers. Quality. Long debate in Hof Lords on blockade. Ld Lansdowne made a good speech and the Lonllear? cellor? was excellent.

Wednesday Feb 23 Cold and snowy. Afraid the French have had rather a reverse, but the German losses appear heavy. However the French did well in the air and destroyed a Zeppelin. Depressing letter from Salton. He seems really to have had a very sharp attack. Hopwood came to luncheon. Blanche E and Alice E and Fin Mansfield were also there. Long and wearisome debate in Hof L. If one did not go to sleep, I think one would go insane. Eddy came up in time to go to dinner at Lady Salisbury's with Blanche. The others arrived up later. Dined at the Carleton Club with A? Paget. pleasant dinner, but food abominable. Dinner with the object of entertaining. Hadwood/ Lambton, Lowther on his return to the HofC? Heard a report that the Moove had got four new ships and sent them out Teneriffe. Very tiresome business.

Thursday Feb 24 Heavy snowstorm. Quite thick on the ground. The battle at Verdun appears to be a very big business and French losses are very heavy according to the Germans. The rest of the children except Ann arrived late last night. could not get at the show, but the quartery? filly got 10th and Ann second. Not too bad. Wrote a long memorandum about Rosyth contract. Nothing in HofL National Relief Committee.

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Formal but rather interesting. Dinner at the HofL to Russian authors and journalists. As Runciman could not come I had to take the Chair. Quite an interesting evening. Think I got through alright.

Friday Feb 25 Snow still on the ground. The Verdun battle seems to be tremendous but the French appear confident. Eve rather tired and stopped in bed. She and the older children dined with Ralph and Alwynne Cavendish at the Coulton and went to the Empire last night. Dined at the HofL with Mrs Astor. to meet the Russian journalists. Interesting and pleasant, but when I got there I found I was wanted Merside? as Runernian? could not attend. Managed to get through, but felt very shy. The fighting at Verdun is very hard but the French are holding their own. Dined with Mrs. Astor. Horace Plumbeth? was there and was most interesting. He has had some conversation with Col House? and with the US with ? Very pleasant dinner. Some people came to dine with the children. ? Eve could not come down, though she seems better. One of the worst das for weather I ever saw. Peabody meetings. Things are not ? quiet but all are going on well.

Saturday Feb 26 More snow in the night but wasted in the day. Terrific fighting at Verdun but the French appear calm and confident. Russians appear to be making more progress in Persia and Asia Minor. Good many papers at Admiralty. As Hopewood? is ogng to his contraband Committee. I shall have rather more work. Eve seems much better. Report from Germany that they had taken one of the Verdun Forts and late that the French had retaken it. It is evidently an appalling battle. Saw Sutton. Still looks very seedy but says he is better. the children all dined with Mrs Astor and had a party afterward. Eve and I dined with the Sallisburys and went in tn there afterward. They seemed very happy. No late news on the ?.

Sunday Feb 27 Better day. Snow slowly going. News from Verdun appears to be rather reassuring. Afraid a big sub was sunk by a mine off Dover. We all went to St. Pauls. Beautiful Service. Peach,? charles Lust? and Fact Downey came to luncheon. Eve and the children went to a concert. I went to see Aunt May. She seems rather better and in good spirits. Went on to see Mother. Think she is feeling well. Mayor and Mr Maxwell came to dinner also Eustace Percy. Maxwell was on general Maude's staff and seems to be a great friend of Eddy's.

Monday Feb 28 the battle at Verdun appears terrific and the French are on the whole holding their ground. Meeting at Carrey's with Knoesborough.? Peat and Ritchie. Ritchie made an offer to buy the RHSC shares. Rather tempting but afraid it will not do. Lot of Admiralty work. Anne came up. Dined at Lytteltons(or Suttons)

Tuesday Feb 29 News not unfavourable. The German effort is still going on, but the French still appear confident. House of Lords. Rather interesting, but too long. Discussion as to ? for departments. Thought Stormore might take munitions and Sandhurst Bd of Trade. Dined at the Crewes. Quite a nice dinner.

Wednesday March 1 Wet in the morning, nice day later. Not much definite news but the French position at Verdun appears to be improving. Talk with Hamilton at Carneys about the BHSC. He seems rather favourable to the idea of calling the shares. Very busy day at the Admiralty. Two conferences ?. At last got some agreement. Another conference in Invergordon. We have managed to signal? a Ronde in the North Sea. Although we lost an Armed ?artman over it. Dined with Mother. She seems better.

Thursday March 2 Foggy and raw. The Verdun attack appears to be going off. Amusing letter from Maud about Farnhaw. Anne had some more teeth out and seemed none the worse. Eddy went to ? and had a day with the beagles? which he seems to have enjoyed. No special news. Lot of work at the Admiralty. Finance Committee. Talk with Sev ACL and DDW in my taking of some of HCLs work. DD W fired off some outstanding grievance which had nothing to do with present position and which I do not understand. Interesting debate in HofL on subject of exemptions and reserved occupations. Eddy made a very vehement but not jucidious speech. Alwyn Cavendish dined here.

Friday March 3 Wet and cold. Long talk with Peats Hamilton. Settled to try Ritchie to give (pounds) 3.15 for the 2nd Preference. News fairly favourable. We seem to have recovered the trenches but in Feb. Very severe fighting again at Verdun. German gained a little ground, but their losses appear to be heavy. Very interesting Board meeting. Long discussion on new type of ship. Eddy went before his medical Board and was given another six weeks leave. He had got a very heavy cold as a result of running with the beagles and then having a cold shower bath.

Saturday March 4 The Verdun battle continues, but the French are holding their own as far as we can make out. Walt (in uniform) to see the Chatsworth Rifles. Fine batallion. They are off on Monday. Luncheon

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with the mess. Nice lot of officeres. Stepney very keen. Looked in at the Admiralty and found a lot of papers. When I got home heard that poor Desmond Ritzgeranto? had been killed by one of our own bombs. Terribly sad and tragic. He is really a dreadful loss in everywhere. Fact Althorp and Peer came to dinner. We were to have gone to the Cinema but did not do so on account of Desmond. Maud returned. She seemed to have liked Farnham? and found it very interesting. \Sunday March 5 Fine and cold. Saw Ld Lansdwone but he had no news. We all went to St. James. William preached well and interesting. Nice service. Mother cam to luncheon. Looks ired and dazed. Eve Eddy and Maud after a terrible amount of bustle started off for Chatsworth. I had intended to have gone to see Charlie but GO telephoned that I had not as he was not out of quarantine. Saw Sutton. Looks very seedy, but says he thinks he is better.

Monday March 6 Very cold. Another air raid in Ne Eloart? last night, but no details. Generally the position looks better. Many rumours about Turkey and peace. Busy day. Dined at Griteson?

Tuesday march 7 Cold and snowy. Germans appear to have advanced at Verdun. Afraid news is not altogether satisfactory. We had a terrible shock by hearing that poor old Sutton had died this morning. He was getting up about two and fell down as he was drowsy. Burke called in to find him and heard the news. He and the doctor came on to see Me. I went to Down Street and saw him. He was already very . Shall miss him quite dreadfully. It is too awful. Managed to get through my work, but felt very unhinged. Dramatic events in HofL. Understand Minister made violent attach on present Board of Admiralty and recommended return of Foster. Most astounding proposition. Cannot get over poor Sutton. Feel his loss every minute and every ?

Wednesday March 8 Cannot get over his terrible loss. One feels it more and more. Burke came up and was really kind and helpful. Saw Longhurst and got on with the duplicate plate. Rather tiresome at the Admiralty as I had to bring up a speech for Charlie Beresford's question about income tax and when I got to the House he had put it off. Considerable stir over last nights debate but on the whole the press has behaved reasonably. heard that AJB gave Minister a tremendous dressing down in HofL this afternoon. Dined at Lansdowne House. Molets? were there. The French fighting appears very severe but they appear to be tolerably satisfied.

Thursday March 9 Very cold. Announcement of poor Suttons death in the papers. Everyday the blank seems to get worse and worse. News rather favourable. The French seem to be doing rather more than holding their won. Long and tedious conference about Rosyth housing and then a long but interesting debate in HofLords about air. Dined with Mother. She seems very stiff and depressed. Eve and eddy came up. They were both very miserable about poor old Sutton. Eddy got a nasty cold. Says that there is a lot of snow at Chatsworth.

Friday March 10 Memorial Service at St. Annes for poor Sutton. Very nice and well done. Lot of people there. Poor Dick Sutton looked heartbroken. Very hard and long day at the Treasury. Conference at Treasury over Rosyth and managed to get a fairly satisfactory agreement. News seems fairly good, but afraid the WO published a misleading message about Kut fuel Althorpe dined here. I am afraid we lost a destroyer and a torpedo boat.

Saturday March 11 Wet and cold. News fairly good from France but bad from Kutachen.? We had to retire. The boats we lot yesterday were both old, but none the less it is very troublesome. Pemberton Billings , the so called air man, got in fro East Herts. Tiresome. Lot of Admiralty papers. Afraid eve was very worried as she had a long talk with little Dorothy. Alwyn has been making a thorough ? of himself and sending her a lot of very silly letters. I am afraid the little girl was quite infatuated about him. they appear to have been writing and telephoning regularly. I left for home at 4.30 and took the letters with me. Gave them to Maud. I am afraid she had been rather silly and went out with him to a palmist. The worst was that she never told Boltie. The whole thing is very tiresome. Arrived at Chatsworth very late. Horrible outside, but house seemed warm and comfortable. Eddy and Maud alright but Maud very unhappy about the Alwyn episode. Eve's letter to him telling him that it was best he should not write or see much of them seems the only thing to do. Feel the loss of his old Sutton at every turn. Gave Maud the letters.

Sunday March 12 House was nice and warm, but dreary and depressing outside. The snow is going quite fast, but every appearance of more to come. Church. Afterward had a talk with Cockerell. Nothing much doing here. He has a heavy cold and could not get out. No fresh news in Sunday papers. Taylor came

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over. Seems well in spite of all his work. He is certainly a most remarkable man. Lot of snow. Sleet and rain in the afternoon. took a short walk with Eddy in the afternoon.

Monday March 13 Snow going nicely. Went to Dairy Association meeting. Quite interesting, although a certain amount of querulousness was apparent. Got to London about 4.30. Eve and children alright. Very big lot of papers at the Admiralty and also a finance committee. Elsie Herry dined here and seemed well. News as far as it goes is not unfavourable.

Tuesday march 14 No news all day. Long and busy day for me. Meetings at Carney's with Hamilton and Peat over the Ritchie proposals for Barrow? Did not get on much. Lot of Admiralty work. Finance Committee. Had to answer Charlie Beresford's question about income tax. Think I got through alright. Eve went back to Chatsworth. Dined at home and got things cleared up a bit. Cannot say how I miss Sutton.

Wednesday march 15 Milder but real wet day. Another attack on Verdun seems to be impending. Saw Longhurst and then went to Lansdowne House. Lot of very tiresome questions coming on in HofLords. Not much at the Admiralty. Interesting afternoon in the HofL. Ld Lansdowne gave Portsmouth a real good dressing. Eddy Derby extricated himself rather well but the position is very difficult. Dined with Chesterfield. Very pleasant dinner. Played bridge.

Thursday March 16 Foggy. News not bad but very little of it. Eve ? a circular from J.O Shark? The Scarlet Fever seems very strange. They think they have got another carrier. Lot of Admiralty work. Finance committee. News is considered favourable except there is nothing from Kut. Very short sitting in HofLords. Hear there is a bit of trouble in HofC. Dined with Farquhar. Very pleasant. dinner was in honour of old Lady C. She was in great form.

Friday March 17 St. Patrick's day. Big. Danish steamer sunk, but crew and passengers saved. French appear very confident. Left early for Chatham? DDW and McLeod came as well. Meeting of Dockyard officials. Rather desultory but interesting conversation on the whole things appear to be going on alright. The Admiral superintendent took me round the Dockyards. Most interesting. Looked at one of the new submarines. Had luncheon with the AS and Mrs Ricardo. Very nice people. Afterwards called upon the City C and he took us to see the Naval Barracks. Quite good. got back just in time for the Board. Lasted two hours but most interesting. Air proposals considered adjourned till next week. Eve got back. Rather tired but otherwise well. Anne seems to have had a most successful tea party. Blanche went in to Berta to Warley for an Irish Guars entertainment and about 8.30 telephoned up to ask some one to meet her at 11.5 in Bond Street Tube. I had to go and waited there for half an hour. It is certainly a strange method of going on.

Saturday March 18 Foggy. French news appears satisfactory. Not so much at the Admiralty but a long finance Committee. Eddy and Maud arrived. They seem alright. Eve, Maud and Eddy dined with the Salisburys. Blanche and I went to Mother. She did not seem ery well. Blanche Egerton was there.

Sunday March 19 Mild and muggy. St. Martin ong Service. A son of Cecil Parker preached and quite a nice sermon. Alwyn came to see Eve. He seemed very wretched. Lady Salisburys Lady Moucher came to luncheon. Eve and Maud went to a rehearsal of the ? to wounded soldiers to be given to wounded soldiers. Eddy. Alan? and Dorothy went to a circuit. I had Anne and Rachel to t he Zoo. Anne seemed very happy. Several people came to dinner and were very cheerful. Considerable air raid on the Kent Coast, but we managed to bring down one of the enemy aeroplanes. I was in hope that we might have done something.

Monday March 20 Mild and damp. apparently our raid which was mentioned by ? has a certain amount of success at Zeebrugge. Various reports of Zeppelins here but gather they were false alarms. The attack on the Kent coast was heavy as far as civilians were concerned, but did not do much military damage. Rather a quiet day at the Admiralty and no more news. Berte, Kate and Susan Downing dined here.

Tuesday March 21 Rained practically all day. The French appear to have a little ground, but do not appear concerned. We got a submarine yesterday. Generally this time is more confident. Lot of interesting Admiralty work. Eve Maud and Eddy went to the soldiers Tea Party at the Royal Riding School. Seems to have been successful. Several people dined here. Quite pleasant.

Wednesday March 22 Wet and cold. Long talk with Burke. He seems much better. Not much news. Very unlucky with a submarine as she had got a good chance of getting two German cruisers but something

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jammed at the moment. Heavy day at the Admiralty. HofLords rather interesting but long. I answered two questions about RNAS Dined at Grillions? Dick was elected.

Thursday March 23 Snowy. Left by 10.30 from Paddington and got to Dartmouth 3.30 (or 8.30) Admiral Palmer met us. MacLeod and me and we had a good look round the college and the extensions. Inside the college an admirable but rather inapp? with the outside appearance. Very interesting. The new work is a big job and I do not see how it can be done in time. Admiral was a charming man and nice wife and children. he eldest girl drove us na motor. Glad to have seen the place. Arrived at Plymouth about 8. Stayed at Admiralty House. George Wenender only has been in for a few days. Pity he is so deaf. Only his Flag Lieutenant there beside ? House small but nice. Bad arrangement of lighting. The Admiral was very pleasant and interesting.

Friday March 24 Got up early and was in the Dockyard by seven with McLeod and Marshall. Met a nuber of the officials. Had a good look round. Saw the shop and rope wall and the two "K" submarines. Breakfast with the Admiral Superintendent. Nice man but tiresome wife. Started ff at 9.5 in the Admiral Council and went up the harbour. Landed at the North Yard. Saw more ships, the two "K" submarines and the Royal Oak. Most interesting. Long but interesting meeting on the whole all going well, but think we could get a bit more out of the men. Got back to Sandor? about five and went to the Admiralty. Not much news. Tommy bowler got a good beating at Market Harborough. 4000 majority. Eve, Blanche and I dine wiwith the Manners? Quite nice. Eddy Maud went to a dance at Leif S. Heliers.

Saturday March 25 Cold and wild. Not much news. the Russians are making sundry considerable attacks but the papers say it is a nothing real thing yet. Lot of Admiralty work. Interesting Finance Committee. Several people dined here. Most of them very young. They seemed very cheerful.

Sunday March 26 Cold and snow showers. Took Dorothy and Rachel to the Zoo. Not much news. but many rumours. Apparently there was a combined air raid and Fleet movement. Afraid we may have lost a destroyer and some machines. Little Anne was rather feverish. The doctor did not think she was sickening for anything. Several people lunched and dined here. Very pleasant. The Hendersons dined and were very interesting. Went over to see Lord Lansdowne for a few minutes.

Monday march 27 Very full day. Left London 9.10 and got to Portsmouth about 11.15 Meeting of Dockyard officials. Useful and intresting discussion. Luncheon with A.S. afterwards had a loot round the Royal Sovereign and some of the ships and also the place on this wall of t he base when there has been some trouble. Think it is well in hand. Afraid we rather suffered in the N. Sea context but hope we have damaged the Zeffs sheds. not much other news. Dined with AJB. Quite nice, but we were very late. Shocking night and no cabs.

Thursday March 28 We seem to have a bit of a ? with success in France. Otherwise not much news. Started off at 10. for Derby to attend Ld Scarsdale's Funeral, but owing to the gale? this line was badly blocked. Found George Howe and two ladies going, so we settled to get out at Keltering? Got some luncheon there and took nearly four hours going back to London. Damage ust be terrific. Got through Admrialty work. Dined at home.

Wednesday march 29 Much better day, but terrible report from all over the country. Two elms down in the graden. There are also two in Lansdowne Home garden. No news, but afraid Kut looks as bad as possible. Long conference at Admmiralty over ? to deal with land taken under the Defence of the Realm. I managed to get it into shape.

Nice day. The storm damage is very severe but our airshed did not suffer much. House of Lords very dull and tedious. Dined with the Salisburys and we all went to see a cinema show. Really quite good. Strange party. Lady Salisbury Jim Lentary and Lady Moncker had Lady Lansdowne, Aarthur Pennon Archie and balfour and five of us. It is something to have seen. Church Chaplain at last.

Thursday M arch 30 Not much news but French appear to be doing well. Eddy went to see Gomery again. The other day he saw him and Gomez thinks that he is very far from being right. Eddy is also to see Sir Lander Brunton. There report is not very satisfactoroy. Intresting day at Admiralty but HofL dull. Hugh Cecil, Blanche Egerton, Kerr and the H Benticks? came to dinner. Interesting and amusing.

Friday Marcy 31 Nice spring day. Atended unveiling of bust of Chamberlains in Westminster Abbey by AJB. The bust is quite good and the ceremony was very intresting. Very heavy day at Admiralty. Saw Openshaw tho ? He has taken part I both the recent naval air raids. Most interesting. Finance Committee.

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Saw Currey. Committee in AJB's room on Air questions. Afraid we must go on with the Crystal Palace. The French have had heavy fighting and seemed to have killed a lot of Germans, but had to retire to strengthen the line. Blanche has a little sore throat, hope it is not measles. Eddy and I dined with the Coventrys and danced. Eve and I dined with Mother. I thought she was rather better. Another Zeppelin raid, but no details to hand.

Saturday April 1 Nice spring day. One of the Zeppelins came down in the estuary of the Thames but unfortunately sank. Expect they will be able to get some bits. Otherwise not much news. Busy morning at the Admiralty. Sir Percy Scott came to see me with regard to using Chalk Pits as housing sheds for rigid? Afraid it is doubtful if the scheme is practicable. As it was such a nice day I telephoned to ask Burke if he could put us up for the night, so I went to Eastbourne by the 3.20 train. Lovely evening. took a long walk along the front. W and Mrs Burke both seem very well.

Sunday April 2 Lovely morning. Blue sky bright sun. Not much in Sunday paper. Went to Church with Burke and then drove in the motor along the front. Played golf at Willingdon. Got on better than I expected. The Burkes have taken to it but are very bad. Mrs. Burke and I played again him and another lady and halved the match. Got back to London at 6.45. There was apparently another raid last night and more Zepps are expected tonight. Eve and children very well.

Monday April 3 Real nice spring day. Afraid the raids have done a lot of harm. Eddy went to the War Office and got a job in the Intelligence Division. Not much at the Admiralty. Eddy went off to Derby for a meeting. Eve and the girls went out to dinner and play. I dined with Mother, Aunt May and Miss Christian were there. Aunt May very shaky.

Tuesday April 4 Turned cold again. No morning news. Rachel and Anne went off to Chatsworth. Expected to meet Charlie at the stations. Busy morning at the Admiralty, but no war news. Eddy got back from Derby. Seems to have got on alright there. Budget. Many changes but seem fair all round. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Wednesday April 5 colder. Motored to Kingsnorth? with Sims and two ? people. Saw bombs dropped from van or flying machine to test the strength of a roof but unluckily only one hit the target and the front was inconclusive. Saw some bits of the Zeppelin which was taken. Extraordinary lot of nice keen and capable naval officers. They are really a wonderful lot. Got back to London about seven. Better news from Kut and another submarine was caught, so things look a little brighter. Dined at Frillions?

Thursday April 6 Nice and fine but cold. Went to Skeeners? with Marshall and McLeod. Good look round the yard and satisfactory conference. Luncheon with AS Nice man. Went to Chatham by boat. Met AS there. Looked round the yard and had a conference. Long and very desultory. Got back to London 6.30. News continues good from Kut. Several young people dined here and went on to a ball. Eddy seems to have quite settled at the WO and likes the work.

Friday April 7 Nice day. Eve and the girls left for Chatsworth. Very heavy day at the Admiralty. Long meeting with Percy Scot. DW and Air people. They generally rather liked his chalk pit proposals. Finance Committee. A good deal of electricity in the air, but no violent outbursts. The AS is very ? to move from the established lines. Talk with Drewry and Carney. Interesting. Long Board meeting and most interesting. Settled design of new cruiser. Decided to go on with Percy Scott and gave up the Naval Division. Dined at the Turf. News from Mesopotamia seems fairly good.

Saturday April 8 Nice day. Had looked to get away at 12, but found there was a lot of Admiralty work especially in connection with Sir Percy Scott's chalk pit. Did not get done till nearly nine? Maud had gone to Welbeck. Hugh Cecils the Bighaus were there. They were both interesting. Afraid Taylor is seedy. Hope my presence? will not make much difference. Very tiresome. No news at home.

Sunday April 9 Fine but cold and wind. Not much news. Church. Mr Bagshaw preached. Went to see the convalescent. Nice lot of men. Talk with Cockerell. Nothing of any great importance. Got through several letters. Afraid Colonel Taylor is very seedy. Hope he will take plenty of time and make a good recovery. Walk in the afternoon. Not much sign of spring. Dorothy and I came up to London in the evening. Eddy seems very well and likes his work.

Monday April 10 Very heavy day. A fairly satisfactory telegram from Kut in the morning was followed by an unsatisfactory one later. Dorothy went back home after seeing the dentist. Long and not very interesting meeting with Percy Scott and the Air people about the proposed new airship place. Recruiting

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Committee. Position unsatisfactory and difficult to see how it can be cleared. Tedious meeting about Public Accounts Committee and the fuss? they have raised about time and line contracts. Ma? ? too much about the HofC. Dined with Mother. Christian E won there.

Thursday April 11 Nice day. The attacks on Verdun continue to be very severe. News from Kut not quite so bad but ? the ? very disconcerting. Internal meeting at Admiralty with regard to employment of English workmen in France. As usual a certain number of Scotchmen have upset the whole business. They are certainly an odious race. The French Parliamentary representative came to the House of lords and had quite a good reception. Long and dull debate in the HofLords. Dined at the Turf. Quite pleasant. C Cut Graston, Tommy colebrooke, Ld Bertie.

Wednesday April 12 No news from Kut. Afraid it looks very bad. Quiet day at Admiralty but rather interesting debates in Hof Lords. Dines with Faquhar. Quite amusing.

Thursday April 13 Still no Kut news in the morning papers. Lot of ? writing about Air and Recruiting. Eddy enjoyed his dinner and dance but does not look well on it. He went before his Bo;ard and they gave him two months on light duty. Telegram from Kut. They say the preparations are getting on, but afraid position is very critical. Long and tiresome debate in HofL. Afraid Kut evening news is unsatisfactory. There will be a lot of trouble about the married men. Dined with mother. Afraid she is very seedy.

Friday April 14 Showery. News from Kut is far from satisfactory. Otherwise not much. Heavy day at the Admiralty. Variable news from Kut. Considerable excitement in US. Looks as if a treaty? is coming. dined with Mother. Seems better.

Saturday April 15 Not a bad April day but cold. Certain amount of paper at the Admiralty but managed to get a good walk in the evening. no news from Kut. Eddy seems very keen about his job and went back to duty after dinner. Dined at the Turf and went on to a dance which Alice Quiter gave at the Morrison House. Very pleasant and successful.

Sunday April 16 Nice morning but wet in the afternoon. Eddy and I went to St. Faur? church. Wilkon? presided. I returned in a taxi to White Lodge for luncheon. Found Dick Molyneux there and Mrs Creighton came soon after I did. In the afternoon Horace took us to Hampton Court and we went all round. Every time one goes there, one is more impressed. The Ancaster and Crewe came to dinner. Got back to London in the evening. No news. Felt all the better for the change.

Monday April 17 windy. Saw Ld Lansdowne. Seemed to think the ? position was very serious. It only seems to be about 200,000 unattested? married men. It is hardly worth while to split the country from end to end and to lost the war. Finance Committee. Lot of papers. Had to give up Rosyth. Hof Lords got through the business quickly. Lot of fuss and talk in cabinet meetings. Dined at Lansdowne House. Ld L thought they might come ? to a crew?

Thursday April 18 Damp. Saw Ld L. told me that Asquith had postponed his statement. It is really very awkward. Saw Carney and had a meeting of Eastbourne Water Works. Shall be able to maintain our dividend. Very bad news from Kut. We had to retire some way and apparently got mixed up. However, they said they were reforming their line. Milner made his speech in the Lords. Interesting but not impressive or convincing. Saw AJB walking in the Mall. Seemed to think there was a chance of an arrangement. Dined with Mother. She seemed better. Eddy went to Haatfield for the niht.

Wednesday April 19 Showery. Good news from Russians. They have taken Tielsgent?(Tashkent?) Afraid Kut news is no better. Great excitement about the "crisis" Statement had to be again postponed. Understand Henderson had some counter proposals. Very awkward position and am afraid it will do a lot of harm. Ld Lansdowne did very well in dealing with it. We are getting in a fix with Percy Scott and his air shed. Eddy enjoyed his visit to Hatfield. Dorothy came up for the dentist. Dined at Guillions?

Thursday April 20 No news. Harm and work/ Press is very excited. Finance Committee. Some very interesting points. Cabinet arrived at what they called a satisfactory decision and are going to hold a secret session in both houses on Tuesday. Talk with ALB and the Secretary about Air sheds. Very difficult problem. AJB seemed to think the issue was definitely settled. The US really seems to be moving. Eddy and I dined with Mother.

Friday (Good Friday) April 21 Afraid did not get to church. Went to the Admiralty. No news there. Cleared off a good many papers and caught the 12.15 train for home. The Kerrys and Delsa Peel were

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there. No special news. eve and children seem alright. Walked round the garden with Evie. Very lte spring.

Saturday April 22 Showery, but not so warm in between. Took a walk with Evie and then went over to see Cockereell. Settled to get rid of Gidlow. Arkwright and his daughter came over after luncheon. Mr and Mrs. Taylor came to tea. He looked better and seems in good spirits. He seems to be very busy. Bulkeley Johnstone arrived. He is able to move better than he did when he came to D.H. In the evening walked up to the Shen Yard. One foal. Quite fair. The horses seem well generally. There seems to have been heavy fighting at Verdun. Lovely evening and weather seems more settled.

Easter Sunday. Rather blustery otherwise nice day. Church. Hammersley preached quite well. Stayed for second service. Got through some letters and papers. Home Guard inspection at Holymoorside..

Markham had fitted up a milk? for a company barrack. They made quite a good show and the milk? was very suitable. Eve, Maud, Keerry and Bulkeley Johnstone came. Walked round the garden with Eve. Charlie had manufactured some gun powder and we fired it off in the nursery. Anne very pleased with it. Sad to think of this war going on at such a pace but hope next Easter will see it over. Afraid there is a very report of? His heart is very weak and sharp pressure? has set n. He is stopping at Buralis?

Monday April April 24 Wild and blustery. Went to see Cockerell. found him in bed with lumbago. Gave one of his men a certificate. He had been awarded a year ago at lake Helles and was wounded. He has been at the Institute since it was opened. Afraid the Kut news is bad. Went to the Kitchen Garden in the afternoon. Jennings has got a lot of vegetables in the houses. Children very busy preparing for a Café Chartant to be held in the Institute for the Rec X. Got back to London about 11. Train crowded and late. Saw Eddy. he went to Hatfield for Sunday. He says there are Irish rows.

Tuesday April 25 Afraid there is no more news from Kut. Startling things in Ireland. A German auxiliary tried to and but was sunk and Jr. troops and Casement? was taken prisoner. Later on there were riots and afraid very serious ones. German cruisers attacked Lowertoff but do not seem to have done much harm. Our light cruisers are supposed to have cleared them off. What news there is from Kut is bad. Afraid it is hopeless. Secret session of Parliament. Crewe made a very long speech and did not make the best of his case. On the whole the debate was not bad for the Govt proposals. Recruiting committee afterwards. The Labour men took the proposals well. The Zeppelin raid of last night did not do much damage. More are expected this evening. Dorothy came up for the dentist.

Wednesday April 26 Lovely day. Lot of bad news. Serious rising in Ireland and Dublin practically in the hands of rebels. Several casualties. Lot of troops are being sent over. Another Zepp raid but no substantial damage. Great excitement over Ireland. dined at Guterons? – unpleasant debate in Lords

Thursday April 27 Another lovely day. Not much at the Admiralty ? Very interesting meeting in the Bond room. AJB made a good speech. The meeting was for the London Press. Strictly private and confidential. Irish news seems very grave. The whole country was put under martial law. It is feared that are risings in the West. Strange business in HofCommons. The Government withdrew the military compulsion bill. Expect it will mean a break up of the Govt. Cannot understand what has happened. Dined with mother.

Friday April 28 Not much news in the papers beyond what was known last day. Poor mickey Beach's death was confirmed. Very sad. The recruiting muddle appears to be worse and worse. Nothing worse from Ireland. Recruiting Committee. Henderson and his Labour Colleagues were on the whole very subdued but not as depressed as I expected. We did nothing at the meeting. The later intelligence from Ireland showed that though the position in Dublin seemed to be coming to hand there were troubles elsewhere. Have heard no;thing from Lismore. Lord Canterbury came to see me. He was hoping to get a job at the Admiralty tot do some work in Morocco but that fell through and he has been arrested for not reporting himself. Saw Hall. DID about him, but he will do nothing for him. Rang up Boscares who said he would see him. Finance Committee. Interesting. Dined with Mother.

Saturday April 29 Very hot. Not much from Ireland, but the general opinion is that this matter is getting under control. Afraid Kut has surrendered. Hear the Cabinet decided to go for general amputation? Hope it will have no ill effects. Saw Ld Lansdowne for a few minutes. He seemed fairly relieved about the recruiting but worried over other things. News arrived of the fall of Kut. Afraid it is very bad. The Turks can claim that they have beaten the English army in Europe and Asia. No news from Ireland, but the

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general private and press information seems to point to the troops getting the upper hand over the rebels. Left London by 6.30 train. Eve seems tired and depressed.

Sunday April 30 Glorious day. everything coming on well. No new news in the Sunday papers or the PO telegram Church. Saw Cockerells afterwards. Afraid there are a lot of difficulties about generally. Miss Sutton very much. the Abraham girl is stopping here. Quiet afternoon. Blanche and I came up to London by the evening train.

Monday May 1 Nice day. The Dublin riots appear to be getting more and more under control and the rest of the country seems to be less disturbed. Better reports in the evening. Not much news otherwise. Lor St. Aldwyn died last night. He will be missed a great deal. Heavy day at the Admiralty. Board in the evening. Long wrangle about the Flag List. Tiresome and dull. Eddy, Blanche and I dined with Mother.

Tuesday May 2 Rain in the night. Not much news but the back of the Irish rebellion appears to be quite broken. The French claim to have inflicted heavy loss on the Germans. Very heavy day at the Admiralty. Finance Committee and Sir Percy Scott. PM gave notice of introducing a general compulsion bill. I wonder what the next rumpus will be about. ?? George Curzon in view of debate in Lords about tonnage? Two letters from Penrose. Everything seems quiet there. Generally the rebellion seems in hand. Dr Conl? came to see about NE Daily Lean? Butler Bowden will resign if and when necessary. He is very anxious for Eddy to stand. Eddy is quite keen. Blanche and I dined with Mother.

Wednesday May 3 Nice day. Not much news. Big lot of Zepps came last night but did not do much damage. Later in the day we heard that one was in the North Sea and had got to the Norway Coast. George Curzon made a very good speech on Beresford's question about tonnage. Dined at Fruittions? Telegram from Drewry saying poor Herbert Holland died this morning. He will be very much missed.

Thursday May 4 Showery and muggy. Good growing day. The Zepp raid of the 3rd did not do as much damage as might have been expected. Blanche and Eddy enjoyed their dinner at the Lytelltons. AJB was there and they said in great form. No special war news. Birrek made a pathetic speech in announcing his resignation yesterday. We may something important from Turkey in due course. Charley arrived in time for luncheon. Seems quite happy. Mother and Blanche also came to luncheon. They took Charley out with Blanche and bought some sweets and then went on to see Eddy at the War Office and then came to my room. Afterwards they went for a journey in the tube. Rather interesting debate about conscientious objectors. dined with Farquhar. Big dinner. Rather grating at a time like this. Played bridge and lost. Eddy and Blanche dined at the Carlton and went to a play and seem to have had a nice evening.

Friday May 5 Not much in the morning but later in the day we heard of the destruction of two Zeppelins. Satisfactory. Finance committee at the Admiralty. Otherwise not much going on. Expect there may be news at any time. Blanche and Eddy came with me by the evening train and arrived home about 11.05? Lady Mondker had arrived earlier on Monday? A Mrs Davis was also here. She is trying to organize the county (with other counties) for women to work on the land and seems to have got to loggerheads with a number of people.

Saturday May 6 Eddy's twenty first birthday. Seems only yesterday that he arrived. He got a lot of letters and telegrams and the Chairman and Clerk of the Buxti? UDC came over to give him an address. No more news than last night. Saw Cockerell. Apparently the idea of finding women on the land is not going so very badly. Maud and I went over to Mrs Mikness at Morley where she had a meeting to thank the people who had been working the Red Cross day. They have done splendidly. Made a short speech. Very wet, so we could not see much of the garden, but ? in the Grauntaces? it looks very well. Mr and Mrs Mentburn? came over to stay.

Sunday May 7 Better day. No news in Sunday paper. Church. Stayed for the second service. Heavy shower in the afternoon. Walked round the garden. After Chapel went to the Kitchen Garden. Beautiful evening. Markham was very interesting in a nice ??

Monday May 8 Stormy morning in intervals. Motored with the Markhams to Derby. Territorial and Home Guard meetings. Got everything in order for the transfer. The arrangement ought to work very well. Lot of people at the Club, but no special news. The French appear to have had a considerable success. The US seems inclined to accept the German note but nothing known for certain. Got to the Admiralty. Lot of paper but mainly formal. No news there. The peace kites have attracted no attention. Dined with Mother. She seemed better. Cold and wet in London. Most unpleasant.

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Tuesday May 9 cold and wet. No news except the Lynne? was torpedoed. Most unfortunate as she had a big cargo of Machinery and shells. USs reply to Germany. On the whole it seems the best they could do. Long talk at Cluneys? about the BHSC. Flavelle, Peat, Ritchie were there. Finally ? that if he would give another 7.8 for the Prefs I would bring it to the notice of the board. Heavy day at the Admiralty. Saw Gibbs and think we have come to a satisfactory arrangement. Nothing in HofL. Eddy and Blanche returned and went to dine as to the Ryders for a dance or somewhere. Dined at the Turf with Dick Molyneux and Gail Dawson? Not news of any sort.

Wednesday May 10 The French claim considerable success at Verdun. No other news. Saw Barker got several matters cleared up with him. Long Finance Committee. Irish debate. Could only be there for a short time. Eve, Maud and Dorothy arrived. Made preparations to leave for Rosyth.

Thursday May 11 Quite a comfortable journey. Sir James Marshall, Sims, Capt Hans, McLeod and I started off about 9.15, arrived at Haves Pier where a boat met us. Crossed over to Rosyth. Considerable change in the yard since I saw it. Meeting of Dockyard officials on the whole things seemed easier than I expected. Luncheon with the Commodore. Afterward went to see the new homes. Afraid they are not worth the rent, but they are turning out better than I expected. Afterward called on Admmiral Lowry.

Friday May 12 Nice morning we later. Motored to Port Edgar with 1st SL and Commodore Event. Think there are possibilities there. Met Sir John Jellicoe Admiral Lowry and the Dockyard experts. Conference at Rosyth. Interesting. Big schemes, Liecherert, Admiral Lowry. In the afternoon went with Sims and Rerd to see Crombie. They seem to be making progress there. went ou to dine with the Commander-in-chief on board the Iron Duke. Very pleasant and interesting. Came back with Commodore Everett, but when we got to Haven Pier there was no motor. Tried various expedients and found ourselves at the telephone in the military public station. Could make nothing of it so we went back to the Iron Duke where we very comfortable.

Saturday May 14 Got up at 5.45. had some tea on board and got back to Edinburgh at 7. Dull wet morning. Very interesting as we went right through the fleet. After breakfast I went with 1SL and Commodore Evesch to Rosyth. Went all over the dockyard. Interesting and think ISL was pleased. Rained hard all the time. On the way back we went on board the Lion. Very interesting. Left Newcastle about 2.20 and got back to Chatsworth about ten. Only the three little girls there. Ver quiet and peaceful. They seem to have had a good deal of rain.

Sunday May 14 Raw and ? but the grai has come on a lot during the week. From thePO telegram the Russians seem to have inflicted a considerable defeat on the Turks. Heavy fighting in France. Afraid our casualties must be very heavy. Church. Quite a nice little service from the man of Romley. Saw Cockerell. Not much news here. The G? are going by degrees. Children seem well. Heard Mr Fowler have got the mumps. Hope Maud will escape. Nice walk with the children. We went right across the Warren and home by the park. Taylor came over but did not have much news. Took a walk with him round the garden. Chapel. In the evening I went up to Pilsley with Taylor and got out at the Shire Yard. Quite a nice foal orn this morning from Buttercup. Others are doing well. Saw mcLachlan, but no special news. Talk with Cockerwell over the telephone. Heard from Sheffield that there had been heavy fighting in France.

Monday May 15 Left by early train and got to DH about 11. Eve seems very well. There seems to have been heavy fighting. Cleared up the letters of which there were a good many. Lot of papers at the Admiralty but not either intresting or important. Saw Sun? for a long tme. One or two troubles over questions on the whole there was a rather brighter atmosphere generally, but nothing very determined or settled. Eddy looked better but I only saw him for a minute. Dined at home.

Tuesday May 16 Nice morning. Rolled the tennis ground. Not much news in morning papers. Interesting day at the Admiralty, but no news. HofLords very dull. Question from Charlie Beresford. Dined at home. Eddy had to go before a board, as General lance had telegraphed for him to go out to Salinika as his staff Captain. Board did not hear him. He was very disappointed. would have been a nice billet for him.

Wednesday May 17 Not much news. Nice morning. Rolled the tennis ground. Interesting day at the Admiralty. Finance Committee. ir Percy Scott sent a lot of models. House of Lords was short and dull on the Military Servie Bill was only introduced and the 2nd R postponed to tomorrow. Great dearth of news.

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Air Debate in HofC apparently collapsed. Billings was united out.? A lot of boys and girls died here and seemed quite happy. I dined at Grillions and walked home with AJB. He was very interesting.

Thursday May 18 Lovely day and very hot. The Stalions? seems to have had a considerable beating. Otherwise not much news. Air Debate fizzled out in HofC. Best end for it. HofL meeting. Lend Ritchie's proposal before them. They took them better than I expected. Busy morning at the Admiralty. Sir Percy Scott came about his turntable? House of Lords very dull. Dined at ome.

Friday May 19 Ver hot. Eve went off to Chatsworth. Maud and Pearl went to St. George Hill for the day. Eddy and Blanche went to the Sandhurst to meet the Prince of Wales and Princess mary. Absolutely no news. Long day at the Admmralty. Finance Committee. Went to Laney's Missed the eastbourne Wale Works, but saw how it is a ? The BHSC band ? new? to ? over Ritchie's proposals. Thnk on the whole train penened? and that it would be to my private advantage to sell, ? to the Company's. Difficult decision? Dined at home. Pearl came –

Saturday May 20 Afraid the Italians have had a rather serious beating. Heavy fighting in France, but the German attacks do not seem to have done them much good. Not much at the Admiralty. Caught the 2.30 train and got to Chatswoth about 6.30. Found an executive Committee meeting of the Red X. The Hay day was a great success. Walked round he garden with Taylor. he lookd rather tired. Glorious day. Very hot. Everything has come on a lot. Childen in good spirits, but Rachel has a bit of a cougdh. Walked round the gareden after dinner with Eve. Very nice. There was an air raid in Kent last night. Des not appear to have done much damage. A naval patrol brought down one of the machines.

Sunday May 21 The change in the clocks seems to have workd quite simply and successfully. Very hot day. Nothing fresh in Sunday papers or Post Office. Church. Went to the Institute after church. Nice lot of sailors and naval division men. Quiet afternoon. Sat if Flora's Temple and slumbered. Lady Tichfield and Algy Lennox cme over from Webber!?. She is expecting a baby and wanted to ask about Slannrd? Hard to think the nursery is coming to an end. After tea I saw Mr Lachlan. He did not have much to say. Everything seems to be going as usual. Met Bowers and looked round the horses. They seem alright and wnt to see old Wakefield. He was busy ? a few pheasants and some chickens. Clouded over and heard distant thunder. The new time makes nice long evenings. Eve and I dined at 8.15 by daylight an then walked up to the rabbit wave? Beautiful there. House stuffy when we got back. The new arrangement is a great improvement.

Monday May 22 Left by early train. Nice morning. Oneor two showers. Freshened everything up. Russians have joined up with Tigris Force and we have made some progress. Pity Kut could not have held out for a it longer. Heavy fighting with Fluctuating results in West. Got to London punictually. The girls stopped at Theobalds for the night. Eddy got back early. Great lot of Admiralty papers but not much news. House of Lords. Got Committee of Service Bill. Eddy and I dined withMother. She seems better. Eve and Dorothy arrived in the evening.

Thursday May 23 Nice morning. Afraid the news is not altogether satisfactory. We seem to have lost a good deal at Vimy. Audley Miles came and rolled the tennis ground. Not much at Admiralty. House of lords long and tedious. Air proposals generally well received. dined with the Powis. Very dull. Eddy said the French were having to leave Dead Man's Hill. Afraid both they and the Italians have suffered considerably.

Wednesday May 24 Empire Day. Fine and hot. Rolled the tennis ground. Reports of heavy fighting in France but the French appear to have lost ground but to be holding their new positions. They claim to have killed a lot of Germans. Spent most of the day trying to mug up Charlie Beresfords question. Meeting of British European League. Interesting. Finished the Air Debate in the HofL. George Curzon spoke well. Eve and the children went to a play. I dined with Mother.

Thursday May 25 The fighting has been very severe and I am afraid the French have had to withdraw. Nice mild steady rain. Will do a lot of good. Fine later. News does not seem very favourable. Very busy at Admiralty. Have to answer a question of Charlie Beresford about the Prize money. He had put a series of questions in the paper and then asked a lot more. May Munson? Henry Scott, Lady Roberts Sir w. Ganter Ann to luncheon. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Friday May 26 Queen's birthday. Lovely day. News rather better. French appear confident. Very heavy day at the Admiralty. Finance committee. Some interesting points came up. Saw Gibbs in the afternoon.

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Got settled up with him. He tried hard to get a bit more. Bored. Not very interesting. No news in the afternoon. Eve and I dined with Mother.

Saturday May 27 The Verdun news does not appear unsatisfactory. fine and hot. Not much doing at the Admiralty. Got to Chatsworth about 6.20. Lovely evening. Found Rachel and Anne. Rachel still has a cough. Anne very well. Went up to the Stables and then walked round the garden. Talk with FD over the telephone. Seems very cheerful. Took a very long walk after dinner through bankers hill, across the Waver and home by Beeby Lodge. Beautiful evening.

Sunday May 28 No news. Rather stiff after last night's walk. Church. Rachel did not come, but her cough is better. Saw Cockerell. He did not have much news. All the keepers will be going from Hardwick. Quiet afternoon. Nice shower for about an hour at five. Freshened everything up. Went with Rachel and Anne through the Kitchen Garden and then on to Wakefield's to see the chickens. After dinner walked round Colton? Very nice and fresh after the rain.

Monday May 29 Great dearth of news. Afraid there will be trouble in Greece. The Bulgarians have occupied some forts. Lovely morning. Walked round the garden. Everything looked fresh after the rain. Territorial? Association, Afraid the feeling about breaking up the Territorial is very strong. Also much from ? about the Home Guards. Got back to London about 4.40. Eve and the girls very well. Cleared off a lot of Admiralty papers. Henry Bartinels? and Ralph dined here. No news in London. On the whole the Press seems rather calm and less complaining.

Tuesday May 30 Heavy thunderstorm. Otherwise fine. Very busy at Admiralty. I saw Sir P. Scott again. HofL interesting. debate on Volunteers. Much sympathy but no money. The Germans are apparently making very heavy attacks on Verdun still and gained a little ground at heavy losses. Mayor and Mrs Carruthers dined here. He did not seem up to much and not good enough for her. Jack Dawney ? and Colebrooke also came. Colebrookes and I went back to Hof Lords to receive bills.

Wednesday May 31 My birthday. Very old. Not much more in the morning papers than we knew yesterday but am afraid the Italian position is very bad. No new news in the day. Some young people came to dinner. very agreeable. House of lords was dreadful. Long and dull and decidedly mischievous.

Thursday June 1 Colder and windy. News rather inclined to be better from France and Italy. Council at Buckingham Palace. King looked rather worn. Great excitement later on in the day and there had been a considerable scap in the North Sea. Varying reports but no authentic news. Anyhow it seems a big job. HofLords dull. Sat on the Royal Commission. Lot of people dined here. Quite pleasant.

Friday June 2 Shocking bad news. (Battle of Jutland which occurred on May 31) Our losses in naval engagement very heavy and nothing to indicate that we have done much damage to the Germans. We have lost at least six capital ships and several more wounded besides destroyers. Most serious and disappointing. Everyone very miserable, but we can only hope we have done more damage than appears. Eve and Blanche went to Chatsworth. Ld K's House of Commons interview appears to have been a success. Great gloom in the evening. Later telegram put a rather better complexion on the case. Dined with Mother. Caroline Lesicetter? was there

Saturday June 3 Press takes the naval business fairly well, but it was of course very depressing. The Germans seem to be making some progress at Verdun. The later news puts a rather more favourable complexion on the naval battle. It seems clear we managed to get several of their ships and I should imagine that the difference in military value will not be so great when the real value of the losses are totaled up. Busy day in the Admiralty. Dined with Mother.

Sunday June 4 Blustery and later lot of wind and rain. Went to the Admiralty. Everything tends to show that the German losses were as heavy and probably heavier than ours. Went to St. Martin's Dick Sheppard preached. Quiet afternoon. Went to see Aunt May. She seemed better. Dined at White Lodge. Quite pleasant. Very wet night.

Monday June 5 It now seems clear that the German losses in the naval battle were heavier than ours. Press on the whole very reasonable. The fighting in France appears to have been very severe. Not much more came through in the day but all reports tend to the same direction as to German losses. Good deal of work at the Admiralty. MCC committee. Interesting. Eddy got back and seemed to have enjoyed his day at Cambridge.

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Tuesday June 6 Better day. The Russians appear to be on the move against Austrians. Heavy fighting in France. Later in the day there was appalling news. The Hampshire with Ld Kitchener and his staff on board was sunk off the Orkneys by a mine or a torpedo. (Lord Horatio Herbert Kitchener was Secretary of War under Asquith. He was on his way to Russia to rally the country in the fight against Germany. Asquith was PM until Dec. 5, 1916, so he is PM now) Terrible calamity. He will an irreparable loss. Admiralty very interesting. Finance committee and other meetings. Blanche and Rachel arrived. O'Rorke came in. Seemed well

Wednesday June 7 Wild morning. Nothing more than that was in the evening papers but reference to Ld Kitchener was in good taste and sympathetic. Got through a lot at the Admiralty. Met D court at the Central Amourial? office with Boraster? The LE Derbyshire Armament? association is to meet on Friday and sent a deputataion to ask Eddy so stand. Bowder is willing to resign if the whips raise no objection it could be settled up without delay when Parliament meets. Eddy came in to the meeting. He seems keen to get in. No news. Dined with Mother. The Cribbhaws? were there. AJB seems to have made a good speech.

Thursday June 8 Russians appear to be making progress but the result of the heavy fighting in France does not seem very good. I hear our people are not dissatisfied. went to Cranmwell? with Piche and his brother-in-law. They have to deal with motor transport. Fine but cold. It is wonderful what a change there is since I saw the place last. They are realy getting on and when once the dam? etc are closed in it will look much better. Commodore Pairn's house is quite nice. Had luncheon there. Afraid Mrs Pairn is a dresdful outsider. Went to the Admiralty. No news, but a lot is happening? Blanche went back to Shatsworth.

Friday June 9 Nice day. Russians appear to be making considerable progress. Brand? went to Holker. Eddy to Chatsworth and Rachel to St. George's Hill. Good deal at Admiralty. Finance Committee. Board was postponed till Tuesday. Dined with Mother.

Saturday June 10 Heavy thunderstorms. went to Eastbourne for Fitzgerald's funeral. Very impressive. Got back to London about four. Went to the Admiralty. No news there. Got to Matlock? at 9.30. found Eddy and Eve there on their way back from Shokle? Kerr and the Rev Brown were at Chatsworth. All well there.

Sunday June 11 Nice morning. No news in the papers. Church. Afterward walked round the garden. In the afternoon we went round the Sland? Wood. Heavy rain came on and we got very wet. In the evening after Church I went up to the Shin Yard. One of the Fonts? was damaged probably by the mare gattin on her. Otherwise all seems very well. Also saw McLachlan. Full of talk, but as far as possible things are gong on right. Think Mr. Brown was interested. He seems ve fond of Eddy.

Monday June 12 Very cold and wet. Sun badly wanted. The Russians go on advancing and capturing a lot of prisoners and booty. Saw Cockerell for a few minutes. Nothing of great importance. Territorial Association and House Guards. Nothing very much but House Guards want the formal recognition and the DTA are very worried about the transfer of territorials. Got to London about six. Not much news at the Admiralty but a lot of papers. Got them cleared off and dined at Pratts. Wet, but warmer.

Tuesday June 13 Wild and wet. Russians appear to continue to progress. Lot of Admiralty work. Long and interesting Board in the afternoon. Memorial Service for Ld Kitchener at St. Paul's fine and impressive service. Blanche and Dorothy arrived. They seem very well. Bitterly cold in the evening and a high wind. Glass is rising so we must hope for a change.

Wednesday June 14 Very cold. ent St. Paul's for the Memorial Service. Not much about the battle, but very long. Lot of Admiralty papers. Finance Committee. Long but interesting. There does not appear to be much news. Dined with Mother. Received the formal acceptance of the offer of the Derbyshire Volunteer Regiment. Great relief to get it done. Maud got back from ?. They seem to have a nice time there.

Thursday June 15 Still very cold. Russian news continues good. Easy day at Admiralty. In the evening there was a report that the Russians had taken another lot of 30,000 prisoners. Dined with the [Binghams], Lucans some rather mischievous talk

Friday June 16 Still cold. News not bad as far as it goes. PM's speech of Wednesday seems to have produced a good effect generally. Quieter day than usual at the Admiralty. fiancé Committee. got on well and interesting. AJB went to Girl: to unveil the Craddock memorial. Maud and I dined with the Neville's

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Lytteltons. Charming house and pleasant day. After dinner there was some singing and dancing. The Russian news seems good and the French claim to have beaten off the attacks at Verdun. Eve and Eddy got back. Eddy seems to have got on very well with his deputation and the result appears satisfactory.

Saturday June 17 Better day. News in morning papers does not go much beyond what we knew last night, but seems satisfactory. Not very much at the Admiralty. Saw AJB and 2 SL about the house at Rosyth. The Ty objects to our going on with it. Think we shall be able to make a modified scheme. Went up to? Rather sad to see it. ?? wonderful well. It was a match between a military team and an Indian Students XI Nothing very much. Tea with alacey. Saw Ld and Lady Hawke? News came that we had lost a TBD by collision. Maud and Eddy went to Hatfield and Blanche to Wakehurst? Eve rested all day. I dined with Mother. Eddy went before his board and they said he was to have another month.

Sunday June 18 Cold and grey. Observer seems to have to a fairly recent telegram from Russia which appears satisfactory (satisfactory is crossed out) Went to St Martins with Mother and Eve. L? Sheppard did not preach as well as usual. After luncheon I went down to Ludgrove. Found Charlie very well and happy. He says he is getting on well at his work and he also seems doing well at cricket. The great thing is that he is very happy. Came back on a bus and got to Trafalgar in 67 minutes. News arrived that Czernovibel had taken, but it does not appear officially confirmed, but it is probably true.

Monday June 19 Talk of Czernowitch confirmed. Other news satisfactory. Went to the Admiralty and cleared off some papers and then went to Eastbourne. Met Burke at the Station. Went along the front. He showed me one or two things. Hand luncheon with him and then went to YMCA Dull and flat meeting but speeches good. Got back to London about 6.40. No news at the Admiralty.

Tuesday June 20 Fine. Warmer. News seems favourable. Saw Ld L. He had just arrived and looked tired and was as usual on these occasions in a desperate hurry. It is always the same after these visits to Devveau. House met. Good speeches with reference to Ld Kitchener. News seems better.

Wednesday June 21 Better day. News not unfavourable. When? the Hons. Met Ld Lansdowne told me that he had been asked to sound me with reference to my **going to Canada**. There are a good many attractions but at the same time many difficulties. Do not know what to say. Talked it over with Eve. Feel inclined to refuse. Dined at Gilmour?

Thursday June 22 Very perplexed at Canada. Ld and Lady Lansdowne inclined to think I should go. Talk with AJB. he was inclined to think that I ought to accept. Dull day in HofL. Feel very worried and diffident about Canada. It would be a terrible isolation. The news published about the Arabs and Mecca. The effect might be very useful. Several people dined here.

Friday June 23 Dull but warmer. News seems fairly favourable. Greece has given in to the demands of the Allies. Saw Ld Lansdowne again and after a long conversation I said I would agree to accept the offer of Canada. It will be terribly difficult and I really do not know how I shall be able to leave everything here. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Saturday June 24 Went to see Mother. Found Dick. He was very nice. pleased at the offer but thought I would be wasted. Blanche E was very nice too. Mother very distressed and rather angry. Saw Ld L again. Seemed to think I was right. Went to the Admiralty and then to see Bonar Law. He was really very nice. Eve and the girls went to the William Temple wedding. Eve and Blanche went to Chvenden and Maud to Theobalds. I went to Derby. Met with Wrights and Taylor there and they took me out to Baruer on Trent? Invested? this monument which Arknight? had given to the best ? village. It was a really beautiful cross. Pity a better known place had not won it. Charming little ceremony but unluckily it rained. Told Taylor and Hughes Dabbelt about Canada. They were very distressed but at the same time very nice. Got home about eight. Eddy seems to have had a successful meeting but Houghton - undefeated Liberal - at the last election is making difficulties. ? position. If there is any serious difficulty the election had better be avoided. Dorothy and Rachel were very interested about Canada. When once I had got here the prospect of leaving affairs horrible but in a sense that is all the more reason for going. Eddy was very cheerful. Went to have a look at the horses. There seems no special news at home. The fighting at Verdun affair terrific. The French claim to have got back some of the lost ground.

Sunday June 25 Nice day. Good for the grass. Church. Afterwards told Cockerell about Canada. He was really very nice as everybody is. Went to see the hospital. Nice lot of men and all seem going well. Talk with Miss Saunders. She was very excited. Nice walk round the Waver? with the children. Taylor came

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over. He is terribly low about our going. Nearly broke down when he looked back on the lawn? he and I had worked together. Afterward I went over to Edensor and told Dartoff and Plan Menley? Dartoff about cried. The children came down to dinner. I took a long walk round Dale Edge. Really looked beautiful. Sometimes one felt that it was all the more reason to be doing what one could.

Monday June 26 Showery. No definite news but we seem to have done a lot of heavy artillery work. Went to Saly Association meeting. Nothing of any decided importance. Afraid Selborne has resigned over the Irish business. Got back to London about six and went to the Admiralty. Political crisis very acute. Do not see any sign of daylight. Dined at Lansdowne House. Ld Lansdowne very worried and low. Eve and Blanche enjoyed Chivenden? and Maud Theobalds. Eddy has had an offer from Col Bingham to go to paris for the rest of his sick leave. Rather tempting. Afraid we are in for a troublesome time here.

Tuesday June 27 News generally favourably except about the Cabinet which is as bad as bad can be. Inclined to be showery. All sorts of rumours about. Afraid Lord Lansdowne, Bob Leak? and Walter Long will all go. Selbourne made a statement in the HofL. Quite colourless and not calculated to make things more difficult. Finance Committee. Interesting. Indentant? appointment will be announced tomorrow.

Wednesday June 28 Appointment announced. everybody very nice and kind. The Adty were exceedingly sympathetic and cordial. The papers generally approve and in fact I have seen no adverse expressions. News fairly good as far as it goes. Lor of Admiralty work. HofLords dull. Some very nice letters and telegrams. Dined with the Farquhars. Very big and sumptuous repast. It is not at all nice in the present circumstances.

Thursday June 29 Showery and heavy rain late. Afraid it will hamper our movements in France. The Russians have apparently done well. Very long but useful talk with Matron Murray about household arrangements. He is really very useful. Eve very tired. Eddy has said something to Lady Moucher but I do not think she is yet in love with him, although she likes him and did not decidedly put him off.

Friday June 30 Better day. News favourable as far as it goes. Very busy day. Finance Committee in the morning. Board in the afternoon. Both interesting. Long talk with Carney? Eve, Eddy and Maud went to Chiveden. The High Commissioner and Lady Perley came to luncheon. Some nice people. Dined with Mother. Blanche came to ? Lady St. Germain and George Lascerte ere there.

Saturday July 1 The news all round seems favourable. Eddy came up from Chiveden and started off for Paris. He seems to like it now. Later in the day news came that we had a very considerable advance. If all goes well it may have great results. Not much at the Admiralty. Got to Chatsworth about 6.30. Children very well and excited about Canada. Went up to the Shore Yard after diner. The fily got HC ate the RASE. Bowers said it was a good show and attendance satisfactory. Saw McLachlan. Very conversational. They are all very nice about Canada.

Sunday July 2 Lovely day. Quite warm in the afternoon. Not much more news in Sunday paper or in the P.O. but the advance seems to be favourable so far. May be a real big thing. Church. Stayed for the second service. Afterward went to the hospital. Nice lot of men. Walked round by Dob? Edge in the afternoon with the children. Thought a great deal about plans and got a lot clearer in my mind. Beautiful evening.

Monday July 3 Left by early train from Chesterfield. Lovely morning. We seem to have made a big advance and the reports generally are not unfavourable. Eve got back from Clivenden? Looks tired. Saw Ld Lansdowne. He does not appear inclined to resign. It will be a great mistake if he does. A Canadian Red Cross man came to luncheon. Interesting. Kerry? also came and of course crabbd everything. News not unsatisfactory.

Tuesday July 4 Newspapers paint a better complexion on the course of events, but of course everyone here will crabb everything. Very long and busy day. The news seems to be fairly good, but I am afraid we are having terribly hard fighting. Got to ? and good deal of ? and Admiralty work, but did not stop long in the House of lords. Vivian Smith George Teck and Jack Althorpe came to dinner.

Wednesday July 5 Cooler. News seems fairly good but still meager. The reports later on were better. Busy day. Malacolm Murray and Lady H? came to luncheon. They are really very helpful. Stupid question from Charlie Beresford in the HofL. He is really a bore. Telegraphs to Col Stanton and Mackintoosh to ask them to stay. Dined at Lansdowne House.

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Thursday July 6 Cooler and windy. News continues to be favourable. Long day. Saw Bashe and then the Admiralty. Charlie Beresford postponed his question about the Hampshire. Luncheon with C. Beck to meet Colonial Delegate. Got between Sir George Foster and Mr. R Coder? both Canadians and nice men. A number of the delegates came to the Admiralty in the afternoon and AJB made an excellent speech. Eve and Dorothy went home? Telephone message to say the luggage van was burnt and their baggage destroyed., but the jewels were safe. Dined with lady Coventry. Took the two girls. Big dinner but rather dull.

Friday July 7 news good and inspiring all round. Jellicoe's dispatch well ? Lot of Admiralty work Long but interesting Finance Committee. Telegram from Mackintosh saying he would stay on and rather uncertain one from Col Stanton. He wants to get out to the front. Dinner at the Ritz with Colonial Delegates. Interesting but boring? Five years of it are in prospect are somewhat disconcerting.

Saturday July 8 News seems good all round. Better morning. Rather a troublesome cable from Col Stanton. He would be willing to stop but wants to go to the front. He would also want a month's leave. Do not think he would be much assistance in these circumstances. Saw Mr Brown of the CPR. He is very willing to help as much as possible. Not much at the Admiralty. Got to Chatsworth about 6.30. Eve and children very well. ? that the ? van do not develop. Afraid they have lost all their things but somehow the jewels were not damaged. Not much news at home. O'Rorke is staying here. Eve and I went up to the Warren after dinner. Very nice there.

Sunday July 9 Better day. News meager but not unfavourable. Church. O'Rorke preached. He tried to show off before the sailors. His sermon was long and in bad form. Saw the men at the Institute. Are a nice lot. Went to the Kitchen Garden in the afternoon and had a talk with Jennings. He never says the same thing and it is very perplexing. Taylor came over. He is very low about our going. After dinner walked round the warren with O'Rorke.

Monday July 10 Left by early train. Letter from Horace? saying Moorsham could not come with us as he is going to be regimental adjutant. Nice letter from Dick Nevill, but rather upsetting as regards servants. News seems good. Dined with Sir E Grey at Lancaster House for a farewell dinner to the Japanese Ambassador. Pleasant.

Tuesday July 11 Cold and blustery. Busy morning. News seems fairly good. Depressing letter from Eddy. News seems fairly good. Busy day at Admiralty. Tried a uniform but it was quite hopelessly small so I had to get a new one. House of Lords long and tiresome, but Ld Lansdowne made a good speech. Dined with Mother.

Wednesday July 12 Showery and damp. Not much news. Things rather at a stand still. A submarine bombarded Seaham? but did not do much damage. finance committee. Wish we could get a new ? Canada arrangements. House of Lords dull. Dined with Asquiths. Tiresome dinner. Played bridge and lost.

Thursday July 13 Not much news. Dull day. Wet and muggy. As bad a day for the harvest as could be imagined. Busy day at Admiralty. Finance Committee. Got 2nd R of the Marine Bill. Saw Sir George Arthur. He has no one for a Military Secretary yet. Children had a dance party here. I dined at Lansdowne House. Quite pleasant, but Kerry? was as usual disagreeable. I ? the French are rather worried about Verdun

Friday July 14 Dull but drier. Very good news about our advance. We seem to have penetrated the second line on a front of four miles. Attended a meeting of the Council of the Kitchener Memorial at Marlborough House. Queen Alexandra was very kind and nice. I presided for her. Got on alright. Made a good start for the Mirrison House Fund?. Luncheon again (this time the right day) with Leo Cadogan. Her baby was very friendly. Saw Mrs Howard d'Equille? about the Canadians coming to Chatsworth on the 6th August. Dined with Mother. She seemed tired. News quite good in the evening.

Saturday July 15 News favourable. We seem to have made a considerable advance . Wish we could get things straightened up. Heard yesterday that we are probably to be sent to Canada in a cruiser. The afternoon news is almost the best we have had. Mr. Tannery (Eddy's friend from Paris) came to luncheon. We were lucky to get Lady Acheson and Bob Cecil. He was extremely interesting and seems an intelligent man. Maud and I got down home by the 4.30 train. Eve and the children seem alright. Walked round the garden with Eve and Maud after dinner. Lovely evening. Hope we may get some settled weather. The hay does not seem to have suffered.

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Sunday July 17 Muggy and some heavy rain. Very bad for harvest. Not much news came through, but as far as it goes it seems satisfactory. Very busy discussing plans and arrangements, but they are all very difficult. Threw away a lot of papers and I hope nothing valuable. After tea went to Kitchen Garden and walked round the garden after dinner. In the afternoon we looked round for pictures etc.

Monday July 18 News good. We made a considerable advance. In the evening there was a satisfactory Russian report. Got back to London by the early train. Very tiresome about Durnford. He has made an awful fool of himself. Lot of Admiralty work. Interesting. Blanche and I dined with Mother.

Tuesday July 19 Nice day. News seems good. Very tiresome about Dunford. He ought to have attested, as it is I expect he will have to go. With the Saymours Lloyd about him Lille from Lowther? Afraid there are a number of big questions on Canada. House of Lords. Desultory. Afraid there is to be a lot of trouble there. Dined at the Russian Embassy to meet Bank and the other Russians. Big dinner and very pleasant.

Wednesday July 20 News seems favourable. Later on heard that there had been knife fighting and in two places the Germans had regained ground. The authorities did not seem depressed. Busy day at Admiralty. Sir Percy Scott is getting very tiresome with his plans. Interesting debate in Lords. Eve got up from Chatsworth. Tired. Evening news rather better.

Thursday July 20 Rather better news. Govt is a bad way. Think it will be all it can to hold together. Samuel made a fool of himself. House of Lords debate on Mesopotamia. Got promised an inquiry. It will be very troublesome but it is the best way out. Not much at Admiralty. Saw the 1st Lord with reference to Air Sheds. He was really very nice and seemed in good spirits. afternoon news seems good. Telegram from Becker saying Jane was dangerously wounded. He wants to get to him. Lord and Lady Lansdowne, ? Lord Edward Hay dined here.

Friday July 21 News seems good. Dull and heavy day. Heavy day at the Admiralty. Saw the V.C. Leeds. interesting. he certainly is a remarkable man and it is wonderful what he gets completed. Finance Committee. Lady Minto and Dr. Court? came to luncheon. D Court is aging fast. He has certainly made a mess? of LE Derbyshire. Meeting in 1st Lords room about Air Sheds. Not very illuminating. Lord Lansdowne came to dinner. Eve had seen the King and Queen. They were both very kind. Long letter from Duke of Connaught. He thinks it would be best for me to wait here till he arrives. I quite agree.

Saturday July 22 Lovely day. Hot and a nice wind. Grand day for the hay. News seems fairly favourable. Talk with Malcolm? Nursery? Eve saw the King and 'queen yesterday. They were both very nice and kind. They want her to continue to hold the office of Mistress of the Robes. They also said we could use the royal colours on the carriage. That is really a great relief. Signed a lot of papers at Carney in connection with Dockn estate. Got home about 8.30. Maud has got a nasty cold. The others are very well. Lovely evening. Walked round farlews?

Sunday July 23 Nice morning. the hay harvest seems general. So far it has not spoiled at all. The Russians appear to have done well. Otherwise no news. Church. The Hammersleys were back. Went to the Hospital. Seem a nice lot of men. Talk with Cockerell. Nothing new. Quiet afternoon. Walked round the Wave? after dinner. Maud seems to have a heavy cold.

Monday July 24 Nice morning. The weather seemed settled. Maud's cold is better. D.T.A. and last meeting of Home Guard. Interesting. Got back to London about 5.30. Sensation about Irish Bill. apparently it is dropped. Afraid all the fat will be in the fire. The fighting appears to be very severe, but we seem to be doing rather more than holding our own. Lot of Admiralty papers, but got through them very quickly. dined at home. Cleared up Alten? etc.

Tuesday July 25 Very remarkable Irish debate in HofC. Do not despair of a settlement. News not very clear but we seem to be holding our own. No news later in the day. HofLords dull and a good deal of excitement and referrals to last night's debate. The Crawfords dine here.

Wednesday July 26 Very not. News seems good all round. Hope casualties will not be bad, but they are bound to be large. Saw AJB. He told me that Lytton had accepted. Hugh Caerl and Delia Peel dined here.

Thursday July 27 Lyttons appointment as my successor was announced. Gave one a nasty pang, but when once it is over it was alright. Very hot. News from all sides seems favourable. Meeting of Kitchener Memorial at the Main House? Rather long and desultory. Ld B of Buchyn came to see me with reference to finding information for his Committee on Trade questions. Think we can give him a good deal. Mother

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and Blanche came to luncheon. Mother seemed fine. House of lords. Very dull and long. Saw Lytton at the Admiralty. We agreed to make the change when Parliament rose Moucher Cecil dined here.

Friday July 28 News seems good. Eve and Blanche went home. Quiet day for me, but a lot of Admiralty work. Interview with Aitken? and Walker Smith over Greenoch housing. They have got a good scheme. Burke brought General Nelson? to see me. Seems a nice man. He is worried over the Canada question of the French. It seems very tiresome and likely to give trouble. Finance Committee. Meeting of Princess Mary's Committee. We are getting this thing wound up by degrees. Got through some rather troublesome letters.

Saturday July 29 Glorious day. News from all fronts seems good. The Germans have shot the Captain of the Brussels. It is pure murder and will cause a great amount of feeling. Zeppelin raid last night on East Coast. Did not do much damage according to first reports, but they are very indefinite. Got home at 6.30. Trains both crowded? Eve and children well. Ralph Cavendish is here. Glorious day. Good for hay. See there was quite a rain on the 28th. Went up to the Warren after dinner. Evening paper has fairly good news. The Zepps do not seem to have done much harm.

Sunday July 30 Rather dull about ten but later on the sun got through. According to the PO the Russians appear to have made great headway. Church. Afterwards went to the Institute. Nice lot of men. a good many were in the Jutland battle. Lovely evening. After tea went round the Shur? Farms. There was a telephone message from Sheffield saying the Russians had taken a lot of guns and prisoners. After dinner walked through Stand Wood on home by Deb Edge and the Park. Beautiful evening.

Monday July 31 Got to London by the early train. News seems favourable. Very hot. Not much more news. Irish debate in HofC. Everything in the way of a settlement seems to have gone. Dorler? appointed Chief Secretary. Appears there are ?? of greater disturbance.

Tuesday Aug 1 Real hot day. not much news. Lot of Admiralty work. Finance Committee. House of lords dull. Presided at 1900 Club dinner to Overseas Representatives. I suggested there should be no toasts, but at least a dozen speeches were made.

Wednesday Aug 2 Not much news in morning papers. Interesting letter from Eddy. He seems to think the French are satisfied. Mr. Rothersetin? came to make a sketch of me for the University picture. Interesting man but his production did not appear to be of any merit. Luncheon here with representatives of the Incorporated Law Society to meet Sheffield and Leeds universities. Sadler is certainly a most remarkable and persuasive man. Think some good will come of the meeting. Dined at Grillions? Very pleasant.

Thursday Aug 3 Another Zepp raid but did not do any damage. Not much more news. Very hot. Helen of Leeds? rather interesting. Luncheon with Mother. Very successful. The new Jap Ambassador has and his wife were there. quite pleasant people. dined at Lansdowne House. Only Lady Roberts there – Lord Lansdowne had had a little operation on his finger. Sometimes they seem very reactionary and out of joint with the times. Glass falling and signs of a change.

Friday Aug 4 News seems much about the same. Meeting at Carneys" with Mum? Ritchie. He seems pleased with request to purchase of the Bacour Steel Co and think he sees his way to making it a success. Cardinal Gasquet came to see me. Interesting and pleasant. He is very anxious to be in with us and very down on the French Canadians. Luncheon LH. Saw Harold Henderson and asked him to come in later as Military Secretary. Think he will do well. Finance Committee and Board. Afraid it will be my last. Dined with Miss Saunders on fruit. Nice.

Saturday Aug 5 Not much news. Left London by 10 by train. Very hot and crowded. Arrived late for luncheon. Large collection of children and Ralph and Kerrye Harvey, Col Taylor brought Col Thorold who had been inspecting the camp in the Park. The Canadians arrived about 5. Had tea and walked around the garden. Lovely evening. Think they were impressed and interested. Bishop of Hutswell? and Mrs Hosheyre? came over from Hashington? Saent? after dinner.

Sunday Aug 6 Day cloudy till evening. News seems favourable. Most of the Canadians went to the camp to the service by the Bishop. The rest went to Edensor. Sent till tea in looking round the House and Library. After Chapel walked round the Stand Wood. The Canadians were I think quite appreciative of the whole thing and were very cordial.

Monday Aug 7 News seems good on the whole. Lovely day. Sir George Foster went by an early train. The Bishop, Miss Hoskegens left about 11. We took the rest over to Hardwick. I think they were all

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interested and impressed. The place looked well. Got them in to Chesterfield where they caught the train. Maud went with them to London. Slaney and Ralph came back here. Lovely evening. As near perfection as possible. Saw Cockerell. He did not have very much to say.

Tuesday Aug 8 Got back to London. Rather an accumulation of letters. Burke came up. He is getting rather tiresome and never giving one warning. News seems favourable. House of Lords dull. Caught up Admiralty work. Registration bill will be a difficult problem. Dined with Johnny Wards. Very pleasant. Ld Frezel was there. We heard from him that Zepps were expected.

Wednesday Aug 9 Russian and Italian news seems very good. BHSC said goodbye to Shareholders and Directors. The meeting was to confirm the arrangement between the company and the Miten? and Askam? Co. Maud and Dorothy went home. Maud heard yesterday that Lady Irene's engagement had been broken off. Seems a great pity. Dined a Grillions. Gonzia was taken in the afternoon. Quite satisfactory.

Thursday Aug 10 News good on all sides. Very hot. Luncheon with Lady Salisbury. House of Lords very dull. No more news. Dined with Lady Gosford? quite pleasant.

Friday Aug 11 Nice thunderstorm yesterday. Cooler and fresher. News, but very much but good as far as it goes. Finance Committee. Eddy arrived. Does not look very well. He gave a good account of things in Paris. He, Dick Molyneux, Jack Downey and I went by 2.30 train and arrived for tea. Eve had been for a round of Red Cross Hospitals. Found Moucher and David Cecil, Mother, Arbour Penn, Ralph Horace Farquar came over from Bush/ The barnes were at tea. They were on the way to the Woodlands. Children seem very well. Raymond Green arrived about 10.30. Evening news seems fairly good.

Saturday Aug 12 News seems favourable. Nice day but clouded over towards evening and there were a few drops of rain. At the Moor. Nice day, but nothing like last year. Bird lay very close and could not get up. Expect we shall see more later on. Think they all enjoyed it. Sad to think no more Hay twelfes? for five years. Horace went back to Buxton

Sunday Aug 13 A few heavy showers. Otherwise quite hot. lovely fresh evening. No news in papers or PO. Church. Quiet afternoon. After Chapel walked round Dob Edge. Ralph went by the evening train.

Monday Aug 14 Heavy thunderstorm in the early morning. Very fresh and bright later. News seems good. Left by 10.40 train. Travelled with Taylor. Settled a number of points. Saw Harry Gill? He has the Volunteers well in tow. Came on to London later. Great lot of Admiralty papers and no new news. Saw Eddy. His board had said that he is to have a complete rest for ? months. Seemed disappointed. went back to Chatsworth. Dined at the Ritz. Colebrooke has made an arrangement for the Turf to have a set dinner there. He, ? Downey, Dick Molyneux and Ld Bertie? dined here. Ld Bertie is certainly most unpleasing. Otherwise it would have been quite pleasant.

Thursday Aug 15 Showery, but nice intervals. No very definite news, but the reports continue to be favourable. Slack day at the Admiralty. Luncheon Lamdon Home. Agnes V. does not give a good account of Lady Violet Henderson. Everybody else speaks well of him but I cannot find out much about her. Dined at the Ritz at the Turf Table. Quite amusing. House of Lords dull.

Wednesday Aug 16 News fairly good. The Committee of Princess Mary's Fund met at Buckingham Palace and presented a copy of the box to Princess Mary. Quite a nice little occasion. Princess Mary looked very nice and got through her work well. Saw Bonar Law at the Colonial office. He has no further information at to our departure but a very strong letter from Borden on the subject of the Military Secretary. It is evident Stanton is not at all a success. BL thinks Henderson will do well. It is a great thing to have him well backed and supported by the CO. Finance Committee Long and very tiresome. House of Lords. Got 2nd R of the Naval Salvage Bill and also answered a question about Marines? Dined at Grillions.

Thursday Aug 17 Heavy showers. News not unfavourable. Mr Robinson, Vicar of Kesghly came to see me. Think he may have to give it up owing to his health. Shall be very sorry. Long talk with Burke. House of Lords dull. Went back there at 11 to get a bill introduced. Luncheon with the First Lord. DID was there and most interesting. He was also hopeful. Long talk with Monseigneur Bure. Interesting. He was a strong RC but big imperialist. He is now supervising the Chaplains. Dined at Turf Club table at the Ritz Birthday Party for Ld Bertie.

Monday Aug 18 News seems good. Amr Gealter Stonehough came to see me. He is a KC from Toronto. British Empire Club is his strong hobby. Good deal at the Admiralty. Finance Committee. Went to the dentist. He put the plates straight. Dined with Lady Gosford. Evening French news good. When I got

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home found a telegram from Eve saying Andrew Cockerell had been killed. Afraid his father and mother will feel it dreadfully. Very sad. Nice letter from Hamilton saying he will take the management for the Estate. complicated letter about passports from Cockerell. They want my ? designations and titles.

Saturday Aug 19 Lot of rain I the night. News seems fairly useful. Nice morning. Got through a lot at the Admiralty and got home by 2.30 train. All well there. Eddy seems better. Lovely evening. Vita Russell? and her children are here. Lots of things to settle.

Sunday Aug 20 A really lovely day. There seems to have very heavy but successful fighting. Church. Rather a troubled afternoon. First of all O'Rorke came and seated himself in my room. then the Newt? and Lady Farquhar. Also Finning? Had arranged for Taylor to come over. Got very delayed in seeing him. Had a nice long talk with him. He looks tired worried. He ought to have a change. Went for a walk down the Parl with Eddy. Nice talk about finances – estate management.

Monday Aug 21 News seems good all round. Left by early train from Chesterfield. Lovely morning. Charlie Hamilton arrived. Also saw Miss Lankester. House of Lords. Very long and tedious. The Admiralty are worried about the loss of our two cruisers. The submarines are certainly very troublesome. Dined at the Turf Table at the Ritz. Talk with Charlie Hamilton.

Tuesday Aug 22 Nice and hot. Another talk with Charlie Hamilton. Also saw him at Calmeys? The deed for creating attorneys seems very full. News good from France and it also seems clear we have torpedoed a German battleship. House of Lords. Very tiresome. Two divisions, a ? of which we got a majority. They are certainly very tiresome. Events seem to be moving for the Balkans. Dined with Lady Gosford.

Wednesday Aug 23 News seems pretty good. Big events at Salonika – House of Lords. Met at twelve. Royal Commission – I sat on it. Adjourned till Oct 12 Busy day at the Admiralty. Finance Committee. They were very cordial to me and passed a resolution of thanks. Dined at Grillions.

Thursday Aug 24 News seems fair. Position in Greece very tangled. Went to Sheerner? and Chatham. Very interesting. Work seems to be going on very well there. The trip up the river by boat was really very pleasant. ? some Admiralty papers. A lot of Zepps were reported to be on their way. Dined at the Tirsa with the Turf people.

Friday Aug 25 Muggy and damp. News fairly good. The Zepp raid seems to have been very extensive but no great damage was done at any rate as far as was reported. Afraid there was a collision between the Valbout? and the Warspite? very unlucky. Got to Chatsworth about 5.30. Mens H Bentrecks. Bobly Somerset, Bob Egerton, Bulkeley Johnstone were there. Wet evening. Afraid prospects for the ? are rather gloomy.

Saturday Aug 26 News not bad as far as it goes. Nice morning, but showers in the afternoon. Slid the Moor. Very nice up there but distinctly disappointing as regards grouse. Only got 72 brace. They have certainly done badly. Might have one more day later on. Think the others enjoyed it. Eve and Mildred did not come up. The others did. Charlie rode into a tree and Blanche fell off but were none the worse.

Sunday Aug 27 Evie's birthday. Charlie was rather sick and stayed in bed. Sunday papers – news was fairly good. Church. Talk with Eve on various matters, but did not get much advanced. Men left. Hot and showery.

Monday Aug 28 News seems to be favourable. Italy has declared war on Germany. Everybody left. Weather unsettled. Talk with Cockerell. He is very miserable but anxious to get on with his work. Got back to London. considerable excitement as Rumania had declared war. No news at the Admiralty. Dined at the Turf.

Tuesday Aug 29 Rained all day. Bad for harvest. General dejection? (dissatisfaction?) about Rumania. Not much news besides. Lot of Admiralty work. Luncheon with AJB Interesting. He seemed in good spirits. Holmwood and Manhall? gave a blotting pad and a paperknife made out of the wood of the victory. Quite nice. Dined at the Turf.

Wednesday Aug 30 News seems good. The German Emperor has apparently dismissed Falkenheim and put in Hindenburg. Useful and as an indication. Luncheon with the Duchess of Rutland. Rather amusing. Prime Minister and Lord French were there. Not much more news. Weather improving but afraid a lot of damage will have done to the harvest. Dined with a Colonel Morden.? We met several Canadians. Sir Sam Hughes was there. Did not much care for them.

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Thursday Aug 31 Great improvement in the weather. News seems good as far as it goes. Very sorrowful day as I finished up at the Admiralty and said good bye to them all. AJB was especially nice. Dined with the Gosfords. Quite amusing.

Friday Sept 1 News seems good. Report of revolution in Greece. Nice day. Very flat and dull not having the Admiralty to go to. Long talk with Burke. Then Dundonald came to see me. I think he must be rather crazy. Got to Chatsworth by 4.30 with Jim? Manfield. Dick and Uncle Frank were there.

Saturday Sept 2 News good, but there seems to be considerable disturbances in Greece. Shot Blackley Key. Quite a fair show of grouse but wanted rather more bread? Loner? Paget arrived and the Hendersons later. Think they seem alright.

Sunday Sept 3 Thundery. Newspapers did not come. Rumour that there had been a Zepp raid. Heavy rain storms. Heard in the evening that the Zepperlins had been over in force – 13 – one was destroyed near London. Not much damage.

Monday Sept 4 Wild day. Nice evening. News seems good. Hendersons and Lene left. Eddy and Maud went to Cranbourne. I went to Derby. Association meeting. Some very difficult problems. Went to see the shell factory. Interesting. Moyra arrived in the evening.

Tuesday Sept 5 News seems good on all sides. Lovely day. Shot at Ranksley. Nice lot of grouse and excellent day. Never enjoyed a day more. Wish Eddy has been there. Edmund Talbot came. We had to walk up to Grinah? but got there by eleven. Evening news is also good.

Wednesday Sept 6 News seems generally good. Lovely day. Went to a Miasani? function at Breadsall for the restoration of the church. The work has been well done. The ? itself was most successful. Rather a waste of such a day. In the evening Eve and I walked over to the Institute. A new batch had just arrived.

Thursday Sept 7 Glorious day. The news also seems good. Shot Alforts Borcluster and did well. Very jolly day. Beautiful evening. Went out to a walk with Eve after dinner. Charlie has a bit of a cold.

Friday Sept 8 Nice morning. News generally favourable but am afraid the Romanians have had a serious setback in Dobukrau (?) Read some French with Mlle and got on better than I expected. In the afternoon Jim, Dick and I shot at Babnall. Bad year for partridge but we picked up a few. Lovely evening, but looks now like a change. Philip Kerr arrived.

Saturday Sept 9 Not much news. Dick, Moyra and the girls left. Wish they could have stayed longer. Read some more French. Wrote letters. In the afternoon Eve, Kerr, Ann and I went over to Hardwick. Everything seemed alright there. Had the old carriages out. Think they will do alright for Canada. Lady Mabel Kenyon and Carney and her daughter arrived. Eddy and Maud arrived by the later train. Eddy thinks he has made progress with Lady Moucher. Maud in good spirits.

Sunday Sept 10 Wet and muggy, but glass keeps steady. Church Went to the Institute. The new lot of sailors seem quite nice. Got through some letters. No Sunday papers but news is supposed to be satisfactory according to the telephone. Walk after Chapel. Said good bye to Slannard who is leaving tomorrow. Horrid to think the nursery is over.

Monday Sept 11 News is very fairly satisfactory but Rumanians seem to have had a set back on their eastern boundaries. Everybody left except mother. Eve went for a tour of hospitals, but afraid she had a breakdown at Bakewell. I went to Derby for a meeting with the County Mayors and the Nottingham representatives. Settled to go on with the Christmas present. I wish we had not to do so, but they have set their heart on it. Gave them luncheon. Met Eddy and Hartoff at Arnbeforte? and went to Pentrid? The tenants gave Eddy a very nice cup. Very pleasing little occasion. Mr Tonloci? motored us back. Children rather low over Slannaird going. Poor little Anne and Charlie feel it rather severely. In the evening I went over to the Institute. They were all busy finding sphagnum?

Tuesday Sept 12 Rather cold and unsettled. Eve started off on a tour of hospitals. (sentence crossed out) News fairly good. Saw Cockerell and got a number of things settled. Eddy and I shot at Babnals? and I got a few partridges. Evie got back in the evening. Very tired.

Wednesday Sept 13 Better day Cooler. No news from Harj? but the French have done well. Went to Buxton. FD met me and I went up with him to see a range for testing Trench mortars. Quite interesting. Luncheon at JD's. Hospital meeting. Passed off well, although I left several things out of my speech. Could not get my notes right. Afterwards went over the Carnda Hospital. It is really very nice and complete.

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Thursday Sept 14 News good especially from the French. Talk with Evie over Canadian arrangements. The gardens were open in the afternoon for Red Cross. Several people came and the Saslow had sports. They took about 130? quite good. Eve rather seedy and went to bed. The Arthur Inills arrived. Reports in evening papers are quite good.

Friday Sept 15 Afraid I have got a regular influenza cold. Kept quiet all day. Wild and stormy. Didbury and Inills went out for a little shoot, but did not stay long. News seems fairly favourable but not much of it. Eddy was telegraphed for to London and has to go up tomorrow.

Saturday Sept 16 News seems good all round but apparently a whole Greek army Corps has been dropped. Eddy went up to London and returned the same evening. Shot at Astwiths Bigger with Bean Mills. Saw a few lot, but they were all old birds. Long and tiring day especially as I had a heavy cold on me and Bean was rather lame.

Sunday Sept 17 Nice morning, but clouded over later. Such news as there is in the Sunday paper is good. My cold better, but took some pills and did not go to Church. Got through a lot of letters. Finning came to luncheon. He seems better for his stay at buster. Dorothy and Rachel were confirmed by the Bishop of Derby in the Chapel. Very nice service. Several people came in for it. Taylor came over. Had a long talk with him on various matters.

Monday Sept 18 The news seems good on all sides except the Germans claim a victory in Dobrajou? Showery. Eve, Maud and Dorothy left by the early train for London. Eddy heard that his board was fixed for Thursday in Sheffield. Went to Derby. Nothing much at the Territorial Association. Masonic luncheon. The Province presented me with their really very handsome pieces of plate. Very successful function. Afraid Hughes Halletts lung is very seedy from his wound. Red Cross and Comfort came in the meeting. Quite interesting. Got to London about 8.30. Maud had gone out to a Cinema show. Eve and Dorothy at home. Afraid Raymond Asquith has been killed. Lot of worrying letters.

Tuesday Sept 19 News seems good. Wild Stormy day. Heavy showers. Got through a lot of work. Saw Burke. Afraid there is some trouble about westhaven as the Bishop Curate thought he had a claim to the Finning? Annoyed with Maclaren Brown about the servants journey.. Saw Curry. He did not have much to say. Afraid there was a mistake about Mr. Rohen firm who was to have done the sketch for Grillions. He came yesterday but I am sure I made it clear it was Tuesday. Got down to Eastbourne by the late train and stayed with the Burkes. Talk with Cann Streatfield about Wertham. He does not think there will be much trouble. Rather heavy in the head and gouty with my cold.

Wednesday Sept 20 No news. Better morning cold better, but rather stiff and gouty. Looked round the House and Garden. Everything very nice. Council meeting at the Town Hall. good attendance. Received the freedom. Very interesting ceremony. Luncheon afterwards. Rather oppressive. Think my speech at the ceremony was abrupt, but got rather off at the luncheon. Shouts etc. at Complice Place for the Camp. Lot of people. Rather dull. Got up to London and then on to Windsor. King and Queen very kind. I thought they seemed in fairly good spirits, but Eve was very depressed at what she heard. Maud seemed very happy and quite at her ease. Ld. Carnock and an Admiral were the only two people besides the household.

Thursday Sept 21 News fairly favourable. Afraid Guard losses are very heavy. Poor Charlie Sevenham has been killed. He is a great loss. Nice day. The King sent for me in the morning and had a long talk. He was very kind and an encouraging about our going to Canada. Walked down to Eton. Saw several masters whom I knew and went to see Master with regard to Charlie. He thought it a good plan to let him have a bit of time in Canada before going to Eton. Eve and I had luncheon with the King and Queen. In the afternoon some of us went over to see the tree felling by the Canadian lumbermen. It is extremely interesting and well organized. Cinema show in the evening. Rather a tedious performance.

Friday Sept 22 Rather inclined to be gouty. Not much news. Maud went out riding early with the King and Princess Mary. Lovely day. Looked at the rooms and jewels. In the afternoon went for a walk with Stanmore. Saw the gardens and short horns very nice to see good cattle again. Evie Maud and I had luncheon with the King and Queen. There was an investiture but did not see anything of it. Evening news seems favourable.

Saturday Sept 23 Lovely day. King and Queen were very kind when they said good-bye. the Queen gave Eve a very nice seal. Got back to London about 11. Eddy's board passed him for light duty, so he applied

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to go back to Paris. Went to Hatfield in the afternoon. Charlie had also across but there has been a case of scarlet fever in the hoe yet so we telephoned to him. ? she said he had better not come back. He ? not for having cinemas etc. Eve and the children went to see a baseball match. I got back home. Mother and the others alright. Pearl is here.

Sunday Sept 24 Air raid last night. Heard they had been to Nottingham. Two were brought down. If so it is something satisfactory. No other news. Lovely day. Church. Got through some letters. Saw Cockerell. Taylor came over in the afternoon. Walk after tea.

Monday Sept 25 The story of the two Zepps is true. Quite satisfactory. Seems to have been a big raid and am afraid a considerable amount of damage has been done. Not much news otherwise, but what there is appears on the right side. Long talk on various matters with Hammersley. Went out with Hartoff in the afternoon and shot a few partridges at bobnell. Charlie came back. Seems very cheerful. See in the Daily Graphic? that Eve was photographed at the Baseball match with Sir Sam Hughes. Rather unlucky. Heard the buzzer in the evening, so I suppose there is another raid. Did not see anything more.

Tuesday Sept 26 According to intelligence received early this morning, we seem to have made a considerable advance as well in the French. Apparently Zepps came over Sheffield, but did not do much damage. Glorious day. Shot at Hardwick. Monday Charlie came with us and seemed very happy.

Wednesday Sept 27 The news from France seems very good. Combles has been ordered by both French and English troops. Long talk with Gibson Mrples. He is certainly very tiresome. A Mr Cowley of the Bodlean Library came with Hammersley to see the Library. He seemed very interested. Talk with Cockerell. Got some things settled up and left for Cahire!? Very strange to be there again for the Ashbourne Show. Brings up many happy recollections.

Thursday Sept 28 Really lovely day. News seems very good. Ashbourne Show. Great success. Good attendance and considering all things quality good of exhibits generally. Foals not in the usual bloom and no doubt the reason is the shortage of labour an hard work of the maves. Got back to London for dinner. Eve Eddy and Maud went to the play with Lady Moucher. B. Johnston and Eustace Percy. Got a lot of letters etc cleared up.

Friday Sept 29 Cold and wet. News seems good. Got though a lot of work. Saw Currey in the afternoon. Nothing of importance. Also went to see Braden at the War office on the subject of Ld Lieutenancy? and D.L. He was not in the least helpful. News fairly good, but weather seems bad.

Saturday Sept 30 Better morning. News good as far as it goes. Rather anxious about the Rumanians. Busy morning. Photographed for the medal in Canada. Saw a Mr Hadan about photography Chatsworth and Hardwick for Lismore. Eddy Wortley also came to see me. Very broken, poor man. think he has been badly treated but he seems to be behaving very well. Eve, Eddy and Maud motored to go to Bowood. Dorothy and I got home about 6.20. Everybody very well there. Anne had had a tumble off the pony but was no worse. She said she was more frightened than hurt. All the children went to a Concert at the Institute. Mother seems well. Travelled from Derby with Taylor. He did not have much news but seemed very full of work.

Sunday Oct 1 A really glorious autumn day. Not much news. Afraid the Rumanians have had rather a knock. Church. On the afternoon we went up to the warren? beautiful there. After chapel looked at the hammer? with Cockerell. Rather difficult.

Monday Oct 2 Zeppelin raid last night. They do not seem to have done much damage and we got one down. News seems good except the Rumanians who have been driven back. Blanche, Rachel and Charlie went to London. I motored to Sheffield. Pearl and Dorothy came too. I made a mistake on the train, but got to Leeds alright. Busy day. Leeds Larkin? Club. Lot of people there. Said a few words. Looked at the Central Armistice Room for the Yorkshire Institute. Quite nice. The main function at the university went off very well. I spoke for about 30 minutes and think I got through alright. Everyone very kind and cordial. Presided at a meeting of the school of medicine where Rupert Becket gave an address. Got home about eight. Glad to have got the day over. Report in Leeds and Sheffield that another Zepp has come down off Dunkirk.

Tuesday Oct. 3 News seems good. The Rumanian position appears easier. Foggy and close but not much actual rain. Rather stiff in the knees. Went out to the pond round the moor with Hartoff. had really a

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charming day's shooting. Mr. Lachlan had a message to say that his broker was very severely injured and was in Liverpool hospital. I think he was bombing officer. Afraid it sounds very bad.

Wednesday Oct 4 News as far as it goes does not seem bad. Wet morning fine later. Got up to London at 3. Got through a lot of letters etc. Saw Ld L who came to dinner. Discussed ? and other matters. Went to the Admiralty and saw COS. Very kind and considerate. Also went to Downing St. and saw Bonham Carter. Said there was no need to write, but simply to name a Vice Lieutenant. Alice and Bill came to dinner as well as Ld Lansdowne. Eve and children are alright.

Thursday Oct 5 News pretty good. Busy day. Got a deal cleared up. Saw Henderson Burke came in for a few minutes. Saw Bonar Law and raised the question of the Uniform?. I think he sees the point. Got back to Chatsworth with Rachel. No news there. Rainy.

Friday Oct 6 Not much news but what there is seems fairly favourable. We seem to be doing fairly well against Bulgaria and the Roumanians seem to be doing better. Wild and stormy. The first lot of servants left for Canada. They seemed in good spirits but I am afraid they will find the sea in a troubled state. Got through a good deal of work with Miss Saunders and Cockerell in the morning. In the afternoon he and I shot at Babnell and had quite a nice afternoon in spite of the weather. Improved in the evening and the lights were beautiful. The house had a curious white look which I had very seldom seen and later on the moon was very clear.

Saturday Oct 7 Not much news. Weather seems very bad. The Rumanians appear to be in some difficulty. Wild and stormy but not much rain. Hartoff and I shot at Hardwick. Nice little day. Maud motored the others over to luncheon. Had tea at the house.

Sunday Oct 8 The news seems good as far as it goes. Went to the Early Service. Dorothy and Anne went for the fruit house? Harvest festival. Nice service. Very damp and muggy. Walk in the afternoon. Taylor came over. Looks tired and rather depressed.

Monday Oct 9 Rumanian news quite unsatisfactory. Otherwise we seem to have done well. apparently the German submarines have got into New York and when I got to London I heard that several ships had been torpedoed. Got to London 3.30. Eddy is going to start tomorrow. There appears to be considerable fuss about the exploits of the German submarines off New York. Went to a play. Really silly and bad but the Revues seem to be very popular at the moment.

Tuesday Oct 10 Eddy left at 7.30. Afraid he is very depressed. News report from Rumania is not bad. Considerable feeling appears to have been caused in New York. Got through a lot of work and letters. nothing much in H of Lords. Saw E. Talbot. He did not have much news. Lord and Lady Lansdowne dined here.

Wednesday Oct 11 Not much news. French appear to have got on and the Rumanians to have retired. Another very miserable letter from Charlie. Busy morning and got through a lot of work. Risentherian came and did another sketch. Saw Henderson and we settled not to take the younger children. At any rate at present. Eton lunch. Really an admirable gathering and went off very well. I was really pleased as 150 turned up and a lot of my old friends as well as a distinguished company. George Curzon presided. I hope my speech was alright. Went to the Heading? to see the University Picture. It is a short strange production. Saw Arkkingal? and asked him to take the Vice Lieutenancy. Think he was pleased at being asked.

Thursday Oct 12 News seems good as far as it goes. Italians have had a considerable success. Busy morning. Got on with the design for the medal. Empire parliamentary Association luncheon. Prime Ministr of NZ and Sir J. Ward. Terribly long. Long talk with Burke. Eastbourne Water Works. Position satisfactory in all the circumstances. Eve and Blanche went back to Chatsworth. Clive is seriously ill, but as he is got on so far there is just a chance. Dined at the Turf and left for Ireland.

Friday Oct 13 Arrived Lismore about 11. Nearly ??? Very nice to be back again but sad to think we shall be away for so long. Damp. Fog but place looked very beautiful. House is beautiful order and very warm and dry. Penrose Godfrey met me at the station. Mr Chinity seems very well. Talk with Penrose, Becket and Godfrey. Poor Becker is terribly broken. Went round the garden. Hamilton seems to be very well. The storm had done a lot of harm, but with the exception of the avenues, the gap at the end of the garden there is nothing that will leave permanent scars. After luncheon Godfroy motored Penrose and me up the glen and then on to Tallow Hill. A lot of blown trees in both. Think he can dispose of the glen ones.

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Saw the horses. Settled to sell all except the mares Melba and Kathleen. Clorough and Claud were at tea. They seem very busy. It is hard to think of not being here for five years.

Saturday Oct 14 Wild and storm. Not much news in the Cork Examiner. Long talk in the office and got everything pretty well settled up. Went to the weir and saw some of the eels which are being caught. Went to the ? at the college. Rather a difficult problem, but at any rate Hamilton could live in the home – save building more. In the afternoon there was a heavy storm but it cleared up later. Had a look at the Hopstown. Lot of damage there. Later on went to the weir with Godfrey to see the fishing for eels. Quite interesting. Left by night train. Very sad.

Sunday Oct 15 Very comfortable journey. Long sea passage, but slept all the time. Got to London about 11.30. Arranged letters etc. Not many people about. Luncheon at the Turf. Left at 4 and got home for dinner. I had not heard before about poor Clive. He died Saturday. Terribly sad. Eve and Maud very low. Mother seems fairly well. Children alright and do not mind being left here at all.

Monday Oct 16 cold. Not much news. Rather a fuss as we cannot remember about the corns? Went to the Association meeting. Nothing much. got up to London about five.

Tuesday Oct 17 busy day. Got through a lot of work and letters. Burke and the Mayor of Eastbourne came to luncheon. There have been quite a row about margistration at Eastbourne and they are really very tiresome. Eve and all the children came up. Pratts gave me a farewell dinner. Everything went off well. In the morning I attended the memorial service for poor Clive. Long talk with Carney in the afternoon. Horribly wet and cold. not much news.

Wednesday Oct 18 Rumanian news seems no worse. Sat again for the medal. Very worried about my speech for this evening. House of Lords. Short and dull. News from Rumania seems better. The Canada Club dinner passed off very well and I think I got through my speech alright.

Thursday Oct 19 News about the same. Eve and I were admitted to the Order of St. John. The building is quite old and interesting. Several people came to luncheon. Went to a Volunteers meeting at the lovely council offices. Interesting and useful. Saw Mother. She seems tired but otherwise well. News rather better in the evening. Dined with Elsie.

Friedy Oct 20 Busy morning. News rather better from Rumania. Long talk with Carney about my will. As now arranged Charlie will get L100,000 down and the girls such a sum as will give them “40000 apiece. Mr Carruthers and his Canadian Care came to luncheon. Went to Paddington to meet the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. There were most cordial and kind. Dined with Mother. Dick, ? R. Greene, Lady Dalhousie and George Teck were there.

Saturday Oct 21 Nice day. News much about the same Long talk with Duke of Connaught. He was very nice but quite engrossed with Sam Hughes. Afraid our job will be a very difficult one. Went on to the Admiralty and saw COS. He said it would be alright about Kovils? Got back to Chatsworth. Miss Saunders and Hamilton – Frank Drewry. Long talk with him and got most things cleared up. The Livings are really very tiresome. quite cold.

Sunday Oct 22 Cold. 12 degrees frost. News rather uncertain as regards Rumania. Nice talk with F.D. Chenal? Excellent sermon from the Bishop's messenger, Mr Charlesworth.. Saw Cockerell, Taylor and Arkwright. Got things fairly cleared up. The Livings are still the great worry. Got back to London about 10.30.

Monday Oct 23 The news from France seems good. Rumania bad. Very busy day. Saw Henderson, the Bishop of Southwell Carne and afterwards had a long talk with Stanton. Luncheon with the Connaughts. They are really obsessed about Sam Hughes. Long talk with Dick and Currey, Went round the Maple Leaf Clubs. Very interesting. Dined with the Farquhars. Too elaborate a repast for times like these. Afraid the (Bulgarian), Rumanian news is very bad.

Thursday Oct 24 Left London 7.30 and met Henderson at Charing X on our way to France. Got to Boulogne about 12.15 and met an ADC from SHQ. Curiously enough he is a brother of the Heseltines. Had luncheon and then motored to see the Canadian Hospital. Very complete and efficient. Motored on to see an Army Veterinary Camp. Very interesting. Proceeded to see the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General. The ? was along but his second in command was most civil as the other was also. Told me a lot of interesting things. Motored on GHQ. Sir Douglas Haig very cordial and pleasant and nice staff. They seem very cheery but worried about the weather. Rumania is also bad. Till we got near GHQ there

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was nothing much to show any sign of war but we passed several camps. The country looked well tilled but not many people about and many of the houses in the village appear to be closed. The children were the only people to be seen. Still we reached places where there were no troops.

Wednesday Oct 25. Lovely morning but day went off as it advanced. Common modern sort of house but comfortable. Left soon after breakfast. Shiny Somerset came with us. Most remarkable sights. Men, horses and wagons everywhere and the mud is indescribable. No confusion or worse and perfect temper. First we made for Albert. Wish everyone in England could see the desolation. Went on to Freicourt. Saw the show German dug out – Montaubon and tried to get through to Contalmaison, but road was impossible. Saw Harry Rawlinsons. Dick Sutton was with him. The whole sight is too strange and weird. Saw what was Pozieres. not a trace left. Met General Watson – 4th Canadian Division. They were rather low as they had had rather a failure that morning. Saw a tank and some heavy firing. Also a German shell came over us. Afraid Rumanian news is bad.

Thursday Oct 26 Better day. Rumanian news seems very bad indeed, but the people here are all very cheerful. Left GHQ a little before ten and went to see the two Derbyshire Battalions. They were very cordial. Saw the 5th Battalion (Territorial) on parade. They looked well and happy. The 6th were in trenches but saw Goodmaislin Horse? They seem very happy also Edward Taylor was also there and I heard he was doing well. Motored on to General Byng. Most kind and civil. Went on and had luncheon with the 1st Canadian Division. General Byng called for us and took us to Mont St. Eloi and we saw the battlefield from (probably Le Cabaret Rouge) Lorche Ridge?? to Arras. Most interesting. From there we went to the Canada School. Interesting. Came back to HDquarters where I met the staff. Nice fellows and I had some interesting talks with them. As far as one can make out things are said to be alright here. Large and roomy house.

Friday Oct 27 Another wild and wet day. Comfortable night. Gen. Byng showed me the wireless message. Rumanian news does not seem quite so bad. Interesting day. Saw the Headquarters of the 7th and 8th Canadian Divisions. Introduced to the officers and said a few words. One of the houses they were in was really quite nice. Went back after. Byng for luncheon. He had really been very kind. Motored to Boulogne. There has apparently been trouble in the Channel with German Destroyers and one of the ? boats has been sunk. We crossed in a destroyer. Very comfortable. Sunny and two Generals came too - Forse and Turney? both very pleasant. Special train to London. When I got there found rather an anxious letter from Eve as she has heard that Duff was not quite desirable. Heard that Betty had got a boy. Real good business letter from Eddy saying he would come over about Nov 1.

Saturday Oct 28 Rumanian news rather less bad. Otherwise things look much as usual. The affair in the Channel seems considerable. Got through a lot of letters. Saw Henderson. Luncheon with Mother. Afraid she is very low. Saw Sir Henry Oliver. Completed arrangements. ?Got to Chatsworth. Eve got a cold. Children well. Eve very worried about the Staff as apparently they have all been silly about the society at Ottawa. Must try to make a different tone.

Sunday Oct 29 Very wet. News from Rumania rather better. Early service. Very nice and peaceful. Could not go to the other services as I had to go to Derby for the Inspection of the Volunteers by Ld French. Taylor picked me up and we got to Derby for luncheon. Lovely it cleared up and the whole business was most successful. 5500 on parade. Ld French was really pleased. He brought an enormous staff with him. Taylor came back to tea. He is very well but it is sad to think of this long parting.

Monday Oct 30 Very wet but fine later. Rumanian news better. Saw Cockerell. Got a few things cleared up. Went to Derby Association meeting. Very sad having to say goodbye. Got to London about five and cleared up some more. They things? are straight yarn. Dined with Mother. Afraid she is very low. Dick and Moyra were there Very good account of Betty and the baby. No news otherwise. Said goodbye to Lady Lansdowne.

Thursday Oct 31 Rumanian news seems better. Not much from other places. weather improved. Busy day. Dentist. Old Finning came to see me. He was very low about our going. Saw Dick and Moyra. Luncheon with the King and Queen. They were very kind and nice. He gave me the GCMG. Said goodbye. Hired a motor and went down to Ludgrove. Charlie seems very well. Had a nice walk with him. Trent Parl. He was rather low when I said goodbye, but I think he will be alright. Poor little boy. He is a really nice companion. Went on to say goodbye to Aunt May. She seemed well. Molly and Diane were

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there. These goodbyes are very sad, especially to those whom it is doubtful if we see any more. Dined with Mother. Blanche was here. Mother seemed better and more cheerful. Afraid she minds our going very much.

Wednesday Nov 1 Last day in London. Feel very sorry to leave. Said goodbye to a lot of people. They were all very nice. Prime Minister, Mr. Balfour were especially nice. Not much news. Busy morning and then a luncheon by the Central Chamber of Commerce. Afraid my speech was dull. Met Mr. White. Favourably impressed with him. Went to Hof Lords. Nothing much there. Astrogen Jellewen? gave me a nice dinner of people connected with the Royals. Wish we were not going.

Thursday Nov 2. Not much news. finer day. very busy but think I got things pretty well cleared up. Sad to think but I shall not see DH again for so long. Said goodbye to Id Lnasdowne in the morning. He was really distressed. Long and rather tiresome meeting at Curreys about the oil? but think we got on a bit. Luncheon at Whites with Vivian Smith. Jack Morgan and Rufus Truro? Morgan was interesting. Would not talk about the US. Went to the Colonial office. I said goodbye to Bonar. He was really kind and cordial. Went back to Carney's. Signed my will and then power of attorney. Charlie Hamilton came and we had a general talk. Saw Mother and then went to the dentist. Settled to wait till 9.30 train. Saw Valentin? He has been very ill but seems better. Dined with Mother. The worst of all was when I said goodbye to her. Blanche was there. Glad I stayed for dinner. Eddy appeared suddenly. Looked tired but he had had a very long day in the journey. He came to the station with me and was then going back to see Moucher. He is very confident. Horrible having to leave DH. Mr McCarthy is very unhappy. Really the worst is over when I said goobye to Mother. Did not get home till 2.30. Long day. Eve and children alright.

Friday Nov 3 Italians have achieved a considerable success. Rumanian news appears better. Not much elsewhere. Very wet all day but managed to shoot from Binchills to Han Park. In spite of the weather we did well and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. quite a nice wind up, but I wonder what will happen before I have another shoot here. There will be some big changes. Eddy arrived and shot in the afternoon. Looks seedy. Wish Moucher would accept him. I don't think he will get right till he knows for certain. A deputation of three came from Buxton and asked him to take the Mayoralty which I was to have had. They expect to get the Charter in January. He will probably be the youngest Mayor ever known. Think we have got everything more or less cleared up. Wish we were not going. Hope the change, however, may really be rather a rest to Evie.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1916 (Just before leaving for Canada) Italian news is good and Rumanians seem to be holding their own. Lovely Day. The place was looking very beautiful. Shame to leave it. Got everything cleared up well. Taylor and I. Drewry? Came to luncheon. Nice talk with each of them. Also with Cockerell. Said good-bye to the head of Departments and the children came to the station. Very sorry when the moment came. Got to Liverpool very comfortably. The ship seems extremely luxurious. [on March 6, 1918, he says that the Calgarian brought them out and it was sunk by torpedoes that day] Met the Hendersons, the three A.DCs everything very well arranged and a really excellent dinner. Hope we shall manage all right. Terrible to think that it will be five years away. Rather doubtful about the Hendersons. Somehow they do not seem quite right.

Sunday Nov. 5, 1916. We all got through the night very comfortably. Strange to think that it is Sunday. Nice service in the morning. The Captain said it was a bad night for navigation and had to turn round. Two of our destroyers collided and went back. Expect the sea will be a bit too much for submarines. Walked round the deck and went up on the bridge for a bit. Saw the last of Ireland. The Hendersons and ADCs appear to have settled down. Roly (the dog) is a continual source of agitation. The day got worse and worse and in the evening was really rough. The party gradually disappeared and Henderson, Slaney [Rody] and Johnstone [BJ] and I alone appeared at dinner. None of us wanted much. In the night an aerial was carried away. Personally managed to get a good night.

Monday Nov. 6 The day improved. Eve and the girls stopped in bed and seemed pretty comfortable. Long talk with the Captain on the bridge. Pleasant but rather blatant. Our aerial was replaced. We got things straightened up. The Captain came to dinner.

Tuesday, November 7 Rather a rough night but bright though fresh day. Wireless message. There seems to have been heavy fighting on all fronts and on the whole the Allies appear to have done well. It is also

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reported that all ships making for England are to be attacked. Wonder what the Yankee will make of that. Spent a long time on the bridge and saw the gun control etc. Very interesting but extremely complicated. Eve much better and came to breakfast. Made good progress. Captain and Commander came to dinner. Wednesday Nov. 8. Complete change in weather. Wild and wet and day got steadily worse. We seem to be making progress but considerable discomfort. Wireless message. On the whole there are satisfactory points. Pity we have come into a bad spell of weather. Getting worse and worse.

Thursday, Nov. 9 Really wild rough night. One of our boats was washed over. Wireless message. Afraid the Arabia has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. All lives except two were saved. The rest of the news seems favourable. Day improved but still very rough. It is wonderful how well we have all stood it. Great improvement in the evening Quite calm. Grease poled position? fighting? amusing? Went to the Officers room – seems a nice lot.

Friday Nov. 10. Much better day but we are not ? making good progress. Heard that the Carnarvan was to meet us. The Wireless news seems satisfactory. Presidential Election U.S. is very close but five states are doubtful. It is expected Hughes will be beaten. Went down to the Engine room. Most interesting. Chief Engineer seems a most capable man. Some difficulty in picking up our escort but eventually we did so. We had to go back for a bit and I am afraid lost a good deal of time. The day steadily worse, then was really? pitching in the evening. Wrote several letters.

Saturday Nov. 11. Arrived Halifax. We picked up the Carnarvon? last night about 9 we found the destroyer. First saw land about 10 and quickly went up the Harbour. Got tied up at 12.30. Mr. Mcinvey? The Under Secretary of State came on board and gave me a letter from Sir Robert Borden. He was unable to get away from Ottawa and the Lt. Gov. was ill, so he had had asked Mr. Blondin, Sec. Of State, to come in his place. Had luncheon on board. Gave presents to the Captain, commander and the Engineer Commander. Said goodbye to the crew and officers. The Adjutant General, Admiral Kingswell, then came on board. After some conversation they went on to the Parliament buildings. We went a little later. Some open cars had been provided. Arrived there? in a few moments. The procession was soon formed and I took the oath and signed the role? Ceremony short but interesting. We shook hands with all the people present and returned to the train. Inspected the guard of honour both at the Station and the Parliament. ?? Took a short walk. Cold and dirty (dusty?) town looks untidy and ramshackle. Long delay at the start as the engine got off the rails. Cars comfortable and journey good. Weather fine? All day.

Sunday Nov. 12 Very comfortable night. Woke early. Beautiful outlook. Considerable resemblance to Holbein? Country. Got less interesting as we got on but the views across the St. Lawrence were beautiful. Managed to get a little walk at Riviere du Loup. At Quebec the Lt. Gov Sir E. Le Blanc came on board the train. Cecil Spring-Rice (British Ambassador to Washington) was with him. He will come on to Ottawa tomorrow. A big draft was blowing as we arrived and there were a considerable number of people about. The superintendent of the Govt line? had breakfast with us. At luncheon Sir Louis? Davies who had sworn me in. The adjutant General – a Mr. And Mme Blondin were there. Arrived at Montreal about 8 and stopped somewhere near for the night. The Hendersons went on to Ottawa.

Monday Nov. 13. Comfortable night. Snow in the evening. As far as I could make out yesterday in the course of conversation the fighting at the Somme seems to have been satisfactory on the whole. Ministers here are very busy, but could not get much reliable information. Sir Sam Hughes appears unpopular. We arrived at Ottawa punctually at eleven. Quite a number of people. They are certainly very cordial and friendly. The Prime Minister came up into the train and after a few minutes talk we got off. Inspected the Guard of Honour and introduced to a number of people. Knew several before. The Prime Minister introduced me to the members of the Govt and the Mayor to the Council and others. Dick Nevill was there. His is really extremely kind and had made excellent arrangements as our cars and carriages had not arrived. Got up to Government House about twelve. It is certainly very comfortable and home like. Miss Saunders and the other servants had arrived alright. Looked round the house. Had a little talk with Sladen before luncheon. Seems a nice man and I hope he is reliable. If not we shall be seriously lost. Managed to get out for a few minutes with Eve in the garden, but it was snowy and wet. The Prime Minister came to see me and was very cordial and friendly. He told me Sam Hughes had resigned. Expect it will be a great relief. He mentioned several other matters. On the whole I think he is relieved about Hughes, but he was doubtful as to his publication of the correspondence which he left with me. We seem to be settling down alright. I

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hope we shall like the life. Wish it was a bit more countrified. Dinner went off very well. At present I feel terribly shy. The staff appear to be settling down well.

Tuesday Nov 14 About two inches but very fine and bright. Took a short walk before breakfast. Hope the snow will go, so one can see the garden before the winter sets in. Talk with Henderson and Sladen. Hughes resignation was announced. On the whole the Press takes it very well. War news seems good. Went to the office in the Parliament Buildings. Saw several Ministers and officials. Prime Minister was much relieved about Hughes. Also saw Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, who has been acting as Administrator. Sir Joseph Pope, Mr Rogers and Mr Hazen (Works and finance) They were all cordial and pleasant. I hope to get on well with them. I also met the staff of the office. Springy and Florence arrived in time for luncheon. He has got very nervous and jumpy and does not inspire one with confidence. Eve and I went for a walk with them in the afternoon. Hope we shall soon find more to do in the way of air and exercise. Got my boxes unpacked and arranged.

Wednesday Nov 15 Cold but fine. The snow wasted a little, but the ground is still covered. We seem to have done really a big thing on the French front. The Rumanians are in a bad way, but they appear to be putting up a better fight. Mild day. Wrote several letters. In the afternoon Florence Eve and the two girls McIntosh and I went for a walk to the right of the front lodge. Quite a nice country. Eve and I were alone at dinner. Most of the others went to a concert. Florence and Springy went to dine with the Borden.

Thursday Nov 16 Some more snow, but finer later on. We seem to have held all the ground we have taken in the Ancere? and the French to have repulsed some very heavy attacks. The news from Rumania continues unsatisfactory. Went to the office and saw Mr. Burrell Agriculture, Mr Cosgrain Postmaster General, Mr Cocksane Railways. Mr Doherty Justice. All of them were interesting. Walk in the afternoon. Dinner party. Think I went off well, although I was terribly shy.

Friday Nov 17 Got through a good deal of mail in the morning. Talk with Sir Herbert Ames. He is chief man at the Patriotic Fund and seems to have a complete grasp of the whole thing. Afraid the Rumanian news is very unsatisfactory. Otherwise the reports are good. In the afternoon Eve and I went to the Experimental Farm. Met Mr Bunell there. Really most interesting. Everything well done. Dinner. Sat next to Lady Borden. Very pleasant and easy to get on with. Think it all went well.

Saturday Nov 18 No improvement in the Rumanian news. Afraid it seems bad. More snow but thermometer is not so low. Mayor Dinnick came to see with a view of my attending a dinner of the Patriotic Fund at Toronto. Said I would do so unless I was prevented by the opening of Parliament. The Papal Delegate and the Bishop of Winnipeg came to see me. The Bishop was much the most pleasing of the two. The Bishop of Ottawa and his wife came to luncheon. Nice people. Mr Sladen also came. The Spring Rices left. It has been very nice having them here. Managed to get a short walk. Quiet evening.

Sunday Nov 19 Much warmer. Snow going slowly. Church. Quite a nice little service. The building is ? and simple without any pretensions. Dick N? processed the press telegrams. Rather better news. Rumanians appear to have taken the offensive in places. Monaster was captured by the allies. Eve had letters from her father, my brother and Charles. Not very much news. Charlie seems alright and well and made no allusion to feeling depressed. Sir Charles, Lady and Miss Fitzpatrick and Sir Wilfred and Lady Laurier came to luncheon. Got on alright but I did not much care for Sir Wilfrid. He seems terribly shy (shy?) Walk in the afternoon and went to evening service at St. Albans. Nice service but too long. The Bishop of Ottawa preached. Quite good.

Monday Nov 20 With the exception of Rumania which appears to be very bad, the news as far as it goes is fairly good. Most of the snow has gone, but wind remains cold. Went to the office. Saw Sir George Foster. He was rather gloomy but he seemed tired. Also saw Mr Crothers (Labour) Mr Reid (Customs) They did not have much to say. Long talk with Mr. Bennett. He is very busy with recruiting and is going to organize big recruiting campaign by means of voluntary registration. He is also very busy with regard to the future. He was interesting and although his schemes are to some extent visionary he has quite practical ideas.

Tuesday Nov 21 Rumanian news is very bad. Otherwise good. Lovely day but cold. Went to the Chateau Laurier at 9.30 and to see the 202 regiment go by on their way to the station. Several people there connected with the Militia Department and Sir George Foster with some of other Ministers. Sir Sam Hughes appeared in plain clothes and shook hands with everybody. After seeing them march by we went

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down to the station. Inspected them and said a few words to the officers. Think I managed alright. Wore a high hat, which seems incongruous. Think I shall talk to Prime Minister about wearing uniform. Went to the office. Saw General Gwatkins, Chief of the staff. Interesting. Greatly relieved by Sir Sam's departure. Admiral Kingsmill, Dull and I should think inefficient. Meighen, Solicitor General, Very interesting but great talker. Sir Herbert Drayton, Railway Commission. I should think he is a strong man. English Mail. Letters from Mother and the children. Very nice to get them. Usual walk in the afternoon. Dinner party. Sir George and Lady Foster, Mr and Mrs Doherty Mr and Mrs Porter (Mayor of Ottawa) Sir Henry and Lady and Miss Drayton? Rather stiff afterwards.

Wednesday Nov 22. Rumanian news very bad. Otherwise not much. Emperor of Austrias death is announced. Do not suppose it will make much difference. Cold but bright. Photographed and then went to see the work on the new Parliament buildings. Extremely interesting. Saw what had already been done and then had a good look at the plans. I think it is rather a pity the ? story is coming on. The general result ought to be fine. Met Mr Rodgers and the architects and a considerable number of the staff. Walked back. After luncheon we motored out some little way and walked home. In the evening paper it was reported that the big new liner, the Britannia 0 had been sunk. She was being used as a hospital ship.

Thursday Nov 23 Not much more news in the morning papers. The sinking of the Britannia is much commented on. Sent cable to Mr. Balfour with reference to the children coming out. Think we should get them out as soon as possible and bring Charlie as well. Drove to the office with Eve who stopped to be photographed at a shop in the town. More interviews. Sir Henry Egan – big lumberman and very much interested in many other businesses, also Chairman of the Ottawa Patriotic Fund and keen about town planning improvements. Next Commander Stephens. He is a Naval (Imperial officer). Interesting and I should think a very capable man. He seemed to think there would be a lot more submarine trouble. Next Patenaude ? French Canadian but a member of Govt. Was not much impressed by him, although he was hopeful about recruiting. Long talk with the PM. He was pleased with his trip to New York and said the relations were more strained with German than they had every been. Discussed question of my wearing uniform and suggested plain clothes. I expect his is right. He told me that he had asked Kemp to become Minister of Militia. Expect it is a good appointment. He said he would submit names for the vacant Lt Governorship of Nova Scotia and then explained the nickel? question at length. I think the Govt here have a good case. The decisions must rest with the Home Govt. Wet afternoon, but Eve and I went for a walk soon after five the Prime Minister and Mr Kemp came for me to swear him in. Seems a strong man and seems to have no doubt as to his qualification for the office. Dinner party. Went off alright. Prime Minister, Hendersons, mr and Mrs Crothers, Mr and Mrs Reid Sir L and lady Davies Mr and Mrs Setphens Mr Roche

Friday Nov 24 Mild night. All the snow has gone. Rumanian news looks rather better. Meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the Red Cross Society in the Russell? Theatre. Good but very quiet meeting. Well arranged and ordered. I was dreadfully shy and felt strange speaking on a theatre stage. Spoke very shortly but not well. Borden and Laurier also spoke. The Branch seems to be doing excellent work. Went to Intercession Service at the little church here. Captm Hay Barth arrived. Better known as Ian Hay the writer. Rather an odd but attractive man. He is apparently lecturing and speaking at the instance of the Home Govt.

Saturday Nov 25 Another hospital ship has been torpedoed. Not much news otherwise. Cold and rather wild. Went to the office and received deputation from Boy Scouts. Accepted the office of Chief Scout. Canadian Club luncheon at the Chateau Laurier to meet Captn Barth? Mr Parker presided and said a few words of welcome to which I replied. Think I got on all right. Fine gathering. Ministers and ex Ministers and many prominent people. Upwards of six hundred there. Eve came back for my speech. Barth's address was admirable. Walk in the afternoon. the girls went to the Cinema and seemed to like it. Eve and I dined alone. Sat up till 2.30 reading with the replies to the Toronto addresses.

Sunday Nov 26 Glorious day. Had by hair cut by a man who used to work for Guy? Thermometer fell below zero. Church. Read the lesson. Canon Kiltson preached. Not bad but rather long. Finished up the address. Sick ? got the Sunday telegrams. Rumanian news seems distinctly better. ? in time the effect might be really useful. Sir Joseph and Lady Pope came to luncheon. Nice people. Professor Schofield, his wife and stepdaughter also came. The women seem all right but I was very doubtful about him. However

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he got no encouragement. Walk in the afternoon. Very cold. Went to the Cathedral. Nice service. Capt Hay Besti? left. Interesting and pleasant man.

Monday Nov 27 Not quite so cold. Got everything ready to start for **Toronto**. Left at 9.30. Comfortable journey and got to Toronto at 6.30. Sir Sam Hughes came on the train. He was very subdued and did not touch on any controversial subjects. At Toronto the Lt Gov Prime Minister, Mayor and other officials met us. Drove to Govt House. Longish way. It is a most magnificent affair but a trifle overdone. Big rooms and everything most elaborate. Sir John and Lady and Miss Hendre? are all extremely nice and kind. A general came to dinner. French Canadian. He seemed rather in despair about Quebec I am afraid this feeling here is very strong. The Rumanian news looks as bad as possible. Seems but little hope for Bucharest. Sat up late and got some more addresses done.

Tuesday Nov 28 Rumanian news seems worse. The enemy have advanced another fifteen miles. All sort of reports from New York but cannot make out what is the cause or the possible development. House comfortable but very artificial. Hot. Day muggy and damp. Letters from the children. They all seem well. The one from Eddy was rather depressed as he had not got on any further with Moucher but thought I would be all right later on. After being photographed we left for Legislature buildings. Arrived sharp at eleven. Inspected Guard of Honour and then went into the Chamber. Good attendance and I think everything went well. Seven addresses were read. To five I replied individually and made an omnibus reply to the others. think we managed alright. Got back to Govt House and went for a walk with Sir John Hendrie. Pleasant man. The town is certainly well laid out. Large luncheon party. Sir John and Lady Gibson, Mr and Mrs. Heart? Sir E and Lady Walker, Gen and Mrs Logue, Principal and Mrs Falconer, Sir Mortimer and Mrs Clarke In the afternoon we went to the royal Ontario Museum and spent two hours there. Nice buildings and good ? but not large. Letters from the children were very nice. They seem to be getting on all right. No news in the evening papers but the Germans seem to be advancing and no? Zepps have been brought down. Wish we could hear from the children about their coming here. Dinner at the York Club by the Patriotic Fund. About 65 present. Afraid I did not make a good speech but they were all satisfied or said they were. Managed to talk to them all afterwards. Hope it was all right. Eve dined at home. Maud and Blanche went to the Opera and seemed to enjoy it. According to late reports a US ship has been sunk flying the stars and stripes.

Wednesday Nov 29 News from Rumania seems to point that the Germans have not been stopped but their progress is not quite as rapid. Bucharest appears to be unlikely to be saved and the Govt has been moved. The destruction of the Zepps has been confirmed. Wet and muggy. Started about 8.30 for **Guelph**. About two hours run. Quite a good reception when we got there. Sir John Hendrie, Hendersons, BJ and Colonel Caldwell came with us. Met Mr. Hanna and Mr ? on the train. Mr Hanna is apparently a local politician and very verbose. The roads are worse than words can describe. Had a good look round at the farm and college. It is quite admirable and the staff seems keen and well educated as well as sympathetic and practical. The buildings and equipment are excellent. Had luncheon with the students and said a few words. We then went on to the reformatory. Interesting but seems to be rather extravagant. Looked at the farm and the workshops. Apparently the idea is to get the men taught some trade. Said a few words to the men. Difficult and unpleasing job. Got back about six. Eve and the girls appear to have had a very (disagreeable day- crossed out) full day. Saw Red Cross and Patriotic offices etc. Think our visit here has been a success so far. In the evening it is stated that Sir John Jackson had resigned the 1st S Ld and Jellicoe has been appointed. Think it is very wise and I hope things will now go better. Jackson must have been very difficult. The Russians appear to be starting an offensive in Bakovina. One of the prisoners we saw was serving a life sentence. He had committed a real bad murder but his sentence was commuted. He was an odd looking man with an eye glass and waxed moustache. At the meeting he led the applause and afterward came? showed us the baking. It was really quite uncanny. Toronto Club Dinner. About 120 present. They gave me a very good reception and were quite complimentary about my speech. Long and tiring day but interesting and I think successful. Eve and the girls went to a concert which they quite enjoyed.

Thursday Nov 30 Not much news. Mild and muggy. Colder later on. Very busy day. Started with the Technical Schools. They are really magnificent buildings and admirably arranged and equipped. The Principal took us all over them and I then said a few words to the Students in the big hall. Went in to see a

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convalescent home. It was a Presbyterian College and most useful for the purpose. The men looked well cared for and happy. Came back to Govt House for a few minutes and then started off for the St. Andrews Society luncheon. As I spoke at the Convalescent Home the luncheon was my third speech. In the afternoon we went to St. Andrews College Prayer Day. Really nice school and very much impressed with the whole tone. The Head Master report was most interesting. Certainly think a really true ? about the whole place. Afraid Eve was very tired. Little from Haladen? and along ? of telegram from AJB saying he was arranging with Dick about the children leaving this week with Olympie. It will be very nice to have them here. Reception here in the evening about 300 came. Managed to get a good deal of conversation in with several people. Lady Hendrie is wonderfully good at getting the right people. In every way she is most kind and helpful.

Friday Dec 1 As far as it goes the report in Rumania are no worse and there seem to be quite a chance that the Russian offensive may be able to save Bucharest. Otherwise there is nothing. Review of troops at the Exhibition grounds. Arrived there at 9? I took the salute and walked down to the lines. They then marched past and I said a few words to the officers. The men looked very fit and well, but recruiting is a difficult. Mr and Mrs Lucas (Attorney General) The Mayor and Mrs Church, D and Mrs Payne (Education) Sir W Malod? Mr Mcfarney? Provincial Treasurer) and Col Massey came to luncheon. Eve went to some music and the girls were out to luncheon and went to a dance. I inspected some Veterans and said a few words and was admitted to the Corps. Went on to see Mr. Mickle Mundons work fine shops and plant but nothing new. The outfit seems ver large. According to the evening papers the Rumanian news is better. After dinner we went to a hockey match. Interesting and amusing. got comfortably on to the train.

Saturday Dec 2 Comfortable night journey. (Back in Ottawa) Got up to breakfast by 9.15. No news. Everything seems all right. The news from Rumania seems a trifle better. Allies are taking drastic steps in Greece. Saw Henderson and Sladen. Afraid there may be some trouble with regard to the Honours list. Heard that the children were likely to start today. Took a walk by myself in the afternoon. Slushy and dirty. Wild sunset but looks like more snow.

Sunday Dec 3 Lovely morning. not much news in the Sunday telegrams. Church. The heat was really appalling and I was nearly suffocated. Read the lessons and we stayed for the second service. Signed a large number of letters etc. Dick Nevill had heard from Sir Percy Sherwood that we ought to be very careful about a Mrs Mitchell Henry. She was apparently rather a ? of the late regime and now it turns out that she is connected with Germans. Message from the Naval Department that the ship with the children had started. Walk in the afternoon. News in the afternoon. Seemed more favourable as regards Rumania. Late in the evening we heard by telephone that Lloyd George had resigned. Afraid it will mean a lot of trouble.

Monday Dec 4 Afraid the Rumanian news does not really show any decided improvement. Otherwise there does not appear to be much. Lloyd George's resignation was the principal feature of the morning paper. Cannot make out what it was all about. Dark and dull morning. slight fall of snow, but not at all cold. Rather bothered with toothache or neuralgia. Very tiresome as I do not want to get into the hands of one of the dentists here but afraid it will be unavoidable. English mail. Some nice letters but nothing very new. Interview with the Prime Minister on the subject of honours. I do not think they have behaved well in trying to get some in during the interregnum. Settled to see him tomorrow with regard to the **Peerage**. Consulted Sir Russell? Pope. He was very much astonished at the proposal. Usual walk in the afternoon. Sir Percy Sherwood came to see me and I consulted him about this **Peerage** case. He did not think it was justifiable. According to the evening paper the H of Commons was adjourned till Thursday when the Prime Minister will make a statement. The Germans appear to be still advancing on Bucharest.

Thursday Dec 5 The advance on Bucharest continues. The Serbians claim big success. not much other news as regards the English crisis. Apparently Lloyd George has scored a considerable success. The weather keeps very bad. Drizzling rain and fog. Everything seems saturated. Went to see picture of King Edward which is on view in Ottawa. not at all bad. Interview with Prime Minister. He decided not to press or Sir Hugh Grahams **peerage**. Great relief to me. He was real very nice and easy about it all. Also saw Sir James Loughheed. Interesting and I should think a strong man. He is a member of the Govt ? and port jobs but is doing a lot of work with the hospitals. Eve opened a bazaar in the afternoon. I tried to play tennis but made a very poor show of it. I had never tried before. The story about the submarines in the ew

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York papers is not generally credited here. Interesting report from Springy, but it did not go much beyond showing that Germany was getting more and more anxious for peace. Dinner party. Quite successful. Mr and Mrs Kempe, Mr and Mr Anglin, Sir J Loughheed Mr Miss and Marianne Boldne. (He is the new Speaker of the Senate) General Mrs and Miss Hodgins. Sir H and Lady Egan. Mrs Allan. The Hendersons and Sladen also came. Sat in the blue room. Looked nice. My tooth was very bad from time to time.

Wednesday Dec 6 No war news of note. Considerable excitement as regards the crisis in England. Asquith has resigned and Bonar Law has been sent for. Later in the day we heard that Bonar Law could not form a Govt and that Lloyd George had been sent for. I suppose it is inevitable and can only hope that it will work out well. Saw ? Gibson about my tooth and he ? a dentist, so I went to see Dr. Oliver Martin in the afternoon. He said a nerve had to be killed. and took the necessary steps. The pain practically called? The children went to the bazaar again. According to the evening papers the Cabinet Crisis in England does not appear to be over. Henderson and Makintosh went to Montreal to arrange about our programme for next week. quite a lot of snow fell in the afternoon and evening in spite of a rising glass.

Thursday Dec 7 Lloyd George has apparently accepted the Prime ministership. Very strange state of affairs. Papers full of rumours but nothing definite. The Rumanians left Bucharest undefended and yesterday the Germans occupied it. Snowy but not cold. Tooth much better. Meeting of the Canadian Patriotic. Strong and interesting lot of men and representative of all parts. Got through by one. The fund seems to be doing wonderfully good work in a highly efficient manner. They are all very confident that the sum organized for next year will be raised without trouble. Mr. and Mrs Gosling came to luncheon. He is the Labour Ca.? Dockers Union and has been attending conferences in the US. He was quite interesting. She seems a nice woman, but a very tiresome Miss Hockings showed herself in and came too. Aggressive and silly. Eve and Maud went to a meeting of Victorian Nurses. Blanche and I took a walk. When we got home we heard the Olympic had arrived at 9.30 am. Great relief. Mr. Ross (commonly called Jack Ross) came to see me and we had an interesting talk. He has been very generous in many ? now anxious to get destroyers at his own expense. He has already given two yachts and has done a lot of sea work himself. Dinner party. I think the most pleasant we have had. Mr and Mrs. Burrell, Mr and Mrs Ross, Senator and Mrs Edwards, Sir C and Lady Schreiber Dr and Mrs Gibson Nor and Mrs Cosgrain Gen Eloit? an Col Maclean. Heard the children left Halifax at 3.

Friday Dec 8 Nothing very definite in the morning papers. Lloyd George is said to be getting on with his Cabinet, but no authorized list is given. The Germans apparently entered Bucharest without opposition, but the Rumanian army appears to be intact. No other news. Snow had wasted a little and there were only 4 degrees frost in the night. Evie, Blanche and I went to look over the Red Cross offices. Well organized and arranged. Met Lady Borden there. Afterward went to the office and had an interesting talk with Dr. Robertson about the Allies Relief of ?cultural fund. He is an extremely keen and I should think able man. Chairman Red Cross and does an immense lot of valuable work. Evie and Sherwood? went to a meeting. I took a walk round the camp and Eve Blanche and I went to the Intercession Service. No news in the evening papers except a number of rumours and stories. Children arrived about 11.10. All very well and do not seem tired. It is really an enormous relief to have got them safely over especially as one or more raiders are supposed to be off the coast of Ireland.

Saturday Dec 9 No war news. Lloyd George appears to be able to form a Govt. So far the only appointments have been A.J.B. as Foreign Secretary. Carson Admiralty, Eddy Derby Sec for War and Henderson Labour. Asquith appears to have made a good speech at the Reform Club. Children seem none the worse for the journey and are very cheerful. It is very nice to have them all here. Really nasty day 0 raw and wet. Went to the Station to see another batallion start. I think it was the 21st and they came from Calgary. Lot of Americans in it. Fine looking lot. The Archbishop of Ottawa and the Vicar General (RCs) came to see me. Quite pleasant but they look very sly and crafty. Got through some writing. Went to the dentist. Did not keep me very long and seemed to do her job all right. Most of the others went to a "movie" show, but said it was not good. Miss Saunders dog, Sumer was lost in the morning but reappeared later. Eve, Anne and I went for a walk and met Rody Slaney. Every appearance of frost in the evening.

Sunday Dec 10 According to the Press telegram, the Rumanian news is very bad, in fact could not be worse. Most unsatisfactory. Cold wind but dry. Church. Very hot Dick Nevill went up to Montreal by the morning train. Maud, Blanche and Rachel went to a concert. Eve and I went out for the usual sort of walk

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round the place with Dorothy, Charlie and Anne. Very nice to have them all here. Eve and I went to a Memorial service for the Ottawa men at All Saints. Archdeacon Mackay preached. Good sermon and nice service. Cold evening.

Monday Dec 11 The Rumanian news does not look quite so bad as it did last night. The Petrograd report claims to have driven the Germans back on one or two places. The Greek situation is still very involved. Lloyd George's cabinet was announced. Striking and interesting. Am glad A.J.B. and Finlay are both in it. Walter Long is secretary for the Colonies. I should think we shall get on very well with them, unless L.G. wants to send some one else here. Fine and colder. Went to the office. Saw Sir Thomas White. He had just returned from London and was very interesting about what was going on there as well as conditions here. He impressed me as a man of big ideas and wide range of vision. The financial position and the submarine menace are the most serious questions. Also saw Sir George Foster. He is leaving shortly for England. He took rather a less despondent view of things in general than he did. Looked round the club. Comfortable and well arranged. Left for **Montreal** and got there at 4.30. Guard of Honour. Inspected them and met a number of people in this platform. The Mayor, Archbishop (RC) Principal of Laval, Lord Shaughnessy Sir H. Meredith, Sir F. Williams Taylor, Sir Thomas and Lady Tait and one or two others. Got up to the house which Sir Montagu Allan has lent us. Quite comfortable but oppressive and heavy and vulgar decorations. Upstairs much better than downstairs. It is really good of them to let us come here like this. According to the evening papers the new Ministry has been well received in England. There is a Paris report that Joffre is to be replaced by Petain. Rumanian news is a trifle better if correct. Maud, Blanche and Charlie came with us and all the staff.

Tuesday Dec 12 Not much news in papers. The Rumanians appear to be standing. No more Cabinet appointments. Snow. The Review was postponed. Great relief. Went out for a short walk with Henderson. Snowed all the time. Got quite hot walking up the hill. The place looks prosperous, but the day was not a good one for seeing it. Sir Thomas and Lady Tait. The Belgian consul General, Sir Mauve Archambault and Mayor and Mrs Chaplin came to luncheon. Afterwards I had an extremely interesting conversation with a Mr. O'Cloughlin, a US journalist. He was extremely friendly. Has said we would win. US feeling in all better quarters strongly in our favour. We need have no fear of embargo. Eve and I went to the Freiley settlement. Quite small but well done. Mr Cook presented an address. About 5.30 we went to Laval University. Disagreeable performance. No two ways about it? Lot of students who ought to be servants? Long and fulsome address. I replied in French and got through somehow. German issued peace proposals, but they are quite impossible although they go a long way. Snowed all day. The darkness and heat of the train is rather trying, but hope there will be an improvement in the evening. Dinner party. Lord and Lady Shaughnessy, Sir V and Lady Meredith, Mr and Mrs Miller, Mr and Mrs Forbes Angus and Mr C MacNeil. Very pleasant dinner and nice people.

Wednesday Dec 13 No very marked war news. Good deal of comment on the so called peace terms. Every one says they are quite unacceptable. Lovely morning. Bright and cold. About 5° of snow. Saw the RC Archbishop. Went to the Station to see the Montreal Tangers on their starting for England. Fine looking lot. Canada Club Luncheon. Fine meeting and wonderfully well done. Extremely representative and charming audience to speak to. Got through my speech all right. Rupert Furness also spoke. In the afternoon we went to the City Hall. Poor affair all together. The Mayor read an address in English and French. I replied reading half in one and half in the other. The so called popular reception was a complete bust? very few people came. Altogether it was a poor business. Walk with Kenyon "Slaney. Looked at some fur coats. Dinner party in the evening. Lord J. William Taylor and Lady, Sir H Ames Mr and Mrs Ross General and Mrs Wilson. Mr and Mrs Mortimer Davis, Sir Charles Gunnery? Lady Cridet? arrived. Press telegram purporting to be our peace terms. Hope it is correct as they are very strong. News from Rumania rather more favourable. Dinner went off all right.

Thursday Dec 14 No pronounced news. The papers generally? that the German peace terms have been now visually requested. The local papers refer favourably to my speech and no account given of the civic reception make the best of it, so I hope that the outside effect will not be unsatisfactory. **Tiresome telegram from Walter Long about the peerage. I was in hope it was all over and settled, but some one has been making mischief. He said he had been privately told that the Prime Minister was accused? Do not think there was a word of truth in it. Sent a reply back to the effect that there was**

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no truth in the suggestion about the PM and that in the immediate case a peerage would be a mistake. Went to the Bank of Montreal and met Sir V Meredith and Sir F Williams Taylor. Went all over the bank and down to the vaults. Splendid building and admirably arranged. Most interesting. Went on to the Academy. Not large or particularly interesting but some quite nice things. Received and address of the full University and was given an honorary degree. Quite a nice and pleasing ceremony. Complete contrast to Laval. I got through my speech all right. Maud, Blanche and Charlie went to a play accompanied by BJ and the other dined out. Great thing to have a quiet evening.

Friday Dec 15 The Fribe was after all not lost. Six of her crew were drowned in a bad gale but she made her way back to port. Bonar Law made a big speech in the HofC. There appear to be heavy fighting on the Western front and a big German attack was repulsed. Fine and cold. We all went to the Santa Maria convent. Felt very shy, especially as my ideas of what we were going to see were not at all in accord with actualities. The children looked quite nice and presented the addresses well. I said a few words in French and then in English. Afterwards we went round the place. All very nice and complete but somehow lacks reality. Walked up the hill with Eve, but we had not? Charlie went out to purchase a shirt etc. Some people came to luncheon. White (Montreal Gazette) The French consul and Mme Bonir? Mr and Mrs Hosmers? Charlie and I went for a walk, When one gets him alone he chatters away all the time. Reception here. About 150 came. Think it went off all right, but it was a tiresome and tedious performance. Dinner at the Sir James Club. Too much food and too long to be served. The Chairman Sir W. Petersen and Mr Santi? lawyers proposed my health. I made a longish reply but I think I managed fairly well. It is certainly much easier to speak to men audiences.

Saturday Dec 16 The French have achieved a big thing at Verdun and advanced some distance and got a lot of prisoners. The peace terms are more and more ridiculed. More snow and the whole sky seems full of it. The girls Charlie and I with Henderson and Mckintosh went to the ? camp outside the city Found? Chaplin and Macneil there. Extremely interesting. Most of the horses came from the states and look extremely well. A very long and tiresome cable from **Walter Long about the Peerage case**. Cannot understand it. He says the Prime Minister is much annoyed and thoroughly incensed. Also stated that two cables had been sent by the PM to the High Commissioner. It is evidently due to some pressure from him as I do not think Borden would have done this after having left me in the way he did without telling me. Walter's telegram was contradictory and silly. The Russian Consul, the Principal of Laval, Mr and Mrs Joseph came to luncheon. We all went to the Hochelaga Concert. Some sort of reception? the other. The children were rather younger and not quite of the same class as the others. The sisters etc. were all very cordial, but one cannot get over the unreal feeling about it. The girls went on to some tea which apparently they ought not to have gone to. They dined with the Chaplins. Dinner party here Sir Hugh Lady and Mrs Graham Sir W Peterson Mr and Mrs Scott Mr and Mrs McGibbon Mrs Stuart Mr and Mrs Colon Campbell Mr Pease and Mr Chamberlin. Quite pleasant and interesting. **I rather liked the looks of Sir Hugh Graham but there does not appear any outstanding qualification for a Peerage.** He said the news of the French victory was confirmed.

Sunday Dec 17 Charlie seems much better and I hope if he keeps quiet today he will be all right tomorrow. No post or papers. Cold and bright. Church in the Cathedral. Nice service and good sermon. We went on to the Academy and had a look round. Mrs Guy Drummond and Mr and Mrs Dominic Browe" came to luncheon. Mrs Drummond brought her little boy (14 months) Quite a nice baby. Her husband was killed two years ago. The children went in a large expedition to the Hinds? and quite enjoyed it. Eve, BJ and I walked to the top of Montreal. Glorious view and nice walk. Cold. "The Press telegrams were sent up. The French Victory appears confirmed, but the Rumanian news is unsatisfactory. Heard by telephone that Sir Max Aiken had been given a peerage. Afraid it will have a bad effect here.\

Monday Dec 18 Nothing more than we heard yesterday, but everything tends to show that the French victory was complete. The Rumanian situation is bad, but I expected disconcerted? It is true about Sir Max Aitken. Charley Wheatley? has also been a Peer. I suppose it is to make room for the new Ministers. Cold and bright. Charlie seems better and in fact there does not appear anything? Telegram from PM expressing gratitude for mine with regard to honours. I thereafter telegraphed to Walter Long suggesting Reardon for Knighthood. **Graham for Peerage. I am sure it is a mistake, but I cannot resist the PM and the Colonial office.** We went to the Red X rooms and looked round his offices. They are well

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organized and complete and appear to be working smoothly and efficiently. Afterward I went in full uniform to be photographed. Tedious performance. Sir Alexander and Lady de La Coste and Archbishop Burchey? and his next man came to luncheon. Sticky but managed to get through. My lack of French is very tiresome, but I think we have done very well by the RCs. Interesting telegrams relating to gold and to the provision of rails – Went to the Antiquarian Society. Interesting old building and a lot of relics of old Canada besides pictures and prints. Unluckily it was a hole in the corner affair. A lot of Loesau women. Address and a musical performance. very bad. Do not think I ought to have gone to it. Saw Lord Shaughnessy and told him about the latest phases of the **Peerage** business. He seemed very calm about it but thought I had done right. Evening news better. Afraid our visit here has not been successful in every respect. However we shall know more about it next time. Evening papers are quite unmoved about the Aitken peerage. Expect to hear more later on. Dinner party. Mr and Mrs. Huntley Drummond, Sir R and Lady Forget, Mr and Mrs Meredith, Mr and Mrs Beardmore Mr and Mrs Gordon Mr Bater, Captn Sladen Went off all right but there was no arrangement made for the guests to make a move, so we had to say good night and disappear. Apparently that had always been done in the Duke of Connaught's time, but I think it is clear that we ought not to wait for them to go.

Tuesday Dec 19 Left Montreal 10.25. Several people came to the station to see us off. They are really very kind, but I am really relieved at getting off. The news seems fairly good and the Russians appear to be making a considerable stand in Rumania. We went to the Macdonald College. Sir W. Peterson came with us and we met Dr. Harrison there. Most interesting and complete. In addition to the purely agricultural work a great deal is done with the training of teachers. there seems a good and health tone about the whole place. Charlie went back with Miss Saunders and Sladen. We got home about five. [Ottawa] Very nice to be back. The children seem very well. Only short extracts of Lloyd George's speech in the evening papers, but he seems to have made it quite clear that peace was not acceptable on anything like the German terms. I also noticed that Charles Bathurst and Winfrey had been sent to the Board of Agriculture but there has not been any list of undersecretaries published. Babmit? apparently has stated that game processing has been abolished. Before I left Montreal Sladen told me that he had heard that a move was on foot in Toronto and Montreal to get rid of Borden and Laurier and form a national government, probably under Flavelle. I believe it would be a good thing. Two very jumpy letters from Springy about uS. I think he is needlessly alarmed.

Wednesday Dec 20 No war news. Papers talk of Lloyd George's speech. He seems to have spoken extremely well and clearly and ought to satisfy critics. Speech appears to have been well received. Charlie seemed all right this morning, but he must keep quiet for a day or two. Lovely day. Cold but bright and still. Interesting morning in the office. Saw Sir J Pope and Sir P Sherwood and told them about the **Peerage** case. They did not like it but agreed I could do otherwise. Also saw Mr. Laporte. He is French and came from Montreal and is now on the purchasing Commission. He said his work had been difficult but was now in good order. Afterwards saw Mr. Flavelle. I had met in England when he was over about munitions. Extremely interesting both in political situation here and in France and also in the Munition question. In a few months he thinks there ought to be a great change for the better. He said the transport system had been very bad but the real ways would alter that. Interesting talk with Sladen. He brought the lighter? cable with the German note. Quite impossible to accept it. The evening papers give an account of good reception of George's speech. Skated. Got on quite well for the first time. The children quite enjoyed it. Played tennis in the evening.

Thursday Dec 21 No war news. US President has asked Powers to state terms of peace. May create new situation, though I cannot see how it will lead to anything. No other news. A little more snow and dull. A young journalist came to see me. He had been sent out by Lord Northcliffe. Seems intelligent but does not know much. English mail. Interesting letter from Blanche Egerton Taylor, but no more. More arrived later. Saw the Headmaster of Ashbury College and arranged for him to take Charlie next term. Also saw a man who was organizing a big social? conference in Toronto. Said I would go if I could. Went to the dentist. He put me right. Exciting news from US Lansing says note was issued as US was on the verge of war.

Friday Dec 22 Not much from the war but the Russians and Rumanians appear to be putting up a considerable fight. The news from US is most obscure and difficult. Linden seems surprised. Lulu

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Harcourt, Tommy Roe and Jack Pease have been given Peerages. Snow and looks to be heavy fall. Saw Mr James Duff at the office. He wanted or rather said he had been asked to bring to my notice a movement which had been started to get a better state of feeling between Ontario and Quebec. Sounds excellent but I do not think I can intervene. ? had no further news from US. The ink blotting paper gets worse and worse every day. Eve and I took a walk in the afternoon. The snow is quite deep. No news in the evening papers, but the markets in the US appear to have settled down. Went to a supper given by the Ottawa Woman's Canada Club to the returned soldiers. Quite a nice little gathering. Said a few words. Some of the speeches were quite good.

Saturday Dec 23 No war news and very little more about peace proposals. The US appears to be settling down. The Allied Press is unanimous in disapproval but the Germans appear to welcome the President's note. Fine, cold and bright. Quite a heavy fall of snow. Suppose it has come to stay. Distributed Xmas presents to the employees in the kitchen. Shook hands with each. Went to the office and gave each of the firm people there a small present. Eve rather tired and did not come down till the afternoon. Skated in the afternoon. School treat for the village children. They had tea first in the tennis court and then went to the ? in the back room. Eve and I distributed the presents and the children played. They certainly seem a bright and intelligent lot. No evening news.

Sunday Dec 24 No papers. Lovely morning. Eve rather tired and stopped in bed. Church. Read the lessons. Very stuffy but better than it was before. Skated in the afternoon. got on pretty well. Nothing much in the press telegrams.

Xmas Day 1916 Lovely bright morning. Very strange to be here and so far away from all that we had been accustomed to. children very happy and pleased with everything. Miss Saunders was rather seedy. After luncheon the children tried the skiing. They got on very well considering they had not tried before. Anne was very full of talk. Christmas Tree for the household. A little stiff at first, but they danced afterwards and that made it better. Everything seems like home in many ways and it is strange to think that we are so far away. All the staff are extremely good and helpful. Lot of telegrams from all sorts of people. The Prime Minister wrote quite a nice letter. the Hendersons and Sladens with their children came to dinner. They were all very happy and cheerful. Danced and got along well. Quite a successful Christmas, but one can only hope that happier times will prevail before another one comes round.

Tuesday Dec 26 Not much news in the papers. Opinion seems to be hardening all through Europe against German ideas of peace and there is evidently considerable resentment against any interference from US. Lovely morning. cold and bright 6° below zero. No one any the worse for Xmas. Miss Saunders is better. Interesting mail from home. letters from Ld L and ADB on the crisis. They must have had a bad time. Also heard from Burke and Ashwyn. Smile? also wrote about Etrartien? Nice letter. Saw the PM. He was pleased with his tour, but thinks there may be some trouble with labour on registration. He is going on another tour in the maritime provinces. We discussed the honours question and he was quite nice. At the same time I think he has not behaved well and I also think he knows it. It was significant that he said he had been in hopes that all would have been settled before I arrived. He said that when he came back next week he would like to discuss some reconstruction of the Govt. And he had some idea that Parliament should meet on the first Thursday in Feb. The question of the official banquet he would leave over. He agreed that there should be no alcohol at the New Year ? The Sunset Service meeting at Toronto would be ? He had not heard of the telegram canceling the rash/ order. I gave him the cable about the Imperial Conference which I had just received. some more letters in the evening. Nice one from the King. Also heard from Mother and Dick. Poor old Moon died a few days ago. She has been ailing for a long time. I think her mind was going. None the less we shall miss her when we get back to Bolton. skated. Very cold. Maud and Rachel went skiing and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The Germans have responded to the US note and said they were ready for a conference.

Wednesday Dec 27 Complete dearth of news in the morning papers. Nasty day. E? wind and sleet. Anne and Blanche both have colds but nothing much to matter. Got through some letters. Anne and Blanche stopped in bed all day. Rather an improvement in the weather in the afternoon. Eve and I went to see the children skiing. They are quite getting on with it. Played tennis in the evening. Evening papers say there are indications that Germany is very anxious for peace. Servants danced in the ball room. Seemed quite successful.

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Thursday Dec 28 Not much news of actual fighting, but Germans claim advances in Rumania. Various reports are coming in to show that conditions in Germany are getting worse. They evidently are very keen for peace. Anne and Blanche are better. Quite a heavy snow fall. A note arrived from PM to that he had arranged for Parliament to on on the 18th Jan as he would want to go to England in due course. Wrote letters. Eve and the girls skated. Maud is quite keen about the skiing. I walked round the garden. Looked in at the cottage. It is really quite nice. Eve, Maud and I went to the opening of the buildings for the Soldiers ?? Nice little ceremony. I said a few words and then Eve and I shook hands with the returned soldiers who were there. Also saw the Father of the boy who died in the Daly Infirmary and to whom the ? Grand Lodge sent a memorial wreath. Evening papers had reports that Austria was sending peace delegates to Switzerland. It would be a great thing if they were really done. Played tennis and had my corns cut.

Friday Dec 29 Heard by telephone that Mr Cosgrain died this morning. I imagine he will be a great loss. He seemed to be almost in a hopeless condition yesterday. No fighting news, but there seems to be considerable movements in Austria towards peace. Lovely day. Cold and bright. 39° of frost. Mail from Eddy. Afraid he is depressed both about his own affairs and the general outlook as well. Saw the PM for forty minutes. After attending to the death of Mr Cosgrain, I told him that I thought he had done right in accepting the invitation to the Imperial conference. He replied that he thought he had no option but that it was difficult in the political conditions to get away. He has discussed possible reconstruction of his Govt but had nothing concrete and said he hoped to have a few days to consider the proposals he might have to suggest. We agreed that it would not be desirable to have a State banquet on the occasion of the opening of Parliament. With regard to the telegram the Allies he suggested a telegram should be sent to CO proposing that we should send cables to the Allies in the appropriate rates. With regard to the anniversary of confederation he said that the occasion should not be observed with a pageant but ? notice should be taken. **I suggested that the Prince of Wales should be asked to come to the opening of the New Parliament buildings to which he most cordially assented and he to add that he knows it would appeal to Colonials if the Peace were to many a subject. He seems quite enthusiastic on the subject.** We got on very well and he asked me if I had any suggestions to make as to construction of government and was really very nice. The text of the Allies reply to the peace proposals came. Very long? and difficult to decipher but from what we could make out it seems admirable. Goes into full history of the war and has a firm demand for repatriation and guarantee.

Saturday Dec 30 Sir Douglas Haigs dispatches were published covering the Somme fighting from July 1 to Nov 18. On the whole satisfactory. Weather was unfortunate. No other news, and no ore about peace. The only other item of interest was t hat apparently an official notice about German food has been made. Very cold. 51° of frost, but bright and still. Had to draft some telegrams to the ? and Gen Julian Byng for the New Year and also to think out a couple of paragraphs for the speech from the Throne. Nothing much in the telegrams up to noon. Discussed with Eve, Henderson and Sladen. Think we ought to go to Hansetter? and S Ontario and then Quebec. The Toronto photographs are a great failure. Skated in the afternoon and took a walk to see the sunset, It was really glorious. Eve went to do some shopping. Tennis in the evening. Strange letter from Flendenbury? to the Chancellor. Evidently indicates shortage of food.

Sunday Dec 31 Thermometer went down 12° below zero. More snow. Church. Sir Thomas White and Mr Acworth came to luncheon. White was kept here for Mr Casgrain's funeral. He was rather more optimistic than when I saw him before. Asquith came out here on the institution of the Canada Govt to look into some far away questions. Seems a nice man. Eve and I went out for a walk with Anne. In the evening the children came down to dinner for New Years eve. We can only hope that the New Year will bring about happier times than the ones though which we have passed.

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Monday Jan 1. 1917 New Years Day. The Allies answer is published and I think is a good document. No other news. More snow. New Years Day reception at the Parliament buildings. First of all I saw the Prime Minister and then the other members of the Govt came in and stood near the window. The Clergy, Naval and Military staff followed and then the general public. Proceedings took just an hour and 754 people attended. The people who had experience of this and other occasions said everything went well. Sent and received sundry telegrams. Maud stayed in bed as she was feeling rather seedy. Dull and dark afternoon and every appearance of more snow. Not nearly so cold. Eve, Anne and I went out for a walk. No skating outside but some of the children went on the Carling (Curling?) Place. A few letters arrived. Aunt May sent her usual engagement book. Charlie attended the reception and was rather interested. He conversed with the Ministers. Maud was rather better in the evening. The other children went to see Charleys Aunt and seemed to have quite enjoyed themselves.

Tuesday Jan 2. No special news. All our New Year messages etc. appeared in the papers. Long rigmarole from Springy. Afraid he is not up to the ? as he seems so jumpy. Maud seems better. Lovely morning and not so cold. Skated. Several children came. Very jolly. King Slaney had her rather seedy but was better in the afternoon. Miss Burk and Mr. Mackenzie King came to luncheon. Both interesting people. Eve and I skated in the afternoon. Blanche and Rachel rode and liked it. The others skied. Charlie is getting on quite well. They seem to like that better than anything. Tried on a new coat. Think it ought to be useful.

Wednesday Jan 3 Disquieting news of several ships being overdone in the Atlantic. Most serious ? we have had for a long time. Otherwise no war news of special moment. Various rumours and reports but nothing authentic. Cold and dark – looks like new snow. Nothing much in the telegrams. Skated in the morning. Snow came in about noon. After luncheon Eve and I took Anne out with a toboggan. BJ came too and was very good to Anne. She was rather nervous but I think she liked it. Played tennis in the evening.

Thursday Jan 4 Could find no news in papers except reports and rumours. The ? and ? (whole sentence?) Dark and gloomy. Afraid Anne has got a bad throat again. **I wish we were certain about the drains here.** Eve went to a meeting in the afternoon, but joined us skating later on. Some of the others went skiing. Anne's temperature went up to nearly 104. Dr. Gibson came but could not say what it was. He thought it might be measles. The two girls, Miss Walter and Miss Saunders came with me to hear an address from Capt. Pearson who was in France for over a year and a half and had done a lot with the YMCA. Quite interesting – The audience was not enthusiastic but I never saw better listeners. Anne was sleeping quite quietly when we got home.

Friday Jan 5 Anne seems much better. Lot of interesting news. The Sienna? Has been in the Mediterranean. Most unfortunate. News seems to be authentic that the new Emperor of Austria has appealed to the Pope for peace. Hadfields of Sheffield are reported to have taken an order for shells for the US Government. The German peace proposals are supposed to be in Washington. Horrible day – snow sleet and rain. In the afternoon we walked up to the tea and refreshment place in Rockcliffe where Mrs. Kingswell and other ladies run a canteen sort of thing for the people who toboggan and ski. Quite a nice place but dark and hot. Strange pastime. Played tennis. Afraid Anne's temperature was up again this evening. The London papers of Dec 20 arrived. For the first time we saw Lloyd George and Curzon's speeches. It is really rather sickening not to get more news but of the Cornwallis business in telegraphs but? verbatim. The whole place so large and the population so small it is I suppose extremely difficult to get a good press.

Saturday Dec 6 Not much fighting news. Lloyd George and Milner have gone to Rome. US senate passed resolution approving of ? role. Anne looked ? and her temp is still 101. Very tiresome. She does not seem ill in herself. Doctor came. He seemed to think that she had a bronchial condition and recommended ? Poor little girl looks weak and pulled down. Skating party. Most successful and a lot of people came. Some of them skated well. In the course of the afternoon a telegram came "Best love Moniker? Hartington" Think it must be all right and that Eddy has got engaged to Moniker. It will really be charming. Wish we could be at home. Seems so far away. Later in the evening a telegram arrived from ? which confirmed the

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news. It is really very satisfactory. I can only think that they will be very happy. Anne seemed better in the evening but I hope she will soon turn off the cold. A Russian general and his ADC together with the Russian Consul General came to luncheon. The General is here about munitions. Seems an intelligent man.

Sunday Jan 7 Anne seems better in itself but has not got rid of her cough. Her temp is still a rather high. Dull dark day. Church.

Stayed for the second service. Maud and Blanche went to skate at the Rideau rink. The others skied. I went with Mackintosh to see Lady Borden. She was quite pleasant and nice. The Russians were there – also Mrs. Barke. Nice evening. Anne's temperature was up in the evening. Very tiresome.

Monday Jan 8 Anne's ? bnetter and her temperature was lower so I hope she is on the mend. News all round is better. Bigger operations are expected in the Holy Land. The food and economic questions in Germany appear to be getting more acute. Day ? fine. Went to the office. Saw Sir J Pope. He is going to Washington this afternoon. I told him to take my best wishes to Springy and not let him get too dispirited. Then I saw D. Thompson, MP for the Yukon. Interesting and pleasant man. I told him I would like to go up there. Sounds a wonderful place. Then the Prime Minister came. He has changed the appointments at the last moment. His methods are certainly very strange. Sevigny? Who was speaker had been selected for PMG but Blondin is to have that office. Patinaude becomes Secretary of State instead of Blondin and Sevigny takes Patinaude's place as Minister of ? They were sworn in and accepted office. Half an hour's talk with PM. There appears to be some labour troubles in different places. He thinks they can be settled. There will probably be some quieter? government appointments later on. PM expects a lively debate after Parliament meets, but does not think they will take any drastic action. However it is not easy to forecast events. He hoped Parliament would adjourn when he left for England. Mentioned the Press reports but had too little to say on that and simply accepted the inevitable. He said the National Service cards were coming in well, that Quebec was doing better than he expected. The RC Clergy are doing more than he thought they would. Apparently the Archbishop told him that Mary and Joseph came to be remembered and that the people were not asked to do nearly so much on a ? circumstances. On the whole PM seemed cheerful. Heavy snowfall. Got off a mail to Eddy, Mother Monickers office Salisbury Boy scout committee meeting. ? and useful lot of men. They certainly seem to have a grasp of things. The heat of the room was unbearable and I was almost suffocated. A lot of children came to tea. They were to have skated, but there was too much snow. They danced and played games. Blanche went out to dinner with the Kingswells and Rody. Anne seems better.

Thursday Jan 9 Very little news of any sort. Cold and a lot of snow. Anne seems ? better. Mail from home – nothing very startling but some interesting letters. The new ADC Capt Ridley arrived. His arm is very stiff. Looks a nice fellow but is older than I expected. ? and MP Morse came to luncheon. I tried to ski but could not keep the thing on. Got on better than I expected with that exception. Played tennis. Some books arrived from Mother and Myra? The children were very pleased with them. Anne much better, but afraid Eve's cold is quite heavy. Nice long letter from Taylor. Things in Dalysum? Appear to be going well. They all seem to be as ? as possible. He writes in quite a cheerful mood and seems well.

Wednesday Jan 10 The Russians seem to be getting under way in the north and to be preparing a big offensive. No other striking news. Eve has got a bad throat. Very unlucky. Anne much better. No news here of a definite character and I think events are moving in the direction of a change but cannot tell how Borden will meet it. Skied for a short time before luncheon. Cold wind and ice very hard. Turned in skis and skated in the afternoon. Did not feel so cold but every appearance of a very hard frost. Beautiful sunset. Eve seems better in the evening. Dinner party. Blanders, Meighens, RB Bennett, Rhodes's, Mr and Mrs. Crobmmie, Caldwelles, McLerrons? Went off very well. They are certainly nice people. Unlucky Eve could not be there.

Thursday Jan 11 The Russians appear to have achieved considerable success. In other parts we have also made some progress. Eve is better but decided to stop in bed. Lovely day but very cold. 50 degrees of frost. Telegram from Verny? Saying Elsie had got a boy and both doing well. Very satisfactory. Interesting letter from Eddy. Office. Mr. Patenaude, new Secretary of State, was sworn in. Also had some talk with D. Turnam about an education conference they are proposing to hold. Said I would be glad to attend. Skated and also went down the toboggan slide. Quite nice. Anne better and allowed to sit up. Eve

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also is better. Long cable with Peace Terms. Nothing new but states case well, but rather lengthy. According to the evening papers the Russian offensive at Riga is a big business. We are also attacking Palestine. Maud found a boy at the soldiers Club who had enlisted in the 207th with his brothers. They originally came from Derby. Went out to New York sometime ago and came up here to join the Navy. Dinner for the Provincial Representatives. Prime Minister and Sir Wilfred Laurier, De Came Quebec, Hudson and many Maritime provinces, Calder Saskatchewan, Brewster, Prime Min BC and Sifton. Prim Minister Alberta. Useful and interesting.

Friday Jan 12 Our reply to US is published and read well. Not much fighting news, but not bad as far as it goes. Very cold indeed but fine. 20 degrees below zero. Very sorry to see in the papers that count Beckendorff died yesterday. Miss Chaplia and MrsCook arrived for luncheon. Skated afterwards I went for a walk and went across the river. The sunset was beautiful. Very cold. The children skated and then went skiing. The girls went to dine with the Hendersons at the Country Club and were going to dance. Gilbert Sladen and Charlie tobogganed and then played tennis. Went to Intercession lunch with Dorothy and Rachel. Eve was very bad and did not come down to dinner. Miss Saunders and Dorothy came. Nice telegram of congratulations about Eddy's engagement from the King and Queen. They certainly are very kind. The three men whom Maud met at the Soldiers Club came to see me. They have three other brothers who served in the army. One is now in France and one in England and the third was killed. These three were in New York and came up here to enlist. Fine stamp of men and they deserve credit for enlisting. Received also a cable from firm Salisbury? Saying Eddy had returned to Paris and that his next leave would be about Easter and suggested wedding then.

Saturday Jan 13 News seems fairly favourable. Another big explosion in US. Wonder how long they will tolerate it. The dance last night was a great success and they all seemed to have enjoyed it. Cold night, but temperature zero in the morning. More snow. Eve seems very tired. Anne better. Skating party. Went off all right. I think there were more skaters than last time. The girls get on quite well. Eve could not come. After dinner the children danced.

Sunday Jan 14 Windy. Lot of snow in the night. Church. Eve could not go. Anne is better and came down to ? The whole party of children and ADCs went off on a skiing expedition. Not really so cold as it has been. After luncheon Eve and I went out for a walk. Looked at the slide. When she had come home I went out for a quick walk. Nice evening but did not look settled. About 6 inches new snow from yesterday. Glass is rising fast. The skiing party was a great success. They all seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Monday Jan 15 The Russians appear to have had a considerable success on the Riga front. It might be very useful. Colder at night and fine. The snow has reached quite a big height. Saw Mr. O'Hara with regard to a Concert which I said we would attend. It is genuine and amateur and I think it is all right. Also saw Mr. Brownell? Arranged to meet him tomorrow at the ? Stock show. Also discussed as to his giving some challenge cups at Shows. He just agreed I could not give ? today who applied. Mail from home. Not interesting except one from Mother. Afraid M? left considerable debts. Tried to ski in the afternoon and got on fairly well. Could not manage to get up when I fell down. There was to have been a birthday tea in the school room but unluckily the girls were late. Caused a row between Eve and Maud. There seems to be no possibility of getting through the day without a row of one sort or another. Poor little Charlie was rather low at the prospects of going to school tomorrow. Eve did not come down to dinner. So I was alone. All the ? went off to a dinner given by Dick Me? Knjge Slavey. They were going to have a cotillion. Dick Me? Is certainly of the kindest men I ever came across.

Jan 16 Tuesday News rather favourable on all fronts though nothing very decided. Eve seems very tired and seedy. Charlie went off to Ashbury. Seems very low and depressed but it would never do to have him loafing about here all the time. Tiresome telegram from the editor of Derby Mail Montreal about the Graham **Peerage**. Glorious day. Quite a hoar frost. Looked very beautiful. Went to the office and saw Sir J. Pope first. He had just returned from Washington and seemed pleased with all that he had seen and heard. Said Springy was well and a ? mixture of good spirits and nervousness. Also saw the Prime Minister. He was tired and anxious. I gave him the telegram about Sir Hugh Graham but he did not seem worried. Arranged to see him tomorrow and Thursday. He was to confer with the Minister on Wednesday. After luncheon went to the Ottawa Winter Farm. Quite a good show and lot of very useful animals. Met a

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large number of farmers there. Very typical and interesting men. Although it is called a fair it is much more like our better class shows at home. Dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, Mr and Mrs. Humber, Mr and Mrs. I M Ross, Mr and Mrs. D. Ross, Mrs Frances General Eliot and the Mayor Col Harry Smith. Went off all right.

Wednesday Jan 17 The Romanian news is a trifle better. The Germans appears to have been driven back in places. Wild rough day new snow. Went to see the Museum where the opening of Parliament had taken place. The Senate and the HofC both appear to be well housed and the arrangements ought to be simple. Saw the Belgian Consul General. Interesting. Had a very long talk with the Prime Minister. He first alluded to the Grahams case. Mr. Macnabb has also written to him. Apparently everybody goes back to some telegram sent in 1911 by Graham to Macnabb who was then in Graham's employ with regard to subsidising a French paper on the reciprocity question. Graham later on got rid of Macnabb who has since always had his knife into him. The telegram of which Graham has not got a copy must have been injudicious and is now being used for blackmail. The whole thing is sordid and mean. The PM then discussed the financial situation at length. He thinks he ought to go to England although it is inconvenient. He is inclined to get the necessary money for the year and to leave over the question of the life of the Parliament although some of his colleagues want to force a decision now. He discussed his various proposals which might come up in England and said that Canada was principally affected on the returned soldier problem and future development of the relations of the Dominions with the Home Govt. He did not think the time ripe for a Federal Parliament. I suggested a sort of Imperial Privy Council and said he had something of the sort in his mind. When he asked me what he thought about the general situation I told him that what we wanted was a Parliament which would concentrate on the war and the problems arising from it. He said he would like to think over and finally told me that Lord Shaughnessy had said that Laurier ought to retire and suggested Sir Lomer Gouin ? ? the people of Ontario would not stand that. Altogether the problem? is difficult. Late for Archer? And the signs of a rumpus about the sitting of Lady noke? At the opening of parliament or ? it was found that everything was in accord with procedure. M? to have a row off. Skated and took a short walk. Dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and her friend, Mr and Mrs. O'Halloran (Agriculture) Mr. and Mrs. Chamberts (Black Rod) Mr. and Mrs. Coleman (Grand Trunk) Mr. and Mrs. McDougal (Customs) Mrs. Clarke, Mrs Drayton, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mr. Smith (Late free Press) Dr. Coulter. Charlie seems to have got on ? at the school. His report from Lady ? was fair. Sad to think it is the best. Dinner went very well. Nice lot of people. ?? event officials.

Thursday Jan 18 The raider in the S. Atlantic appears to be getting a large number of ships and caused a lot of damage. It is really very awkward. The Russians and Rumanians all appear to be doing better and we seem to have done a good deal. Wild morning and new snow. Went to the city to see the 207th Guard by a tra? To the station. Rather a rable and not a creditable show. Long talk with Henderson and Sladen but the position is very obscure. Read the French speech with Madam Aubert. Got on better than expected. Skated and took a walk with Clarke. New snow but glass is rising so I hope we may get a change. The children went off to a picture show. They seem to have enjoyed it. Evening news rather more cheerful though the raider is still at large. The Rumanians appear to be doing better.

Friday Jan 19 Except for the raider the news is not bad. Lovely day. Rhodes was elected speaker yesterday. The Montreal position looks very bad. The contest in Sevigny's seat seems to be better and ? and full of personalities. The Press is also deplorable and from almost every point of view the outlook is gloomy. Opening of Parliament. I think everything went well. I did not feel as nervous as I expected. Eve and I went in closed sleigh with Rody, Maud, Blanche. Mrs. Walter and the two other girls were all there. The sheer was cramped but really ? to have a place which is so easily adapted. Great relief to get it over. Think I managed the French as well as I expected. Skated in the afternoon. Very cold but lovely evening. News favourable except about the raider and the submarines. Maud, Blanche, Dorothy and I went to church. Memorial service besides the usual intercession for one of the congregation whose death had been expected.

Saturday Jan 20 No startling news. The raider appears to have done a great deal of harm. The election of Sevigny seat has caused a lot of comment. They are hopeless in political matters. Lots ? might in the morning. Campbell left and ? Barlow MP for Salford arrived. Quite interesting. Jonah Wood Lt Gov of NB and his daughter came to luncheon. Nice people. ? are married. One has lost her husband in the war.

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Snow in the afternoon. Unlikely for the skating but none the less a good many people came. The children made good progress. Anne quite enjoyed herself. No news in the evening papers. Interesting conversation with Barlow about English as well as United States politics.

Sunday Jan 21 Nice morning 14 degrees below. Damp frost but glass has risen. Church. Long talk with Henderson, Barlow. Quite interesting. Press telegrams were satisfactory as far as the last ? is concerned. The explosion in Linda? Seems serious and the loss of ships is most tiresome. Skated and then went for a short walk. Lot more snow about 2 the glass is very wobbly and uncertain so I expect there will be a very heavy fall.

Monday Jan 22 Henderson, Ridley, B Johnstone and I left Ottawa last night. Barlow came by some train. Wild rough night but slept very comfortably in the train. Arrived Toronto about 9.30 went to Govt House. The Hendersons? Were very well. A good deal of snow in the ? No much news in papers. We seem to be making progress in Mesopotamia. A sad accident happened here last night. Col McDarell? Was killed at the station seeing a draft off. Started 10.45 and saw some buildings of the Toronto Housing Co. I was decidedly impressed with them and they are well run extremely function and cheap. They are all self c? tenements. Went in to look at the new bridge. Sir John G? is doing it and I am afraid they have lost a lot of money. From there we went to the Parliament buildings. The Prime Minister and other Ministers met us and showed us round. Interesting and I thought the arrangements were good. Luncheon there. Met several Ministers and others ? after luncheon we went to the new library. Interesting ? of ? belong to Mr Ross Robertson who showed us round. Quite interesting and sets out the history of Canada. Went to the Toronto General Hospital. I think it is the best I have ever seen. Of course it represents all the accumulated knowledge and experience of the whole world in hospital worked but I liked everything I saw. The doctors and nurses appear of a large standard, especially the master in charge of the babies. A? to Govt House for tea. Archdeacon Cody, Sir W. Muloch and Mrs Dinnal came to his chess? Cody is extremely nice man and seems very popular. Public meeting for the Patriotic Fund. Good meeting and well organized. I though it rather long, but the organizers worked or two hours. I think I got on fairly well and spoke for half an hour. Sympathetic and appreciative audience.

Tuesday Jan 23 Long and busy day. Started by being photographed in uniform. Hope they will come out right. Came back to change and found an English Mail. Nice letters. John and Lady Salisbury – Eddy but dates Dec 27 and so nothing about his engagement. Dick, Blanche and Taylor University of Toronto conferred Hon Degree upon me. Nice ceremony and went off well. Sir John and Henderson went to Col Macdonnell's funeral. Some nice and interesting people came to be there? Sir Gilbert Falconbridge?, Mr. Justice Kelly, Dr. Falconer – Professor Baker and Hutton, Mr. Lasher . Went to see two convalescent ? Interesting but very sad especially the one where there had been a lot of amputation. Seems the manufacturing of (or manifesting of)(? Whole sentence) At five we went to the head office of the Patriotic fund. Great activity and go about everything. The keenness and enthusiasm is wonderful. They had got nearly a million ? by luncheon time today. When I got back I received a deputation from Mr. Perry (Percy?) Baul? Sounds well run and managed and I think I shall be safe in giving my name. Altogether a ? but I think useful days work. Interesting dinner. Mr. Hearst. Mr. Justice Riddell, Sir Henry Pellatt. Mr. J. Ridley, Senator Nicholls Sir Melville Jones, W. Heidne? Sir J. Willison and Sir E Osler. Pleasant and I gathered a good deal of information. Left for Ottawa.

Wednesday Jan 24 Got home for breakfast. Quite a comfortable journey. There has been a naval engagement in which we hit a destroyer, certainly got one German, but then a report that we got seven Germans. No news at home. Eve and children all well. Mr. Laws of the Embassy at Washington arrived on Monday. Seems quite nice. Long letter from Springy. Interesting. Skated in the afternoon and took a short walk. ? Dinner. Sir Charles and Lady Fitzpatrick, Mr and Mrs. O'Hara, General Otter? Mr. Chadbourn, Mayor and Mrs. Doughty Mr L M. Fonatine? Mrs. Crowdy. Went off very well. Dick Levill went away for a visit to New York.

Thursday Jan 25 Nothing very striking in the war news. Bonar Law appears to have made a good speech on Wilson's statements. Some very nice and interesting letters from home. The December accounts came and work out satisfactorily as far as one can see. Got off a few letters and then went to luncheon with the Hendersons at the Country Club. It takes about twenty minutes from the Chateau Laurier Station. Charming place and in summer must be very beautiful. Excellent luncheon. Prime Minister and Lady

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Borden, Rogers Milennaus? And some others. Went out for a walk when I got back. Heavy snow. Long and satisfactory letter from Walter Long. Dinner in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Foster (US Consul Gen) Mr and Mrs and Miss Mulvey? Mr and Mrs. Desbarats Mr and Mrs Duff? Mr and Mrs Labatt Miss M Clark. Nice people and very easy to get on with.

Friday Jan 26 Important announcement by Lloyd George in an interview with regard to Conference. The PM stated here they were inclined to accept Laurier's suggestions about business. In that case Parliament will probably adjourn soon. Got off some letters. Mr. O'Louchlie? Came to luncheon. He is most interesting and is connected with a Chicago papers. Strongly English in personality and sentiment. He wanted some help about getting wood pulp. Think it was a good thing for him to come here. Skated for a little but the wind was very cold. Eve and I took a short walk and then I went on with Charlie. Walked across the river. Most beautiful sunset. Telegram from Sir W. Minlock saying that Toronto Go? County had raised \$2,800,000 Very fine performance.

Saturday Jan 27 The Germans made a big attack at Verdun, but only got in at one place and were subsequently ejected. We have also made an advance on the Tigris. The French claim that the German losses were very heavy. On the whole the reports are satisfactory. Very cold but fine and bright. Saw the PM. He was pleased as to the course of business since Parliament met and had seen Sir Wilfred Laurier on several occasions. They had come to an arrangement to get the necessary money and perhaps one or two other things. Adjourn about the 7th for probably two months. The PM will leave on the 8th or 11th with Rogers and Hazen. Neither of them are quite good men. The PM referred at some length to the submarine question and spoke of the eastern party? At the ? of the ? we have got told of some fishing boats and are proposing to build ten more vessels for patrol ? These can be completed about July. The arriving? And training of the crews is a difficulty. I suggested sending some one to England to which PM agreed. The Corchester election also came up and he said it would be very doubtful but he hoped Sevigny would get in. The three factions against him were Laurier, the National Service registration and expense. If he did not get in, he would leave him as PM Still after the adjournment and then ? find him a seat or send him to the Senate. He expected Foster back in a day or two and he would take charge in absence of himself. Henderson had a letter about the place he had heard of of the lake about ten miles from here. Sound nice. Spoke to Crowdy about it. Says it is a pretty place, nice house and good lake fishing – bass. No trout. After middle of June there ought to be no great trouble about flies. Skating party. Went off all right. We tried a march and got on better than I expected. The people seemed pleased with it. According to the evening papers there has been a big explosion in Dresden and did a lot of damage. Maude, Blanche and the ADCs went to a play which they seemed to enjoy. Charlie went to see a hockey match and he appears to have enjoyed very much. He went and came back by himself.

Sunday Jan 28 Some snow in the night. Nice morning. Church. Nothing much in Press telegrams. After luncheon we went off in sleighs to Meach Lake. About 74 miles (he must mean 14 miles though his diary does look like 74miles) to drive through ? Chelsea. Really a charming spot and I should think quite a good house. Think it would be worthwhile for us to take it for the summer months. Beautiful lake and I should think quite private. The country round looks nice. Ridleys and Slaney went off on a trip to see lumber camps etc. They ought to have a nice time.

Monday Jan 29 On all fronts there has been fighting and the Allies have generally done well. The news seems satisfactory except that the Laurentian? Has been sunk off the Irish Coast. Afraid it will be rather serious loss. She was carrying ? from here. Some nice letters from home but no very special items of news. Maud and Blanche went off to a skiing party. I went out with the other children and got on pretty well, but cannot manage to get up when I fall down. Evening paper news seems pretty good. An old Mr Contry? Brother of Lord Contreys? Came to tea and to talk about Queens nurses. Dull and obstinate old gentleman. Played tennis with Dorothy. Maud and blanche enjoyed their expedition.

Thursday Jan 30 News from all fronts is favourable. Cannot tell how big any of these things are but the cumulative effect must be considerable. Lord Cromer? Died yesterday. He will be missed everywhere as he was great figure. Poor Walter Long's boy was killed. Afraid he will feel it very severely. Nice day. Grey but milder. Interesting morning at the office. On the way there went to have at the Chaudiere Falls. Quite fine but spoilt by machinery and warehouses. First saw Mathau? He has to deal with Indians and is full of mystery but I understand does his work well. He is brother of Sir F. Mathau whom I used to know at

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the Admiralty. Saw next Sir Thomas White. Interesting man but is inclined to be conceited? Spoke hopefully of Advance and was pleased with his trip to New York. Next a commissioner of the Board of Trade, but he could not stay long as the Prime Minister came in. He was pleased with the course of events in Parliament, but worried about the date of the conference and did not know if his plans would be attained. Inclined to think he had better adhere to the original dates. The submarine question was taking a lot of time and attention. Also saw Sir George Foster. He got back from England last week. Thought the Govt had made a good start but said people were critical and anxious. On the whole he was not at all pessimistic. Skated and skied. Played tennis in the evening.

Wednesday Jan 31 Dick's birthday. Wish we could be with him. As far as it goes the war news is satisfactory. Lot of ? reading in the papers with local ? and ? Disgusting on all sides. Interesting letter from Machpherson on the subject of ? of the ? Think I can manage between converting the ? and taking the ? to 170,000 pounds. Went to the office to see if any MPs or Senators would come but only one Senator Bostock appeared. Nice day. Sun is getting quite hot. Skated for a short time and then took a walk. Dancing class in the evening. Quite a lot of children have been collected. Concert in the evening. Quite good but rather too long. Good audience.

Thursday Feb 1 Very important news. Germany has sent a statement to US that unrestricted I did not think it would come so soon, but we can only hope that it is an indication that Germany is desperate. Office. Received an address from the Royal Society of Canada and accepted Honorary Presidency. Two frenchmen came also about the Carvelli Memorial. Told them to let me have particulars. Saw twenty members of Parliament. There were quite interesting and I found I got along very well with them. A report arrived that Bernstoff had received his passports. Stock exchange is in a great state of excitement. Mr. Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk came to luncheon. Interesting though rough. Worried about the weather. Snowed all day. Settled to put off the expedition to Blue Seal Lake. Maud and Blanche went to a skiing party in the evening which they seemed to enjoy immensely. Eve and I went to an Educational conference. Joint meeting of the Ottawa Teachers Association and the Dominion Educational Association. Some good but short speeches from Dominion representatives and an excellent address from Professor Dewey of ? University. Interesting meeting and glad we went. No late news and did not hear any rumours.

Friday Feb 2 No fighting news. Position in US ? uncertain. General indication..... but nothing definite yet. 54 degrees of frost. Cold but bright. Blanche's birthday. Afraid rather dull for her, but lucky we did not arrange any out of door expedition as the wind was bitterly cold. By far colder than anything we have had so far. Got through a lot of letters for this mail, but do not know if any will get across. Hope for the best. Too cold to skate, so Eve and I took a walk. Dorothy, Rachel and I went to church. Beautiful but very cold evening. Dinner party. Sir T and Lady White, Mr and Madame Lemieux, Mr and Mrs Pugeley, Mr and Mrs Johnstone, Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Mr and Mrs. Blouet. Consul General of Japan, Mr Fisher and Mr Campbell. Pleasant and interesting. The blue room was too cold, so we had ? in the dining room. Telephone message that Wilson had appealed to the Senate and by a majority had decided to break off ? Hope it is time. I think it is bound to have a good effect and will tell in the long run. Really cold night. 56 degrees frost when the dinner guests left.

Saturday

Saturday Feb 3 United States Senate appears to support President, but action is depressed. There seems no doubt but that they will come in. Things however change very rapidly. Bitterly cold night, but morning light, 56 degrees of frost. Various items of news came through from US. The President met Congress and they agreed to declare war if any overt act was committed. Expect they will be at it before long. Must really be a great relief. Skating party. Fewer than usual owing to weather. Very cold and ice bad. There were a number of people from and connected with the States and they were very pleased with the turn of events. The Prime Minister came to see me. I had written to ask if I should send a message to the President if they declared war and he thought ? a suggestion came to Spring Rice. He had (something about editing his words and consulting somebody.)?? Dinner party. Sir Iain and Lady Hughes, Senator and Madam Belcourt, Mr and Mrs. Burke, Mr and Mrs Havelle? Mr and Mrs. Christie, Mr and Mrs Scott, Mrs Doherty, Sir Mackenzie Bovell and Mrs Fielding. Quite pleasant and successful.

Sunday Feb 4 The barber who came in the morning had a story that a USA ship had been sunk but there was no confirmation. Nice morning. Not so cold. The two wanderers – Slaney Ridley, returned and seem

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to have had an extremely interesting and pleasant journey. Church. Sladen came up and brought this USA reports. Nothing yet has happened of an overt nature as far as is known. The Press generally back up the President and the Govt appear to be making full preparation for war. Eve, Anne, Rachel and I went skiing Got on pretty well. The girls went to skate at the park. Afraid Mrs Saunders had a very bad fall and bruised her head and face. They took her to the doctor who sent her to bed. Said there was nothing broken and she had concussion. She is really very unlucky. The only report in the evening was that Brazil had declared war.

Monday Feb 5 Nothing more in the papers but what we heard yesterday. Everywhere this greatest Excitement appears to prevail. The only actual fighting news is that we have made an appreciative advance in the Tigris. Nice and bright but cold. Office. Saw the PM for a few minutes. He had no particular news. I spoke to him about this new honour. He did not seem in the least interested. I also told him that I had received a cable from Washington in reply to mine. Rather a stupid one as it ignored my question. Colonel Marshall came to see me to open the Toronto exhibition in Aug. Expect I shall have to do so. McCabe Shepherd MPs came also to see. They were at Chatsworth when the overseas dlgate came. Sir Percy Sherwood also came to see me about the Canada Rifle Association. I said I would accept the Presidency. Eve and girls and some others went to Fairy Lake. I skated with Anne and then we went for a walk. Turned in good deal colder. The expedition to Fairy Lake appears to have been a great success and they all enjoyed it. Colonel Mrshall of the Red Cross came to stay the night. Interesting man. Meeting at the Russian Theatre to start the Patriotic Fund campaign. Quite good. Not very lively. Good speeches. Sir George White, M. Orde, Dr. Robertson. Capt Bernard Languidre? And Mr Rowell spoke. I presided. Think we got along all right. The collection announced was satisfactory. They think they might ? \$100,000 in the ? days.

Thursday Feb 6 They say Germany appears to be getting nearer to war. Some idea of this offensive in the west having begun. Fighting general in many places. English mail. Very happy letters from Eddy. Office. Saw PM about a second telegram from Springy. He – Springy is really very tiresome. It would be so much simpler to ? ordinary simple telegram without embarking on every sort of strange fancy. Sir Lomer Gouin came to see but interestingly Bulkely Johnston did not catch his name so I did not know who he was. However I did not say anything that mattered. Also saw a ? with referece at the Montreal meeting. Eve was tired after her expedition of yesterday and did not go out. I skated with Anne and took a long walk across the river. It was really beautiful. Dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. Tache, Dr. and Mrs short, Dr and Mrs Robertson, Mr and Mrs Gisbourne? Mr and Mrs winter, Mrs Cochrane, Senator Poer and Mr Ouvre. Rather ? heavy. Otherwise went off well.

Wednesday Feb 7 Afraid a lot of ships have been sunk. US still waiting. There are reports that this interned German ships have been badly damaged. A considerable advance appears to have been made at Bafarmennes? Enemy do not appear to have made a stand. Not so cold. Office. Not much there. PM and Hagen and Cruthers gave him the reply to the address. Quite formal. There (continued from two pages forward)was no news hen. I presented the ? of St John to the Mr. Dennis, Dr Robertson, Mr. Orde. Quite an informal and pleasant little occasion. They came to luncheon afterward. Rather inclined to snow. Skated and took a short walk. Quite settled to snow in the evening. Dinner party. Mr and Mrs. Cameron, Mr and Mrs Dewar, D. Montzambnert. Mr and Mrs Gill, M and Mrs Burstak. Colonel and Mrs Guigere, Mr and Mrs woolcombe, Mr and Mrs Keefer. Intresting and went off well. The children went to a skating carnival, but it does not seem to have been very much of an affair.

Thursday Feb 8 We seem to have made a considerable advance in France. Not much news otherwise. Parliament here was adjourned all ? In England the King opened the new Session. The general tone was apparently fairly cheerful. Lot more snow. Afraid there will be a good deal of difficulty about the new order of the British Empire. A cable came in saying all classes were to be included. It is by no means easy to find out. Six names of men and women who have done war work. Interesting morning at the office. Met the Director of the National Service movement who have been working with Mr. Bennett. They were all interesting and representative of all persons of the Dominion. Rev Mr. Bouchier came to luncheon. He is vicar of the new garden city at Hampstead and is over her to ? money. Not a bad sort of man, but wore a Cassock. I rather liked him, but he was of course generally crabbed here.

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Went out for a walk with Anne. Snowed all the time. Went to see the Headquarters of the Patriotic Fund. There were having a meal. Great enthusiasm and confidence. Heard later they had got over on 440,000 so far. The girls went out to dinner at the rink? And skied. Strange amusement for a bad night.

Friday Feb 9 Left Ottawa 8.45 for Montreal. Heavy snow. Maud and Blanche came with me. Also ? an B.J. Afraid from the papers that shipping losses must be very heavy. In spite of the snow we got to Montreal in good time. Lord Shaughnessy and others were on the platform. Very cordial and friendly Blanche took a fall getting out of the train. Luckily none the worse. Drove to the Ritz Carlton. Very comfortable suite of rooms. Started almost immediately for the Canadian Club luncheon. Well attended and most enthusiastic. Got through my speech all right. Sir Herbert Ames met quite an admirable speech. After the proceedings were over I presented ? of St. John to Mr. Matier. About 2.45 the Women's Canadian Club meeting took place. Nice gathering and good in every way. I am afraid I did not speak well. Mr. Bouchier spoke well but rather long. Excellent speeches from Mrs Miller who was on the ? Mrs Reid Mrs Huntley Drummond. The whole tone and spirit was excellent. Went back to the hotel for tea. A man named Johnstone who came from Taddington came to see me. Most respectable and nice man and we had quite a nice talk about Derbyshire. Was really quite a pleasure to see a man like him.. Had some dinner in the hotel and then went to the meeting of the Mouvement National. I received an address in French and read a reply also in French and said a few words in English. Sir Herbert Ames, Senator Davrand? And Msur E. Monpetit and the Archbishop (RC) spoke. Audience at times was enthusiastic but not over anything British. It is certainly a strange and uncomfortable mixture. They could not sing the National Anthem? And the band, such as it was, could not play it at all. The whole French question is tiresome. Wild stormy day and a heavy ? of snow. Heard the Ottawa collection was over \$630,000.

Saturday Feb 10 Left **Montreal** 8.30. Wild and cold. Lot of snow. Got to Ottawa about 12.40. Nothing much in the newspapers. Not so much submarine damage. No news at home except that PM will start on Monday. Skating party. Quite a number turned up but not so many skated. Ice was brittle. Eve told me that Rody Mccaney? Is engaged to Mary Hamilton. It is not be announced and to be kept quite private for the present. They apparently were engaged before we left but the parents could not agree, so it was left open for the time being. Now apparently it is all squared up. Hope they will be happy as he is really a nice fellow. Charlie went off on an expedition to Fairy Lake but it was too cold so they came back.

Sunday Feb 11 Bright and fine, but very cold. 56 degrees of frost. Eve and I went with Dorothy Rachel and Anne to the chapel at Ashbury. Nice service. Looked round the school. It is really very nice. The Prime Minister and Lady Borden came to lunch. Long talk with the PM He seems worried in having to go to England. He told me the Govt had decided to take over the Ross Rifle Factory. Think it is a good move. Discussed his new order with him. Difficult to settle matters. Telegraphed to Walter Long part if we could ? six in addition to the Prime Minister and Sir Wilfred. Not very much in the news in the Press Telegrams (might be worth trying to figure this out later) More ships sail. Eve and I took a walk. Glorious evening but very cold. Went to the evening service. Cold and rather dull and rather too long.

Monday Feb 12. The news from France and Mesopotamia is good. We seem to have made progress without much loss. Not much submarine news. Very sorry to see that the Duke of Norfolk was dead. He will be a great loss. Bright and fine. Cold 24 degrees below. Mackintosh and Bulkley Johnston went off to St. Agathe. Hendersons got back. Office. Saw Mr. Burrill. Discussed scheme for giving Chabeye Corps to Agricultural Societies. Think something could be made of it. Sir Gavin Lougheed gave me the reply to the address from the Senate. Saw Mr. Hagen and said goodbye to him. Hope they will have a successful journey. Skied round the garden. Sir S.Pope came to see me and had tea here. Interesting man. He has quite ? from Washington but I don't think he had much to add to what we already knew. China according to the evening papers has broken off relations with Germany Went with Eve and children and staff to the war picture cinematograph. There were extremely good and interesting. Sir George Foster made a speech at the beginning. He is certainly a fluent and attractive speaker.

Tuesday Feb 13 News from France continues favourable and the submarine offensive was not particularly marked. The honour list was published. Afraid there will be a considerable rumpus over the Graham **Peerage**. English mail arrived. Interesting. Office. Saw the Commissioner who is going over to England to discuss the after the war problems. Interesting man and ?? Sir Edward Kempe. Congratulated him on his new honour. He said he would not go to the Concert? this evening as there was some uncertainty about

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the objects of the Society. Really rather a tiresome business. Wish they would all be a little more careful. Also saw Sir George Foster. He had received rather an optimistic account from England. Hope there is areally something in it. Skied and took a short walk. Lot more snow. A big ? ? ship has been sunk and is a serious loss. Good reports from the Tigris. 25 degrees below zero this morning. Coldest that we have yet. Not quite so cold in the afternoon.

Wednesday Feb 14 News rather good from France. Haig made an optimistic speech to some pressmen and the Debate in the H of Lords on the submarine position was more or less reassuring. Lot of paper here. Captn Gaunt? Naval Attache at Washington came up here. Great talker but very interesting. He will stop the night so I hope to have a good deal more. Brought some papers from Springy. We all – children, Hendersons, and staff sent to luncheon with Senator and Mrs. Edwards in their lumber shanty in the river. It was really very interesting. ? reproduction of this shanty of fifty years ago. We also had his regular E? and dinner. Pork and beans tea and cake. Quite excellent. The place was most comfortable. I understand this was one? Different as they have stoves instead of open hearth. Children quite enjoyed it. He ? Maud that she had skinned? Her leg? Really very unlucky. Curling match for the final for the cup which I understand present. Began at 10.30 and lasted all day between Montreal and Ottawa clubs. It seems a strange amusement and very chilly. Hendersons came to dinner. Long talk with Gaunt? Interesting but he is very Yankee, conceited and egotistical.

Thursday Feb 15. News from French front seems favourable as far as it goes. The submarines have not done much according to the morning papers in the last twenty four hours. Otherwise no special news. Bright and fine and rather milder. Long talk with Gaunt. He is better when one gets him alone and can talk to him without his having to speak for effect. English mail. Nice letters from Eddy. Skated. It was really very mild and the sun was quite warm and the ? was in good order. The day is really perfect. Mrs. Plumtre Red X and a doctor St. Johns came to luncheon. Both were pleasant and inspired conficned and oappear sound and reliable in their word an judgment. Gaunt left in the afternoon. Went out for a drive with Eve. Crossed the river to Gatineau. Came over the Gatineau river and through ? on the Chaudiere t? and round by the Cumming bridge. Nice drive but too much town. Lovely evening. Walked round Rockcliffe. Dinner. Rather a lot – 29 with ourselves. – McCurdy, Bassettes, Pereiras, machados, Parkers and Mrs? Lady Tascherau, Dr. and Mrs Boner, Dr and Mrs. Herridge? Mrs Rowley Mrs McLeod Clark, Mr. Cook, Belgian and Chinese Consul Generals. Went off quite well.

Friday Feb 16 News from French front continues good. The rumours of a naval engagement with the Raiders is more or less confirmed. One raider was sunk. Gneerally the news is satisfactory. Lot more snow. Rather inclined to nurse on a bout of gout in the right foot. ? I am well in this lot of it. Kept quiet all day. No news except a CD? Cable to say that 20 women or children on the cross to England. Kept quiet all day and my foot was certainly improved.

Saturday Feb 17 Afraid the French have had rather a set back in Champagne, but they do not appear to attaché much importance to it. Some more ships are reported sunk. Not a great amount of tonnage. Some more snow and colder. Foot much better. Think I have it well under control now, but must keep fairly quiet. Lord Richard took Anne and Charlie to a theatrical performance. Two men, Kranjaws? And Merr? Came to see me. Merr is an American and Janis was in South Africa. They were both interesting and confident that the States would to to war. A lot of people came to Skating party. Ice was good. Did not try myself. Mr. Natter? Came to stay. Extremely interesting. Sladens and Mowes came to dinner. Quite pleasant.

Sunday Feb 18 Most beautiful day. Not too cold and veyrbright. Sun quite hot. Eve stayed in bed till luncheon time. My foot was better but I had to keep the bandage on. Press telegrams satisfactory. We have done well both in France and Mesopotamia. Some interesting cables from C.O Long one about prohibition of imports to England and another about recruiting. Eve and children skated. I went out for a walk. Colder but very fine.

Monday Feb 19 News of yesterday is confirmed. I am afraid our casualty lists will be heavy, but we appear to have the best of the battles. Fine and cold. 14 degrees below. Mr Matan left. Interesting man. Interesting conversation with Sir George Foster on the two important telegrams which came in yesterday. The import one we can answer easily and say that we will cooperate in every way possible. The recruiting one is more troublesome. Some of the expert skaters came in the morning. They are certainly very good.

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St. John Association annual meeting. Went off all right except old Courtney who presided got muddled. I spoke for about twenty minutes. The news in evening paper continues satisfactory. Maud and Blanche got back. Maud is not as bad as I expected.

Tuesday Feb 20 Practically no substantial news. Blizzard in the night and more snow. Day improved and was really very nice in the afternoon – Executive Committee Patriotic meeting. Interesting and useful meeting, but rather long. The campaign for collection has been most successful. Lot of people came to skate and stayed for luncheon. Some new ? arrived. Quite nice. Took a walk with Eve in the afternoon. Got quite hot. Maud looked very tired. Am afraid her leg will take some time to get right. Rather a bustle getting everybody ready to move to Toronto. A Mr. Wigsworth, International Commissioner on war supplies came to luncheon and we had a most interesting conversation. Pleasant and I should think an extremely capable man. Interesting not only on present situation but also on future prospect of trade. Left for **Toronto** after dinner.

Wednesday Feb 21 Ash Wednesday. Arrived after comfortable journey. Lovely morning. Not so much snow as when we were here last. Hendries very well and very kind. News rather more cheerful. The submarines do not appear to be doing so much harm according to latest reports. Busy day – Connect? Executive Committee of the Red Cross Society. Satisfactory reports and interesting discussion. Got back to government house for luncheon. Annual meeting of Red Cross Society in the afternoon. Good gathering and went off well. I spoke for about 12 minutes and got on all right. They were all pleased with the meeting. The Society certainly has a wonderful record for the war. In the evening we dined at the York Club to meet leading members of the society. About forty? Present. Informal. No speeches. Quite a pleasant gathering. Carson made a serious speech about the submarine menace. Afraid we shall have a lot of trouble. Rody Slaney had a cable agreeing to him being married in April. He seemed quite relieved and delighted.

Thursday Feb 22 The news is not unsatisfactory on the whole. The longer reports of Carson's speech put rather a better complexion on the submarine menace. We have evidently got hold of a good many. Some more snow fell in the night. Lovely bright morning. Went to two Roman Catholic Institutions. First Loretto? Abbey. Rather better class children. They ? and marched. Did quite well. I said a few words. Next we went to St. Joseph's. Bigger and rather poorer class. Good buildings. The RC Archbishop was present at both. The second was much too long. Poor Blanche got a very bad pain and we got her home as soon as possible. Got the doctor. She seemed quite intelligent and thought it was a cramp. We were rather alarmed about appendicitis. I went to a Welcome Hostel run by women. It is a little insitution for receiving immigrants. Eve could not go on account of Blanche. Walked back with KS Took a ? ? ? Cliff? A deputation for Children and Society asked me to be patron to which I agreed. Some Red Cross people came to dinner. Quite pleasant. Blanche was rather better in the evening ? She had one or two returns of the pain.

Friday Feb 23 Blanche managed to get some sleep and seemed better though she cannot eat anything and has pain from time to tome. No very decided news. 8 vessels submarined. English mail. Nothing very interesting. Letter from Frank Drewry. They are getting up a present for Eddy. Rain. Really quite nice to see real rain again. Eve went to the Hospital and seemed pleased and interested. I went over Massy Harris's work. Most interesting. Last night the dinner consisted of Col and Mrs. Sweny? Mr and Mrs. Case. Generals and Mrs. Ryena. C? and Mrs. Plumtre. W. Marshall Mrs Beardmore Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Hendre. In the afternoon we went with Lady Hendrie? to the children's hospital. Interesting and wonderfully arranged and equipped. Blanche much better. Lloyd George made an important speech. Many more food restrictions. Dinner party. Very pleasant. Sir W and Lady Hearst. Col and Mrs. Goodenhan. Sir Mortimer and Mrs. Clark. Mr and Mrs. Murray/

Saturday Feb 24 Not much news except Lloyd George 's speech. Very drastic for reading. It appears to have been well received. Blanche much better. I went to the Exhibition grounds to see the troops quartered there. Met General Logre? And his staff. Saw the gymnastics, dental chairs, trench warfare school, gunnery ? and a bombing exhibition. All most interesting and I should say efficient. In the afternoon Sir John took us int the Gun Club. Nice place on the lake and really very fine cliffs. A lot of clay pigeon shooting was going on. I could not manage with the gun they gave me first but afterward I was given a sort

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of pump gun and managed pretty well. Lady Hendrie brought Eve out. Maud went dancing. When we got back I met three men from US who were enquiring about internment camps. Afraid I could not give them much information but it was a good thing for me to see them. Dinner at the G? Club of the Patriotic League. They help in recruiting and propaganda work and it sojuld ? do useful work. I made a short speech which I think they liked. Found some dancing going on when we returned. Some ? wounded officers came in. I had to see them but they were all nice about ch?

Sunday Feb 25 No news. Some more English letters. One from Nioretton Newer? Quite mild. Blanche is much better and came down. Went to Canon Plumptre's church. Beautiful service and quite like an English Cathedral service. Real pleasure to be there. Canon Pluptre was away but there was an excellent sermon from the Bishop of Kingston. Cold and snowy. Military service in the afternoon. Lot of people present and a great noise. Archdeacon Docy preached and was quite good. Went to see Sir H and Lady Pillatt. The house is a most wondrous production but he has some mild? Things The stables and gardens are remarkable but everywhere money? is rather aggressive. Maud went out in an ice boat in the morning an enjoyed herself.

Monday Feb 26 News good from France and Mesopotamia. We have made the biggest advance for this year. The Germans appear to be withdrawing. Violent attack in Dubel Sheffrog? Reports of the condition of Germany internally are satisfactory from our point of view. Milder and rain. General White arrived and a letter from Eddy Derby. His mission is secret but it is to recruit in the States for us. Here waiting instructions which are to be sent through me. Interesting. Agreeable man Upper Canada College. New> school and a great tradition. Very pleasant ceremony and went off well. Colonel bickford and Colonel Newrain? Came to luncheon as well as general White and his ? officers. Sir S. Osler was also here. Sir John Hendrie said goodbye before luncheon as he had to go to a meeting in Hamilton. We left at 3 from the siding. Very comfortable. Really sorry to leave as the Hendries have really been kind. The time passed very quickly. The first stopping place was Bolton. Seemed very strange. Later we stopped in Sudbury. At Maclean? There were a number of people and I received an address. Also got a telegram saying Kut had been taken. Quite satisfactory.

Tuesday Feb 27 Lovely morning and a nice wild evening. Comfortable night. Received CPR news. A big Canardes? was sunk. Wonder if this is he overt Act to set USA joining. Other news good. Comfortable journey and really **beautiful all along the north shore of Lake Superior**. At intervals we got news. The US appears ? ?. It was a curious thing but at all ? places where we stopped Schrieber, White River and Fort William, we came across Derbyshire people. They seem quite pleased to meet us. At White River it was quite by accident that Henderson asked a woman to let ? ? ? her rog? sleigh. I wonder M? is not made of the country from a ? point of view. It is really most remarkable. Quite a little reception at Fort William. Everyone most friendly. Mr. Hahl(?) Chief man on the Winnipeg section came on with u s. Great pity Blanche could not come as well as Maud but it would have been very tiring for her. She was to stop with lady Hendrie till Wednesday.

Wednesday Feb 28 CPR news. We have made a considerable advance. The German retirement appears to have been well prepared. Three more ships sunk. Big move in England to get morot tractors for ploughing and which are to be used at night. No further ?to demand reported from the United States. Arrived **Winnipeg** about 10.30 Very punctual. The Lt. Governor and Lady Aiken met us with the Prime Minister, the Mayor, General and other leading men. They are all most cordial and kind. Inspected the Guard of Honour. Very smart. Government House is a nice old fashioned building and seems most comfortable. The programme is a heavy one but everything seems to be well in hand and arranged. Quite comfortable for luncheon and we seem to have settled down all right. At 3 we went to the City Hall and received an address from the City. Quite a nice function. Received the Aldermen and officials and their wives. Went in to the Parliament Buildings and received an address from the Legislative Assembly. Sat in the speakers chair. Wound up with the University where I received an honorary degree. The Vice Chancellor read a speech in Italian and I replied in English. Good audience at all three meetings. I thought the men were a find sturdy looking lot. Think all the proceedings went off well. Eve, Maud, Angus and I took a long walk through the Residential part of the city and back into the business part. fine broad streets and nice homes. The place looked well cared for and prosperous. News in evening papers fairly satisfactory. Advance in Tigris and in France is continuing. The Lt. Governor and Lady Aiken, Prime Minister, General Hughes,

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(brother of Sir Sarnis?) came to dinner. Went off well. Hughes is a curious man. Most conceited. The Prime Minister is interesting and pleasant.

Thursday March 1 News continues to be satisfactory. Lovely day. Children's hospital. Quite interesting and well arranged. Deportation from Army and Navy and Great War Veterans. Afraid there was value. a mistake as I only expected on deputation and two came. Eve went to a luncheon given by Lady Aikens and I went to one by the Lt. Governor at the Manitoba Club. Met a number of people there. Interesting and practical and rather? Found I? over their names. Went ? by streetcar to the Agricultural college. Good buildings and interesting but rather humid. Think they are doing useful work. News in evening papers is satisfactory. The German plot to cause trouble between the USA and Japan and Mexico appears to have made a great sensation in the States. Dinner at the Manitoba Club. Good gathering and most representative. The feeling is certainly wonderfully cordial. Think I got through my speech all right. Afraid Eve is very tired and has Lumbago. She is scarcely up to these heavy days.

Friday March 2 No very decided news but reports from France continue satisfactory. The feeling in USA appears to be growing in favour of President. Lovely morning. Evie very uncomfortable and suffering a good deal from lumbago. An Indian deputation came. Afraid they were not prepossessing or intelligent looking lot. Said a few words through an interpreter. A team of husky dogs were brought up. Nice looking animals. Six of them. Maud went for a drive in the sleigh and seems to have had many adventures. I went over the CPR works. Most interesting. Fine shop and well arranged. The organization was most ? Joined Maud at an IODE Convalescent Home for Soldiers. None of them had been oversea. Good buildings and well arranged. Canadian Women's Club. Big attendance. Disappointed that Eve could not go. I spoke for some time but found the audience sticky. Went over to Winnipeg General Hospital. Interesting. Well arranged and equipped. From there we went to St. Boniface. Received an address. Quaint little function. It seems a backward place compared to Winnipeg. Went over the Hospital which is run by the Grey Sisters. Beautifully equipped and arranged. Got home about 5.30 Long but interesting day. Eve seemed better. Evening party. Passed off very well. a number of people came and they were most cheerful and easy to get on with. Evie seemed none the worse for standing so long.

Saturday March 3 No very pronounced news. The Turks are apparently retreating hard but the Germans appear to have taken up other positions. Eve seems decidedly better. Cold but bright. Winnipeg Cron Exchange. Wonderful sight and? Difficult to understand what was going on. Met a number of people there and held an informal reception. Canadian Club luncheon. Nice gathering about 700 present. Got a very good reception. Met Eve and Maud at the Deer Lodge Convalescent Hospital. ? returned soldiers. Really quite delightful and well arranged and in good taste. Lot of useful work done in the way of training men for work. Good healthy tone and atmosphere. Dinne. Lady Schultz, Mr and Mrs. Hudson, Mr and Mrs Grant Hall, Mr and Mrs. Nanton? Mr and Mrs. Thornton. Gen and Mrs. Rattan Mrs Johnson Mr Mathers Mr and Mrs Brone? Went off very well. Certainly everyone is friendly and appreciative.

Sunday March 4 Very cold, but fine and bright. Church. Quite nice service, but sermon long and dull. Luncheon party. Archbishops of t. Boniface and Winnipeg, Sir Hugh Macdonald Mr. Justice and Mrs Perdue Mr and Mrs Allan Mr and Mrs Orton. Dr and Mrs Armstrong. Short walk in the afternoon. Lady Aiken her sister and stepdaughter with her children came to tea. Went to evening service at St Lukes. Nice servie but rather long. Fine church and splendid rooms attached to it. Lt Richards dined in. Eve very tired.

Monday March 5 News from France and Mesopotamia is good. No new submarine news, but we ? and ? by mines. The position in US is more tangled than ever. Eve better but she did not come out in the morning. a most unfortunate event occurred. We were down to go to a Grace hospital and all that I was told that it was run by the Salvation Army. When we got there we found that it was a maternity and rescue home only. It did not matter about me but was dreadful for Maud. Really we ought to be told things. Afraid Henderson is really rather stupid and ignorant. Later on found that it was not his fault as he had asked Sir James who told him it was a General hospital. Busy afternoon. Eve came with me to the high school and the ? school. The first is mainly for children of non-british ? and only about 5 % of British. The idea is to teach them british ideas. The Value? school is a technical school. Both excellent and well equipped and organized. Eve came home and Maud and I went over the officers of the Red Cross. St Johns and IODE patriotic and Secours National. All well organized and arranged but everything is Provincial. The RC Rulterman Bishop came to see me. Seemed an earnest but not well educated man. Maud went out

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for another ride in the dog sleigh and quite enjoyed it. She and Eve went to a concert in the evening. I attended a supper of the YMCA. About 400 were present, keen and enthusiastic. Fine buildings and a large membership. Maud and I with Henderson and BJ went on board the train ready to start for Brandon in the morning.

Tuesday March 6 Left Winnipeg about 8 Mr Mons? Prime Minister, came in the car to travel with us. Great talker but interesting. Soon after we started and got onto the Prairie there is something fascinating about it with its stillness and distance. After a bit we found ? Quite a pretty stretch of broken country. Stopped at 9.45 Portage la Prairie. Guard of Honour and an address. Paired? off quite well. At 12.30 arrived at Brandon. Found Angus there. He must have had some difficulty about arrangements. The Mayor met us and we went to the City Hall. Received an address and shook hands with the Council. Proceeded to Canadian Northern Hotel. Fine building. Douglas Turnbull son of Matthew of Holben? came to see me. Nice looking boy and seems to be doing well. Also a Mr. Freed. He is a Scoutmaster and came from Eastborne. Nice man. Canadian Club luncheon. They made a mistake in having too big a meal. We got rather late. I was rather hustled? over my speech, but they seemed pleased. Next we went to the winter Fair. Fine buildings and excellent show of cattle and many horses. Said a few words. Govt reception. Returned to the hotel for the Women's Canadian Club. Rather a tiresome function. Very hot room and rather a sticky audience. However we got through all right. Had some tea there and then returned to the train. Maud did very well at the Women's Club and greatly pleased the company. She, BJ and I took a long walk round the city. Dined in the train and went back to the show. The ? is quartered there the place gave an exhibition of physical rill. Afterward there was a parade of horses, cattle, ? riding etc. Well arranged and carried through. In the afternoon I went round the stables. They have got a lot of very good stuff and the quality is ? good. There was an interesting class of farm boys between nine and sixteen who have fed and exhibited an ? years calf – good class and some very useful animals. Maud distributed the orange ribbons. Got back to the train about 10.40. Long and tiring day but I am glad we came. Met a lot of people and I think did some useful work. The conceit and assurance of everyone is beyond words and is really rather amusing. Pity Eve could not come but I think it was a good thing she did not as she would have been quite knocked up.

Wednesday March 7 Comfortable journey. Arrived Winnipeg early in this morning but stopped on the car till 8.30. Government House for breakfast. Eve seems rested. No news in the papers. Confusion seems to reign in the states. Lovely morning. Got letters and papers cleared up. The troops quartered here marched past in review. Quite a good show. I presented the VC to the father of a Canadian boy who died from wounds after he had won it. Afraid it was rather a trying ordeal for the Mr and Mrs. Clark. Inspected the boy scouts at the Minto Barracks. They made a very good show. Eve and I went for a drive in an open car. We went through the residential part of the city to the open country. Quite nice. Gave pins, locks? Etc to the police and office of works people. Also gave a cigarette case to the boy who took Maud out in the dog sleigh. Dined with the Aikins at the CPR hotel. They are certainly very kind and cordial. Started off at 9.30 on return home to Ottawa. Very glad we came and am quite sure it was the right thing to do.

Thursday March 8 Comfortable night. Got the CPR messages in the morning. Afraid the war reports rather point to a stoppage on our advance in France. Hope it is only temporary. We are advancing towards Bagdad. ? there is every sign of a most troublesome debate in the HofC over Ireland. Looks very bad. Most awful misfortune at the moment. Arrived at Fort William 12.30 Eastern time. Guard of honour. Very fine looking lot of men. Canadian Club luncheon. Rather hurried, but I am glad we stopped there. Very cordial reception. Eve and Maud went to Women's Canadian Club. Eve had to say a few words. We must make a rule that she should not be called upon to speak. Left about 1.45. Stopped at Nipisson. A little crowd had assembled. Talked to the schoolmaster and the clergyman. Quite nice people. Maud went for a drive in a dog sleigh and managed to get upset. Stopped at Schreiber and got a little walk. Not much more news in the CPR collections. Played bridge and list?

Friday March 9 Journey continues very easy. Some beautiful country. Nothing very striking in the bulletins or papers. Took a walk at Sudbury. A guard of honour and a lot of people came out at North Bay. Another walk at Chalk river. There was also a crowd at Renfrew. Played some more bridge and lost \$25 on the whole. Just about dinner time there was an incident bump and the train stopped. We found that the tender had collapsed. Luckily we were actually in Arnprior station and so could get help. We were there

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about two hours. Big crowd of children assembled round the car and were most amusing. **Got to Ottawa** about 11.40. Great relief to get home. Big English mail and some interesting letters.

Saturday March 10 War news is not bad. Lovely day. Quite mild. Blanche looks rather pulled down but otherwise all the children. Letters from home quite interesting and on the whole cheerful. George Wellesley came to luncheon. He arrived from Halsford? yesterday is on his way to Toronto for flying? Purposes. Skating party. The ice on the little rink was quite passable. Expect it will be the last party. Short walk in the evening. Quite mild and nice. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy arrived. She is a very attractive girl. Afraid she does not give a good account of her father.

Sunday March 11 Snow and wild and colder. Very different fro yesterday. The press reports state we have made considerable advances in France and that Bagdad has been taken. Church. In the afternoon went for a walk with Eve and Anne. Heavy snow and walking was difficult.

Monday March 12 War news is satisfactory. No reports of submarines. Afraid the Duchess of Connaught is very ill. We had not heard anything about it, but the accounts are very bad. Some of the children went out riding and got on very well. Long talk with Sir George Foster. He is very worried about recruiting and transportation and some action musts soon be taken. General Watson and his son arrived. Nice people. Eve and I went up to the tree? house. Lot of mothers and wives of overseas soldiers were entertained there. They were most cheerful. Lovely evening. Walked down to the river. Sunset was really beautiful. Some of the children and staff went to the ? heater. Hendersons dined here. Afraid the Duchess of Connaught is very ill. ? telegram from the Duke is reply to mine. War news continues satisfactory.

Tuesday March 13 No further reports about the Duchess of Connaught but afraid condition is very critical. The French have made a considerable advance and the other news is satisfactory as far as it goes. Another really lovely day. 24 degrees frost in the night. Rather a better account of the Duchess later in the day. A large party went off to the country club for a paper chase. I skated in the morning with Anne. After luncheon Lord Richard, Eve and I drove in the sleigh to the Country Club. Nice drive. Arrived just as the ? came on. They all seemed tired but most cheerful. News in the evening continues satisfactory. Glorious sunset. Settled to send Blanche to Montreal to see a doctor. She will go with miss O'Shaughnessy tomorrow. Small dinner. Lady Borden, General and Mrs. Biggar. General Gwatkin, Miss Burrowes and Mrs. Tennant. Played bridge with Lady Borden and Generals White and Biggar. The others danced.

Wednesday March 14 War news continues good. Duchess of Connaught had another relapse. Afraid she must be very ill. Blanche started off with Miss O'Shaughnessy for Montreal. Much milder. Got through a lot of letters. Came on to snow about twelve and went on most of the afternoon. Miss Saunders who had been out to luncheon ? up and sprained her ankle badly. She fainted also and seemed in great pain. Heard in the afternoon that the Duchess of Connaught had died. Terribly sad. People here will feel it very much. Cabled on behalf of the Govt and also personally. Evening news continues favourable.

Thursday March 15 The accounts of the Duchess of Connaught are sympathetic and a good last? In the papers. News is quite good from France and Mesopotamia. Milder but not much of a thaw yet. Went to the office and had a talks with Sir George Foster. Arranged to have a memorial service on the day of the funeral. I shall ? ? ? and not make it a state affair. The spring Rices and Mrs Amery? Arrived. Springy very well. A Mr. Marcel Knecht came to luncheon. He says he is here to cement the entente, but nobody seems to know much about him. Victorian Order of Nurses. I found I had to take the chair. Long and tedious meeting. Took a walk in the evening with Eve and Springy. Report arrived of a revolution in Russia. It is said to be against the German Cortignes?

Friday march 16 The revolution in Russia is a real big business and seems to have been thoroughly carried out. It ought to be a help to us. The news was well received in London. War news continues satisfactory. Lovely day. Office. Saw Kemp. They have decided to embody the militia in a modified form, but kemp seems doubtful about the outcome. Also saw Commander Gondersouth? He was adviser to the Australaian navy and is now on his way home. Seemed a capable officer. Walked with the Gen, Angus and Dorothy across the river and nearly up to Hull. Rather ? and very slushy underfoot, but wonderfully fresh and nice. Memorial Service for the Duchess at St. Bartholomews. The Bishop of Ottawa gave a short address. Quite a nice service.

Saturday March 17 St. Patricks day. Anne arrived early with shamrock. Russian news is most dramatic. The Romanoff dynasty is at an end and the revolution appears to have been peacefully carried out. We

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have made further progress in France. ? Some more snow in the night. Commander Gordon Smith and his wife came to luncheon. Norres also came. Walk in the afternoon. Very slushy. Quite a thaw. Lot of wind. Sir Joseph Pope came to tea. Heard from Montreal that the Doctor thought Blanche had a threatening of appendicitis, but they did not think there was any occasion to operate. They also said she had a floating kidney – sounds most unpleasant but understand it is not a concern.

Sunday March 18 Lot of wind in the night. Nice morning. Snow goes very slowly – 16 degrees frost in the night. Church. Very good news from France. Both we and the French have done very good business. In fact it is the best news we have had for a very long time. The Tigris reports are also good. Walk in the afternoon. Sir Hartman, Lady Lever, McFadyen Arrived. He is secretary to the Jy? Had a very interesting talk with him. He thinks we should be very much helped if the US would come in. We heard in the afternoon that some (two?) more American ships were sunk. Altogether from what he said it seems that we are to have a difficult position but ought to pull through in due course. A lady came to play the piano.

Monday March 19 News seems really good. The French as well as ourselves have made an advance of considerable size over a long line. The best news we have near the marnes? Lovely day but the snow has not gone at all in the night. 2 degrees below zero. Got through some letters and papers. Memorial service for the Duchess of Connaught. Wuite well done. Simple and dignified. Good congregation. The Levers left. Skated and took a walk with Springy in the evening. News continues good.

Tuesday March 20 The German retreat continues, but they appear to be able to destroy everything in their way. Cold and snowy. Eve had a tooth out and kept quiet. The dentist seems to have managed all right but later on Eve got rather a headache, so she settled to stay upstairs. Admiral Coke? Came to luncheon. He has come out to arrange about the patrol but there is some difference of opinion as to whether they are intended for this side or elsewhere. I arranged for him to see Sir George Foster and we had quite a useful discussion. Foster also told me that Blonde was going to resign with a view of enlisting and trying to get recruits in Quebec. It is really rather a fine thing for him to do. We shall now be able to see what Quebec is really doing. The news continues satisfactory and the French claim a lot of ? in Macedonia. English letters keep dribbling in. Ridley found that he has broken his collar bone from his photograph. I was sure that he had done so.

Wednesday March 21 News continues satisfactory. Blondin's resignation appeared in the papers. Hope it will be productive of good. Lovely morning. Matheu came to luncheon and dinner. He was most interesting. The children and Springy the General and I went for a picnic which was most successful. I walked over the river. It was really beautiful. Lady Aberdeen came to see Eve. Not much news in the evening.

Thursday March 22 The Germans appear to be putting up more resistance. Other news is satisfactory especially as to internal condition in Germany. Ridley went off to Montreal to see a surgeon as it is clear his collar bone is broken. Maud went with him to see Blanche. Lovely morning but the train is very slow. There were 24 Degrees frost in the night. A cable arrived from W>O. to get General White? In motion. Luckily both he and his Ambassador were here together and so we were able to concert plans. Got through some letters. Eve went to a meeting. Florence and I with the girls went for a walk. Lovely afternoon. The ? ?s arrived.

Fridy March 23 Nothing very definite. The Germans appear to be making a stand. See there is to be another effort to get to an Irish settlement. Lovely morning. Very long and windy telegram from Walter (Walter Long). He seems rather grumpy. Interesting conversation with Sir George Foster. The ? factory was arranged but it would be some time before it was available. As to trade at ? as he had seem some of those concerned. The G? ? be ? coal was very serious. After seeing the Naval ? he had called Borden. Blondin had telephoned last night that he was making good progress. Reports at the Pres ? battle was impending. ?(sentence?) Not much in evening papers. Church. Much milder and some rain. Maud seems more decided. Angus and Mervyn got back. Afraid Mervyn's collar bone is such that it has to be left to itself. Sir Joseph and lady Pope came to dinner.

Saturday March 24 No very decided reports as to the west front. Big battle appears to be going on. Other parts of news are favourable. The snow has not waited much more. Mild morning. A Mr Cabot came to see me. He is a Harvard Professor was going to speak to the Canadian Club. Interesting man and strong pro English. Two of General White's officers and Mrs. Plumtre came to luncheon in the afternoon some of us

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went to the Experimental Farm. Lovely evening. Charlie and I went for a walk. Maud and blanche came back. Seemed very well.

Sunday March 25 Poor old John's day. Mild and fine. Most delightful feel in the air. Thaw not fast, but goes on steadily in spite of cold nights. Church Not much news in press telegrams. Walk in the afternoon. Hendricke left. Afraid there has been a bad ? about our stay in Montreal. The Housekeeper ordered ? of a L1000 worth of ? It is sheer robbery.

Monday March 26 The French have got on in Git? Every appearance of a German offensive against Russia. Lovely morning and very hot sun. Snow is going fast and the bulbs are coming out. Walk in the morning. Shovelled snow off the tennis court in the afternoon. No special news but an interesting mail from London

Thursday march 27 Practically no news of any moment, but both we and the French appear to be gaining ground. ? mild ? Washing the snow away fast. Went out with Anne and Lord Richard to see the tapping of the maple trees. Anne real excited. In the afternoon went got a walk with Anne and Dorothy and later with Charlie. The ice on the river is cr? Up a ? is a sea of flood. Everybody except Eve, Lord Richard and self went war movie show. They all seem to be much terrified.

Wednesday march 28 Lovely ? day We are apparently pressing ? Wild and stormy morning. Colder. Springy is in a nervous and hysterical state. Went with him to see Sir George Foster. Discussed the naval position and decided not to send any one at present to Washington. Admiral Kingsmill came in and made the same suggestion himself. In the afternoon a large party of us went to see Eddy's work. They are certainly very remarkable and most interesting. Saw the match and paper manufactories and also the pulping and walked down to see the falls. They are certainly very fine with the ice coming down. Sir G. Foster and Sir P Sherwood came to dinner.

Thursday March 29 The French and ourselves appear to have made some progress but all the news is involved. The House of Commons have agreed to the Speaker Committee report on ? ? is all essentials except Proportional Representation. It will mean extension of franchise to women. News from Russia rather more satisfactory as the army is inclined to back up the new Govt. Major Murray who is attached to General White arrived after having been in New York. He did not have anything new to tell us but on the whole seemed pleased with his experiences. For the moment we are to do nothing. Eve and I with Florence S? Maud and Blanche went to Ashbury. Looked round the School and then I said a few words. Tiresome thing to do, but got on fairly well and wound up in? for a holiday which seemed popular. New snow in the night but it went very quickly. Everything full of ?? Went for a walk with Charlie.

Friday March 30 No news in papers but the general idea is that the Germans are again entrenched. Lovely morning. Snow has gone to where it was two days ago. Talk with Dick ? about household accounts. Afraid they are not at all satisfactory. Walk in the afternoon, ? with Eve and the children and tea with Charlie. Church in the evening. Glorious sunset. No very decided news.

Saturday March 31 News not bad as far as it goes. Milder but still frost at night. A good deal more snow has gone. A husky puppy arrived. Very attractive. Quite small and can only be a few weeks old. Spring Rices and White left. Maud started for Washington with the Springys. Walk before and after tea. Heavy rain – will wash the snow away. Thunderstorm at night.

Sunday April 1 Mild but gloomy. Some of the snow is still left but it is going fast. Anne much excited about April Holiday. Church. Press news seems rather favourable. but afraid the fighting has been very severe. Walk in the evening and afternoon. Very slushy.

Monday April 2 News is favourable from all sides. Mild and damp. Snow going well. Talk with Sir George Foster. He told me that the PM had called that the Admiralty would take over the money making? And curtail the patrol on this side. We shall still have our sixteen boats. Also that Borden thought he could not get away till the beginning of May. He will consider the ? of a call to the USA in event of their coming into war. He seems tired and anxious. Rode with Charlie, Blanche and Rachel. Went along the Montreal Road. Horse lively. I rode one of the ? horses. It is really quite ? ? of t he evening we have dined and still further advances. Also the US will have restrictions before Congress declaring a state of war.

Tuesday April 3 Interesting news. The President made his speech. Clear and emphatic. State of war exists between German and US. Speech seems admirable in form and substance. Ought to have been made two years ago. Our advance continues. Lovely morning. The effect of the ride yesterday has been to make

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me very stiff with a touch of joint. Saw Dr. Mac? And Mr. Duncan Scott. They wanted me to take the Chair at the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Royal Society, but I am afraid the date is fixed for the end of May when we shall be in S. Ontario. Talk also with Sir J Pope. I showed him my draft suggestions for a ménage with the President and he concurred. Long telegram from Walter Long on the situation. Not unsatisfactory on the whole. We heard that Congress had adjourned till tomorrow morning. Not much in evening papers. Charlie and I went out for a walk in the evening. Could not do very very owing to my foot, although ? wearing off.

Wednesday April 4 We continue to advance. Presidents speech has been well received both n US and outside. Congress is expected to act before long. Lovely day. Foot quite frex? From joint. Looked at the fishing rod. Practically alright, but Crowdy came up in the evening and took them away to have them looked at. Rode quite nice. Rody, BJ, Charlie, Rachel and General Kingsmill. Lovely evening. News except for Russia is good. Talk with Sir George Foster. He approved of my draft of telegram to Washington. Also told me that he did not expect much trouble in the House as long as the war lasted. Very anxious for Borden to come back. Afraid our Northern Ontario trip must be off as all the experts say this winter will still be going on at the end of the month. It seems as if there are only about five months to do anything. Mayor Athill? One of ? men came to luncheon. He does not appear to have much to report. White has gone to New York and things ? ? ? there.

Thursday April 5 The actual war appears to be fairly satisfactory but Robertson has made a disquieting speech. It seems strange with all their powers this govt have got they cannot make better arrangements with regard to the disposal of the men. The United States appear to be progressing – the House has fond the resolution and the other is expected to do so today. Saw three battalions march past on the way to the station and also saw them at the ? Inspected them, shook hands with the officers and said a fast word to each. Two of them were good and the third was fair but not of the standard of the other two. Interesting letters from Maud. She gives a good account of the President's speech. Rode in the afternoon. Henderson, Blanche and Rachel. Tried to get out to the Hunt Club but we went through the city and took an hour to get through. Found a better way back. Walk in the evening. The English and Russian forces in Mesopotamia have joined up. Report from a New ? Bank that the Emperor is very ill.

Good Friday April 6 Germans made a big attack on French at Retermus? As far as the battle has gone the French after the outset appear to have done fairly well. The US House of Representatives passed the resolution in favor of war. Blanche had a good letter from Maud. She is having an interesting time in Washington. New snow but very wet and is wasting away. Everything very dirty and ? Disappointing. Church. Bishop of Ottawa preached. ? aa ? address. Dick Newton got back from Montreal last night. He has been able to make some faster? Arrangements with Ravenscragg. He also? Found out that the CPR had provided his train to Toronto and Winnipeg. Wrote to lord Shaughnessy to thank him. Walk in the afternoon. The Slush was slowing? But a nice rain came on which ought to wash it all away soon. The evening paper stated that the resolutions had gone through Congress and a state of war was formally proclaimed.

Saturday April 7 Not much more news since last night. English mail. Some interesting letters. Telegram from Springy saying that the President would prefer a letter later on. In these circumstances think it best not to send anything. Saw Sir George Foster who quite agrees. I suggested parliament might pass a resolution later on and he inclined favourably to the idea. Wild and raw but snow is gradually going. Heard this morning that there was an outgoing mail managed to get a good many letters off. Bitterly cold wind in the afternoon. Took a short walk but it was a most unpleasant day.

Easter Sunday Lovely morning. Cold but bright. A certain amount of snow is still left but it is going fast. When the sun gets on. 16 degrees frost in the night 12 degrees in the morning. Anne very pleased with the easter eggs. Lord Richard was very busy arranging them in the ? Church morning and evening. Stayed for second service. Strange to be here for Easter, but the services were quite nice. Went for a walk with Blanche, Dorothy and Anne. The snow had gone enough to let us get up to the end of Rockcliffe. Great ? to be able to get further afield. Press telegrams were interesting, although nothing very definite. Our aircraft losses are serious, but ? we are getting good values.

Monday April 9 The morning papers give a better aspect of the air battles in France. We seem to have done a lot of useful work in spite of the losses. Other news seems very good. Very cold and disagreeable.

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18 degrees frost and bitter wind. Rather suffered? With a swollen jaw and went to the dentist. He hurt a good deal but relieved the swelling. The Bishop of Ottawa and Mrs Roper (or Pope?) came to luncheon. Very uncertain about our plans. Some English letters. Interesting letter from Borden and Taylor. When I got back from the evening Eve told me that poor old Rolly Reid had fits when she and Dorothy were taking him for a walk and that he was dead. It is really a tragedy. Poor Maud will feel it dreadfully. He is an awful loss as he was so wrapped up in our lives and was so full of character. There never can be anybody to take his place. Admiral Kingsmill came to see me. He was most Dispiriting about the yacht Lady Grey. Said it was hot and the cabin clue to the ? and tonight it would be most uncomfortable to be in. News is good. We have advanced on a ten mile front from Arras to Lews. Best we have had for some time. Walk in the evening. Very cold. We are all very low about old Roly. Seems just a blank without him as he was a great feature?. He was buried in the garden.

Tuesday April 10 News is really good. We have taken a lot of prisoners and guns etc and over an extended front. I hope we have really made a big move. Bright but very cold wind. 12 degrees frost. Long talk about plans. They are very difficult to think up and arrange for the children as well. We are all very depressed about old Roly. He is really a dreadful loss. Short walk, "Good Roads" Congress. Quite interesting speeches but too long and the room was hot. It was only the opening ceremony. I formally opened it and Sir Wilfred Laurier Senator George Foster, Bishop of Ottawa and the ?? News in evening papers continues very good.

Wednesday April 11. Not much more news than there was in last night's papers, but such as there is continues satisfactory. Interesting letters from Maud. Weather rather milder although there were 12 degrees frost in the night. Looked round this garden with Croal and discussed ? etc. Captn Marche came to luncheon. I asked him to be ADC. In the afternoon motored out as far as we could get through Rockcliffe and took a longish walk along the river. It is really quite nice there. According to the Evening papers Mr Balfour is going to Washington on a special mission. It would be nice to get him here for a few days. Dined with the Hendersons and Rhodes. Mrs Magims? And General Gwatking were there. Quite pleasant. Played bridge. Quite a heavy fall of snow.

Thursday April 12 Not much more news. Afraid we have been rather hung up in France by the bad weather. Milder here. Covering of snow. Saw two batallions on their way though Ottawa. Fine stamp of men. Interesting letters from Hofwood, Mother, Florence Farquhar and others. Afraid the Govt at home is not going strong. Also letters in the bag from Eddy. Seems well. Inspected the signalling corps quartered at the Exhibition grounds. Fine intelligent lot of men. Angus got back from Washington. Brought an interesting letter from Springy. He still seems very jumpy. I gather AJB must be well o his way here. Hope we shall get him here. Cold and raw with snow and sleet. Milder in the evening. Took a long walk.

Friday April 13 News good as far as it goes. The weather in France seems to be interfering with operations. Here it is beyond anything as we have another three inches of snow. Most dreadfully sorry to hear that poor Sladen had quit. Heard news that his son had been killed. They all say he was really in a ? and I am afraid they will be dreadfully cut up. Evening news seems good. Dinner. Mr and Mrs Nicle Mr and Mrs Jones, Mr and Mrs FitzGerald Mr and Mrs Sneelle? Col and Mrs Street. M Sevigny Miss lambe and Mr and Mrs Erwin Mr and Mrs Campbell. Mr and Mrs Russell Blackburn. Quite pleasant and most of the people were well informed and easy to get on with.

Saturday April 14 News is good. The papers say we have got the Germans on the run. Hope it is true. Better day but still cold. Poor Sladen seemed very miserable. Says his wife is very good and brave. Got through some letters. Wrote to AJB asking him to come here. Hope he will. Canadian Club Luncheon. Mr. Lausanne, Editor of the Le Matin was the speaker. Interesting and effective. I said a few words. The Audience gave me a good reception. Rode into the town girls and Angus. Nice evening but chilly. Interesting letters from home. News in evening papers continues favourably. Dinner party. Speaker and Mrs Rhodes, Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Sandford Evans Mr and Mrs Keele Mr and Mrs Keefer Mr and Mrs Soper Mr and Mrs FitzHugh Mr and Mrs Grant. Went off quite well.

Sunday April 15 Milder. We all went to the chapel at Ashbury. Nice service. Sunday press reports are satisfactory. Walk in the afternoon. Mysterious telegram from Springy to say that sundry Americans were going to meet AJB at the border. I really think we might have told that he was coming to Halifax. I

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suppose secrecy was imperative. Another telegram later to Navy department. Gather the party right to? Halifax on Tuesday. Henderson will go tomorrow.

Monday April 16 News continues favourable. Fine but high and cold wind. Visited the archives. Met Mayor Doughty there. Interesting and valuable? nice accommodation and badly nee? Saw Colonel Ingranes? He has just returned from Washington. Interesting but nothing particularly new. Saw Sir George Foster. He is tired and worried and had just received a letter from Borden that? White should go to meet the Mr Balfour and his mission as new?? certainty as to the movement of the mission. Most inconvenient for a? minister to be away but task? nothing tomorrow and White will go later. In the evening papers it was stated that Mr Balfour would arrive Washington at 5.30 tonight. Should doubt if that was correct. The Navy Department has no information to confirm that news. Also saw Kemp. He was low about recruiting. Drove along the Montreal Road with Eve, Miss Saunders and Blanche. Eve and I walked home. Lovely evening. Walk with Charlie. Also saw McGrath. He was interesting and had been recently in Washington. ? satisfied with the functions here but is uneasy about things at home. Henderson started off to Eng and got in touch with AJB

Tuesday April 17 The French have done very well and made good progress. News is generally favourable. No further reports in morning papers about AJB. Less cold and brighter. Saw a man of the morn of Easter from Australia. He was much concerned with immigration and returned soldiers. Quite interesting. Long cable from Walter Long. Not bad on the whole. Walk in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs McGrath came to tea. Had an interesting talk with him. He is very keen about a lot of things but is vague and indeterminate. No news of AJB. Tremendous battle going on in the West Front. Reports are fairly good up to date, but afraid it will be a terrific loss of life. Can only hope for the best.

Wednesday April 17 Fighting very heavy, but no very decided result. On the whole the French seem to have done very good work. Milder and more spring like. Went to the city hall. Met the Mayor and Sir H Egan. Looked at the plans for the proposed improvements to the city. They are certainly very comprehensive, but I should imagine much too ambitious. Saw Sir George Foster and showed him Walter Long's cable. Seemed to consider it satisfactory. He has seen Sir Wilfred who had been very friendly and said he would do everything he could to facilitate business in spite of the absence of Ministers. Rode in the afternoon. Dorothy Rachel Rody Mervyn. Found a nice road along the river, but we crossed over and had a long ride through the city. News in evening papers continues good. We gather the Olympic left Liverpool about the 14th after long delay. Possible Mr. Balfour and his party are on board.

Thursday April 19 News is good though not so much as on previous days. Statement from Russia that they will go on with the war. Lovely morning. Quite warm and everything coming on. Patriotic fund meeting. Interesting and satisfactory. Some new? arose but well considered and satisfactory decisions reached. In the afternoon we went to see a hospital. Nothing very great and somewhat out of date in comparison with what we had seen elsewhere. It is called the Protestant General Hospital and is the oldest in Ottawa. Evening news satisfactory. Day was quite hot and summer like. Took a walk first with Anne and then with Dorothy.

Friday April 20. News rather meager but is on the right side. Wet and damp. Nice rain, ought to bring everything forward. Wrote some letters. In the afternoon Eve and I went to see the RC Hospital. Quite good but much too hot. Not equal to the more modern institutions. The news in evening paper was satisfactory. Not much from France but successful in Mesopotamia and Egypt. Took a walk with? and round the outside of Rockcliffe. Quite nice. Went to the Inter? ? to the girls. Heard that Mr Balfour had arrived and received a nice telegram from him in reply to mine saying he had every hope of coming here.

Saturday April 21 Eddy's wedding day. Wish we could have been there, but he will be very happy. News continues good. According to the evening paper the German strikes are serious. Also heard that there had been a naval raid on Dover, but that two of the German destroyers had been sunk. Busy morning. Inspected the 23rd. They leave next week. Men seem all young? Not a good lot. Boy Scout meeting. Interesting and useful. Saw Sir George Foster and Sir J Pope. They leave this afternoon to meet AJB in Washington. Sir Vincent Ly? Men? the Huntley Drummonds arrived. Nice people. Took a walk round Rockcliffe. Quite warm and after the rain everything is coming on fast. Dinner party. English mails. Interesting letters from Eddy. He writes very happily. A telegram came in from Lady Salisbury saying that everything went off well that they had Lord Cell? For Henderson? The dinner consisted of Sir H and Lady

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Egan, Mr and Mrs. Magrath, Col and Mrs Anderson M Macdonalds and Col and Mrs McInnes. Col and Mrs Garden? Mr Fielding, Mayon Brald? An Miss Ritchie. Went all right.

Sunday April 22 Lovely day. Church. Good sermon by the Rev J. Antle? Of the Columbia coast mission. Interesting account of his work. Nothing of importance in telegrams. Henderson gave a good account of Mr. Balfour and his mission. They got through the journey well and were in good spirits. Nice letter from Ian Matheson? English mail. Sorry to see in the Times that poor Mr Muncaster? Was dead. Lady Borden and the Parkers came to luncheon. Walked around the garden. Some of the party went to a concert and meeting for the Prisoners of War.

Monday April 23 News is favourable. Another long battle appears to be imminent. Two more hospital ships have been sunk. Lovely morning. The Drummonds and Merediths left by the early train. Blanche went with them to see a doctor. Inspection of the 141st Battalion. Not strong in numbers. Useful and serviceable looking lot of men. Long talk with Henderson and Sladen on Halifax defences and programme for A.J.B. Saw Dr. Reid who is taking charge of Marine Dept and discussed Halifax with him and Desbarat and settled to wire Foster to take up the matter with Lord De Chair. Also saw White and suggested to him to consult his colleagues and Sir Wilfred with a view of asking AMB to speak to both Houses and with representatives of the Prov Parliaments to attend. He liked the idea. Rode with Dorothy and Rachel. Evening news is satisfactory. Another big attack is going on and progress has been made. Lovely mail. Interesting English mail.

Tuesday April 24 Blanche got back from Montreal alright. Doctor gives a good account of her. News is not extensive but not bad as far as it goes. Fine but still cold. Wrote a lot of letters. In the afternoon played golf with the ADC. Afraid I played as badly as usual, but it was really extremely nice out there. Nice course and jolly country. Some really heavy fighting is going on and the Germans have brought up big reserves. Very ? ? Good news from Mesopotamia.

Wednesday April 24 The fighting has been very heavy but on the whole the reports are favourable. Sir Thomas White made his budget statement yesterday. Increased taxes on profits. Lovely morning but the wind deeps cold. Got through a lot of papers etc. Tried to play again but afraid I cannot get on. After some time it is very nice out there. Not much news in the evening papers. Weather seems to be changing.

Thursday April 25 Heavy fighting in France. Losses seem heavy on both sides. Another advance in Mesopotamia and also fighting in Macedonia. Our losses from submarines and mines are very serious. Heaviest week there has been for a long time. Rain and raw. Inspection of two battalions going overseas. Nice looking men but not strong in numbers. Very ? telegram about new order of knighthood. They want a reply in four days. Really will be absurd. A very nice man called Ross came to see me and offered to lend us his fishing on his river on south shore of the St Lawrence. It really sounds too delightful and think we must manage it somehow. Rode in the afternoon with the children.

Friday April 27 Nothing very definite from any of the fronts. England appears really alarmed about the submarine menaces. Cold and raw with occasional rain. Several papers and wrote letters. English mail. Not very interesting. A tree specialist from the Experimental Farm came in the morning and went round the garden with Eve and Dick L? Said he would arrange for some shrubs etc. to be sent. Rode with the children. Sir James Aiken and Mr Colmay? Came to tea. They seemed very well and gave a good account of the west. Ashbury Gymnastic display. They really did very well. Charlie took a minor fall, but did none of the jumping. It was really a very creditable show. Seven alking sticks came from Lismore. Nothing remarkable about them but they remind one of the place. Very nice to have them. Give one a lot to think about.

Saturday April 28 Not much war news. Such as it is is on the right sort. Lloyd George made a big speech when he received the freedom of the city. Distinctly ? but I don't know whether it was good ? Better morning but still rather cool. Rode with the children. The Beardmores came to stay for Sunday. Nice people. Dinner Senator and Mr. Borboed? Mrs. Kirhoffer, Mr. Shepherd, Mr and Mrs Jarvis. Mr Borden Mrs Rowley Mr and Mrs McDougall, Mr and Mrs Breadner, Mrs Belcourt, a professor and Mrs. Prince. Mr MacKenzie King Miss Nipp? Went off quite well. Rather interesting people.

Sunday April 29 Lovely morning. Went out with Charlie and Anne. Church. Last Sunday that Canon Kitson will be there, but I expect he will turn up again later. The Martenaus gave a good account of Maud at Washington from where they had just got back. The Press telegrams said the fighting had been very

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severe. The Kingsmills who are related to the Beardmores came to luncheon. Also a Mr McGovern? Who has come in from England to arrange about cheese. Seems intelligent man but find his work here very difficult. It is certainly complex and I am afraid I know nothing about it. However we had a long talk. Henderson was there and settled as a first step to cable to England and advise reduction of price. Played round the golf course here in the afternoon with Blanche, Dorothy and Ridley. Got on fairly well. In the evening the same four played tennis. Quite nice and the court was really playable.

Monday April 30 Not much more news in the morning papers than we heard yesterday. The fighting must be very severe. The Russians have moved a little in the Caucasus. Nice morning. Office. Interesting conversation with Reid and White. Letters from Sir George Foster? The Mission seems to be going well, but ? nothing about his return. The Beardmores left. Anne was very sick in the morning. Looked very white and was hot – was better in the evening. Played golf. Did better than before. Eve went with the Hendersons to Meach lake and said it was real quite delightful.

Tuesday May 1 News such as it is is not unfavourable. Nice steady rain. Everybody growing fast. Long cable from Walter Long. Russian position seems unsatisfactory and Greece troublesome. The big trouble is the submarines and that is no doubt very grave indeed. Could not quite make out his reference to demands overseas. A Mr. William MacConckle came to luncheon. He is ex Governor of Virginia and strongly pro British. Best soul of fourteen Americans. He came to ? about the case of a boy convicted of murder. Thinks we ought to get his ? Went out for a walk with Eve and Dorothy.

Wednesday May 2 The French have got on at ? Unrest in Petrograd. Otherwise not much news. Cold and wet. Our hopes of fine weather have disappeared. Letter from Maud. Much interesting. She says Mr Balfour may arrive about the 17th. No much discussion about plans. Think I had better go off next week on a business tour in S. Ontario next week. Deputation from Buffalo wanting me to go to an ? bazaar at the end of May. Think it may be possible. Office. Saw White and let him have Walter Long's cable. He is worried about political prospects here. Foster had written to him from Washington saying he had better go there next week. The conference would go on all this week and next I next. Saw five MPs. Interesting men. Also Bennett. He would like to get 5000 German prisoners over to work in Ontario and was going to cable Borden. In the afternoon we went to the hunt. Eve, Dorothy, Rachel and Charlie. Most interesting. A lot of work is going on there. A number of people came to tea for the last of the dancing classes. Dinner. Archbishops Miss Hamilton Mr and Mrs ? layson, Mr and Mrs Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Gray and Col and Mrs Edwards. General and Mrs Cruikshanks Sir W and Lady Cassels, Judge and Mrs Duff Mr and Mrs Macpherson. All right.

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Submarines have done a lot more damage as reported for the week. English midget. Nothing sensational. Not much from France. Fine but still cold. No news from Washington. Telephone message from Chief Curfson? to say that a big attack had begun and up to date reports seemed satisfactory. Played golf. but I got worse and worse. Feel quite hopeless. Not much more news of the battle than what we have already heard, but such as it is is not unfavourable. We all went to see some amateur theatricals "MOLUSH" Crowdy AND Mrs Hamilton and two others. Quite GOOD. It was for the soldiers and commissions. Burville made a speech. Rather too long. Excellent audience

Friday May 4 News seems quite good. Our attacks have been successful so far. George Curzon made a more cheerful about submarine prospects. Fine but cold. Went round the new parliament buildings. They have made considerable progress. Mr. Mr. Pearson the architect. He was away when we went there before. Interesting and I should imagine capable man. Very keen and has work? but strongly British. Hope he will not be too much so for the Canadians. Played golf. Got on rather better. Eve, Dorothy and Rachel came. Disconcerting news from Russia. Trouble with Army and journalists. They object to Foreign Minister. News from French front is so far satisfactory but the fighting is severe. telegram from Springy. Afraid AJB cannot arrive before the 24th and can only stop for a few days. Rather tiresome as all our plans will be completely danged?

Saturday May 5 Petrograd news is rather better and other war news is on the right side. More wind but milder. London mail, but not much in it. Saw Sir Thomas White with regard to AJB's and Sir George Foster cable. He is going to Washington this afternoon. Blanche had a little operation to her foot and got through very comfortably. Picnic at Meach lake. It was really very nice there and is certainly a charming

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spot. Bad road but got there in an hour. I rode back. Rather long and tiresome road. Evening news is on the right side.

Sunday May 6 Milder, but no rain yet. Church. Stayed for the second service. The Bishop preached. The French have made considerable progress. Wrote some letters. Sir George Foster and Lady Foster came to tea. He had just returned from Washinton and gave a most satisfactory account of everything there, but I am afraid Mr Balfour will not get here before the 24th and his visit will be very short. Lovely evening, but rain is wanted. Our plans are most difficult to ? in view of the uncertainty of the movements of the French and English missions. Left for Kingston

Monday May 7 Reached **Kingston** early and went for a short walk. Looked in at the church. About ten inspected the Veterans and said a few words. Afterwards we went up to the Town ? the Mayor presented an address to which I replied. Araid I spoke badly but the arrangements were not good. not many people present and they all waited downstairs while the inspection went on and I had to wait while they came up. A railway bell went on clanging all the time. Drove round the town, which I thought was nice ad home liked. Went to three convalescent homes. Small but well arranged. Saw a place which is being ? with wooden shelter for tuberculosis patients. Interesting and ought to be efficient. Motored on to the RMC. Everything well arranged and equipped. Inspected the cadets. Very smart and keen and went to the Gymnasium where they gave an excellent display. Luncheon at the college. Met a number of people. Went out to the gymnasium where I addressed the Canada Club. Good gathering. Think I spoke better. From there we went to the Parade ground where we saw the cadets going through bayonet exercises and bombing practice. Did very well. Tried to fire a ? bomb and ? gun, but something went wrong with both. Looked round the buildings etc. which are really ? Riding display in a good many schools considering how new there were to it I thought they did well. Went in to the old fort. Quite interesting and a lovely view. German prisoners had been kept there, but the quarters were not good enough and I think the Germans might have reason to complain. However they have all gone elsewhere. Tea with Colonel and Mrs. Pevear, the Commandant, Nice people. Got back to the station and left about six. On the whole a successful day. Met a number of officers? to Mervyn's corporation. There has been terrific fighting but the news is generally favourable. Got an English mail. Tiresome letter from Eddy Derby. He want me to tell him who reported about Alistair Kern. Very awkward. Long walk in the train. Played bridge and lot.

Thursday May 8 Got back to Ottawa for breakfast. News from France is favourable. Lot of English letters with nice account of the wedding. it was most successful in every way. Got through a lot of letters and papers. In the afternoon Eve and I went to the Experimental Farm and talked about shrubs and trees for Govt House. Think we did some useful work. Anne came with us and quite enjoyed herself. Maud got back from Washington yesterday and seems to have enjoyed herself. She brought back a planchette? board. It is really a great nuisance. Blanches foot is going on well. Children went to a concert.

Wednesday May 9 Heavy fighting. Not unsatisfactory. Canadians had to fire ground at one place. The losses reported for the week by submarine shows a decrease, but we must of course expect to see many more destroyed yet. Lovely morning. Tiresome telegram from Drummond. Afraid AJB will only have a few days all told in Canada. Took it down to Sir George Foster. His is still determined that the visit to Montreal and Toronto should come off. Afraid it will be very tiring. Also talked to him on the food question. He agrees that something ought to be done in the way of a meatless day and also urged that we should be 'dry'. I told him I was quite willing. A photographer arrived and did a number of photographes. Red Cross meeting. Mickle MP and a Lt Kennedy both spoke well. Very puzzled about plans and also the food and drink question. Got a letter to the PM into draft.

Thursday May 10 Not much news. Fighting at Ivesnoy? obviously very severe. Cold wind but fine. Got through a lot of papers etc. and long discussion about letter to PM on food restrictdions. Rody went off to meet Mary who is coming out with Borden. Played golf. Mr ? and I played Angus and BJ and managed to win. I got on rather better. Evening news is ? Heavy fighting at Ivesnoy but we seem to have given ground. Russian news vague but disconcerting. Dinner party. Mr and Mrs Clark Mr and Mrs Creighton Dr andn Mrs Torrance Col and Mrs Hamilton Col Cunningham, Mr Walker Mr Ruddord? Mr and Mrs Thomas Mrs Caara Mrd Ord Mrs Clarke Mr Baskerville. Dull Telephone to say that Vivian and co are coming for the day. Would address both House of parliament on Saturday. Rahter tiresome but good job to get it over.

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Friday May 11 The news does not get clearer. Our destroyers chased Germans back to harbours. Heavy fighting in Macedonia. Discussed arrangements for Vivian's visit with Slade and Henderson and then went on to see Foster. The proceedings are getting into shape. He will go direct to Parliament buildings, address both houses and come to luncheon here. The French certainly do things in a way in reply has not yet been received to the effect of the Canadian Govt and the information from a private source. Eve, Maud and I went to St. Luke's Hospital. Quite a little function for the initiation of diplomas and a lot of people were there. Said a few words. The proceedings were rather muddled, but still they went on alright. Hospital is not as well run as the usual here, but still it seemed a useful institution.

Saturday May 12 Not much war news, but the socialistic movement appears to be growing all over the place. Nice fresh morning. Vivian and the French mission arrived soon after 12. Eve went to the Houses of Parliament to hear the speeches. Vivian's was splendid and the others were good but Laurier was not up to the others. The reception in the City seems to have been most satisfactory. Big luncheon party here. Went off very well indeed. In fact the visit appears to have been a great success. Luckily the day was fine and bright. Played tennis in the evening. One or two showers which freshened everything up.

Sunday May 13 Church. When we got there we heard that old Canon was dying. He had a stroke on Friday and was unconscious. The Ashbury Chaplain very lovely day. Everything growing. Obscure message from Rody. It seems the party were not on the ship expected and were proceeding up the St. Lawrence on some other ship. The children driven by Maud went off for a drive in a car. Ridley and Maud went with them. Heard about 4 that the Canon was dead. The end was quite peaceful and last week he had been able to attend the formal meeting and celebrate his golden wedding. The children had a successful drive. I went for a walk with Anne. Lovely evening and a wonderful sunset. Press telegrams are satisfactory.

Monday May 14 News keeps on the right side. Reports of damage done at Zeebrugge and also fire at Wicklens haven? Good business? Lovely morning. Good report of Vivian's speech. Certainly it seems to be very effective. Saw Sir Joseph Pope. Though he had nothing new to tell me he was most interesting about Washington. Also saw Colonel Desjardin. Nice old French Canadian. Very keen imperialist and has written a book which he gave me directed against Bourassa. Played golf. Got on better. News not satisfactory in Russia and position is bad. Report arrived that PM was expected about two. Rody and Mary were coming with them.

Thursday May 15 We seem to be making progress but slow. Various odd reports in papers of a rift between Turkey and Russia. The news from Russia is perplexing and unsatisfactory. Mary and Rody arrived about two. The children waited in the drawing room for them. Bright but cold wind. Went with Eve to see the Perley House for incurables. Bright and comfortable and people seem well cared for. Most of the cases were paralysis and old age with rheumatism. Long and involved cable from Walter Long. Not altogether satisfactory but position is very serious as regards submarines and Russia. Long talk – 70 minutes with PM. Most interesting and graphic accounts of what is going on at home but did not get to any real business. Mentioned question of honours and food, both of which he said he would look into. English mail. Some nice and interesting letters. Played golf with BJ and Mervyn. I got on fairly well. Eve, Maud, Rody and Mary also came but went for walks. Evening news is rather better.

Wednesday May 16 Not much war news. German counter attached hourly, but on the whole we managed to hold our own. Petrograd news rather better. Weather was rather milder. Lot of letters. Went for an expedition down the river in Senator Edward's launch. Really very nice and views were beautiful. Went about thirty miles. Attempted fishing but no success. Mervyn and I went round the mills? most interesting and really very good work. Heavy fighting reported in evening papers. Petrograd news is very bad. Anne came on the water party. Very happy but tired at the end. The others seemed to enjoy it.

Thursday May 17 No very pronounced news but heavy fighting continues. Lloyd George proposed some new scheme for Ireland. Looks involved but one can only hope something will be carried out. Interesting conversation with the PM. He thinks that some form of conscription must be adopted and that something in the nature of a coalition might be formed. We also referred to honours. I thought he was tired and worried. He is afraid that there will be serious trouble in Quebec over conscription. Played golf with Mervyn.

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Lovely afternoon. Some of the others went to see another lake. Evening news rather more satisfactory.

The motor party got into difficulties and did not get back till past nine. They were tired but all right.

Friday May 18 News seems better at / and / No further information about submarines. Mild and rain early. Everything growing fast. Eve very much upset with the Hamilton visit programme and eventually settled not to come. Very sorry but think on the whole it is best. We must try to make things easier in the future. Spent a miserable day. Borden announced he would bring in conscription. Left for **Hamilton** in the evening.

Saturday May 19 Comfortable journey. Nice day. News seems fair but lost some trawlers? in the Adriatic. Went out for a short walk. At ten we went with the Station. Met the Reception Committee and inspected the Guard of honour. Went to the City hall. Quite a big crowd outside. Children sang. Good meeting inside. Received address from the Mayor to which I replied. three other addresses were read. Diocese of Niagara Women Wentworth Historical Society and Canadian Chos? National Sonates? Replied collectively. The ? received one from women ? to which I said a few words. Proceedings went off well. I think I spoke all right. Went to the Red X Headquarters. Services Nationale Canadian Patriotic Fund and to another office where four other ? were working. The arrangements in all cases were excellent. Well planned and carried out and the whole organization seemed good. Went by Po? Street Car to the Tamehare Club/ Delightful situation on top of the mountain. ? views and charming house. Luncheon party about 24. Interesting and pleasant. Big men of business. Maud went to lunch with Mrs. Hardie? and got on well. Met again at the hotel and went up the hill again to open a new hospital. good building and full of latest devices. Beautiful new ? city., It is certainly most attractive. Well laid out and planted with the lake beyond. Motored on to the golf club for tea. Delightful house and looks very good. Got back about 7.14 Heavy thunderstorm but got on in here. Great pity Eve could not come, but everything went off quite well up to the present. The thunderstorm was very heavy and as a result the lights went out and the street car stopped running. The Mayor had arranged for a reception, but very few people came. That would probably be accounted for by the ? and that Eve was not here.

Sunday May 20 Nice fresh morning. good deal of wind. found the hotel quite comfortable but the hosters? are tiresome. Church. Very nice service. The Dean preached. Music and singing good and the sermon was simple and straightforward. Big congregation. In the afternoon we took a trip in a motor boat on the lake. Really very pleasant. Went to the Sanatorium in the mountain. Charming spot and ought to be good for its object. Lot of returned soldiers. They seem to be doing well. Nice drive home.

Monday May 21 News is pretty good. Bitterly cold wind. Disappointing. Busy morning. ? with Hamilton ? ? An old ? which has been adapted and I should think doing useful work. Asked for a holiday. Saw the children doing some drill and also boys playing basket ball. Lord Kitchener School was next. All the public schools are named after prominent men. Children looked bright and happy. They are very ? about not playing up to the arrangements. For instance they knew that we had a quarter of an hour, but we had a long show with the kindergarten infants and were then wanted to go into each class room. Result was we got very late. From there we went to the Canada Steel Co. Interesting and some good plant, but I do not see anything very new except a motor engine for working a bloom mill. Next was Westinghouse Co. Splendid works and well equipped and arranged. Unluckily we only go there at 12 when the men were at dinner. A lot of munitions is going on Got back for Canada Club luncheon. Very good meeting and enthusiastic. Ought to do a lot of good. Think I got through my speech alright. Maud went out to luncheon. In the afternoon we went by motor to Stony Creek. Nice drive. Lady Hendrie and a number of people were there and showed us the scene of the battlefield of June 6, 1813. Interesting and certainly well worthy of commemoration. The monument is striking. Tea in the octage where the American General is supposed to have slept. In the evening we went to a Roman Catholic Hospital, St. Josephs. Small but nice and well equipped. Rain. Hope It will be warmer for our drive tomorrow. Mayor's banquet. Rathre long and too much food but very well done and a good form about 160 present. A music teacher from Toronto brought some girls to sing. They did very well, but rather beyond me. The Mayor made a long speech. He must be a little soft. Lot of good stuff but delivery very strange. I spoke for rather over ten minutes.

Tuesday May 22 News all though looks good. Shocking morning. Wind and rain. Decided not to go by motor to Niagara, so we started by train about 10.30 and arrived there 12.10. Still raining. Met Sir Henry Pellatt. Had luncheon. Very comfortable and nice hotel. Started in the ? street car and went up to the falls.

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I found I remembered them fairly well, but they are more and more impressive as one sees more of them. Went down the Canadian side. Stopped at certain points to see the rapids, whirlpool etc. Maud and the two ADCs went over the ? aerial machine. Looked dangerous but they said the ropes were quite strong and safe. Luckily the sun came out and the country and river looked really beautiful. Crossed over to the American side and came up on practically the river bend? (or back?) It is certainly more and more wonderful. Stopped at the US Niagara hotel and found my names in the book when Eve and I were there in 1899. Got into motors. Went round Gont (Gont?) Island getting out at various points. Had a good view from many points. Crossed over to the Canadian side and went to Sir Henry Powers House. It is really uncanny but the power is tremendous. Went over the plant very thoroughly. After some tea went for a motor drive. Could not get into the Transforming House and afraid there had been an accident. Heavy thunderstorm. Started back about nine. Sir Henry came with us as far as Toronto. Long but very pleasant and interesting day. I think Maud enjoyed it. The ADCs certainly did.

Wednesday May 23 Got back to OTTAWA. Eve is better but still seems tired. No special news.

Interesting talk with PM. He was out of spirits and seems worried. He is inclined for coalition himself but does not think it will be popular. He in fact did not appear to have any very definite intentions in our ? Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, Mr and Mrs and Miss Massey and two secretaries came to luncheon. They are on their way back to N Zealand. Quite interesting but rather doubtful whether England would insist on sufficiently drastic peace terms. Walk with Eve and Anne. Dr. Falconer and Mr Godfrey who is taking an entire part into the United States came to luncheon? Both were interesting in their own lives. Dinner of the Royal Society and the Join University conference. I presided and in proposing the King's health I made a speech. Speeches Foster and Lemieux (in French) were excellent speeches. Very cold and raw evening.

Thursday May 24 War news is slight. The report of losses by submarine and mine is not unsatisfactory as a show a further reduction of ships lost. The political position is very tangled and one can see no way out. cold and wind. Very unlucky for the wedding. Afraid there has been some trouble in Montreal about conscription. The wedding went off most successfully. Luckily there was no rain at the actual moment.

Mary looked very well and they both got through well. Church very full and a lot of people came in here afterwards. They left for Meach Lake about 4.30. I went to Nepean Point and invested a statue of an Indian at the foot of the Captain's monument. Afterwards took a walk with Charlie. Showery but milder.

Friday May 25 Italians have done well. Big ship Transylvania reported sunk on May 4. Dull day but not so cold. Anderson who is going the purchase of wheat arrived into the early morning. Nice man and seems strong. More confusion about ? Very interesting conversation at the office with D'Arcy Scott who superintends the Indians. He is a quiet but very straight and reliable man. Sir Edward Kemp came to luncheon and I presented him with the insignia of the M&G. Saw general Shite after many relays he appears to be making progress. played golf. Eve and Florence who arrived about 12 came with us. Angus and I played ? game but did not play well. In the evening papers there was an optimistic speech of Lloyd Georges.

Saturday May 26 The Italians have done well. otherwise no definite war news. Paper full of rumours as regards change of Govt here. Another bad report on Mr. Roger from Mr ? Galt. Bright day but cold wind. Last night General and Master White dined here. Got through a good deal of work. In the afternoon Florence, Maud, Blanche, Charlie, Angus and I went for a long motor drive. Got right away into the country. Very nice. Road not too bad. Met a nice old man and gave him a cup of tea. He was Irish but had been here all his life. Maud drove a good deal and managed very well. General Lechie? and his ADC Capt Bookby (boothby) (Ld Browning ? Lieutenant) and Andersons ?? came to dinner. Quite pleasant. Considerable fussing about AJB's arrival tomorrow.

Sunday May 27 Lovely day. AJB and his mission arrived at nine. He really looks remarkable well and they are all in excellent spirits. After breakfast they went to their rooms and then some of them went to play golf. AJB and Malcolm came to Church. The Bishop preached. Rather a fuss about a certain Mr. Malcolm of New York who came unofficially but was asked ? to stay. Fuss about the ? some of us played tennis. Eve took AJB for a short drive and then he played tennis. The mission with the exception of General bridges are a nice lot and very friendly. Bridges is a regular swashbuckling swaggering soldier. I like the ? Sir Dudkey de Charubert, Admiral Browning arrived in the evening. They all seem to have settled down well.

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Monday May 28 War news is good, but position here is becoming more and more ? Busy morning. Lot of messages ? about. Mr Balfour came with him to the office where he saw the PM. They went together to the Council and I saw Sir J Pope. He took a distinctly gloomy ? on the situation. The Apostolic Legate came to luncheon. He was very grounded? in all that he said about Quebec. Everybody except me went to the Parliamentary meeting. Mr. Balfour had a wonderful reception and appears to have made an excellent speech. The proceedings were most successful. Springy had luncheon with the PM and had an interesting conversation with him. He seems to have made up his mind to coalisce and to resign if it does not come off. Went for a walk with Springy. Dinner and reception went off well. I suppose we are not sufficiently formal but people appear to have enjoyed themselves. Altogether the day was successful.

Thursday May 29 Russian news is again bad. Internal economic troubles. Mild and grey day. Mr Balfour's speech read very well. Long and tiresome day. A variety of people came and went. A Mr. Dixon of the Borla? Christian ? a ? saw AJB and me. Then a very little Christian Science and his paper has got a lot of valuable information. Office. Niel Thomas, Bowerian? and two other English labour delegates. They were dead tired but very pleased with their tour of the States. Talk with PM. The position is ambiguous and unresolved?. Laurier has not answered yet his proposals for a joint Govt. Borden appears to be determined to finish with conscription and will probably strengthen his government by inclusion of some Liberals even if he cannot get the French. AJB spoke at the Canada Club and made quite a good speech. Later on in the afternoon I saw Laurier. He is obdurate and objects to conscription in principle, but is going to Montreal tomorrow to discuss the position with Sir Lomer Gouin AJB after luncheon had a brief look round the new buildings and he had a naval meeting. Long cable from Wellast?(this may be Walter Long) Eve Ad Brouning and Florence. The labour men came to dinner and were very pleasant.

Wednesday May 30 The Mission left at 9.30. Very sorry to lose them, but in spite of all the hurry everything has passed off well. Wish we could have had a few days quiet. No war news. Lovely day later and peaceful as far as the crisis is concerned. Wrote some letters. In the afternoon Eve and I went to the Lady Grey Hospital. It is entirely for consumptives, and is well run. rode in the evening. Really very nice in the country.

Thursday May 31 My birthday. Everybody very kind but I feel it is rather a melancholy occasion. Glorious weather. Not much war news. The losses from submarines is again comparatively low for the week. Lot of rumours as to crisis but no really big developments as far as I know. Interesting mail yesterday from England. Long talk with Henderson and Sladen, but this position does not get clearer. Wrote a memo for my own guidance?> Talk with Sir C. Fitzpatrick. He did not have much to advance matters, but emphasized the seriousness of the present condition and suggested that the Govt as much as myself should see people from Quebec. YMCA meeting and appeal for funds. Good meeting and the speeches I heard were excellent. The children went on an expedition and had some trouble with the car but got back alright. Saw the PM. He was tired and grumpy and had nothing to report, but if I understood him right, he had made an offer to Borden to leave the coming into operation of the Bill to be settled by order-in-council and if necessary to await for a general election. Tiring and tedious day. Poor Blanch will have to be up for a long time yet. The local anaesthetic which the doctor applied has ? quite a while in her foot and I am afraid the tendon has not begun to grow again. It was really very careless of Gibson. She is really wonderfully patient and good.

Friday June 1 Absolutely no news. Blanche seems quite the same and very good. Maud went off to Montreal. Wild and stormy. Heavy showers. interesting and rather satisfactory talk with Doherty. He says the position in Quebec is serious, but thinks it can be dealt with. Saw Pope. He has nothing new and got off to Washington. Also saw a Mr. McLish from Vancouver. Nice man. Asking we should see the Boy Scouts and has written / when we go west. Rody's Mary came over. Seems very well and happy. Played golf with BJ. did not play well. Saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the evening. Negotiations are still open but I am not at all sanguine. Blanche seems better but I am afraid she will have to be up for a long time. No news in the evening paper.

Saturday June 2 Still no special war news. Other things are disquieting. Resignation of Lord Davenport and Rhindher in England are reported as likely. Labour troubles in Russia and discontent in labour circles here. The surgeon came to see Blanche. he said there might just be a chance for one of Blanche's tendons. I am afraid he thinks she may be rather lame always. No more political developments at present, but I

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understand various meetings are to be held in the course of the day. Got through some letters. Great worry about Blanche's foot, but the surgeon seemed satisfied there was no risk of blood poison and there was also a chance for the tendon to grow. I do not hope she will not be lame. Eve, Dorothy, Rachel, Charlie, BJ and I went for a round in the motor by Macgregor Lake. It was wonderfully beautiful and pretty although nothing fine. Had tea there. Most successful expedition. Roads were the worst I ever saw. Maud, Angus and Mervyn got back from Montreal about 12. They quite enjoyed themselves and said the ? was good. Today they went? The children slept on the roof.

Sunday June 3 Big thunderstorm in the early morning. Nice fresh morning. Blanche seems to be going on well. Went with Eve and Maud to All Saints Church and unveiled a ? erected to Captain Woods son of Col Wood. OC Governor General's Foot Guards. Nice service. Wild and stormy day, but cleared toward evening. From the Sunday Pine calles? it seems we ?> have started a new offensive. Letter from the PM but nothing new. Recapitulates what had occurred. Walk with Anne after tea. Went round McKay lake.

Thursday June 4 Reports of heavy fighting in France. On the whole not unsatisfactory. ?'s birthday. Honours list appeared. Hope it will prove satisfactory. Nice fresh morning, but weather does not seem settled. Saw Sir Robert.[PM] He had a meeting this morning with Sir Wilfrid and found him willing to help. His own party were divided but he was waiting to hear from Sir L. Gouin as to the position in Quebec. I advised Sir Wilfrid Robert to see Gouin if the negotiations did not succeed. On the whole without anything definite or tangible, this atmosphere was more favourable. Eve Maud and BJ went to Meach Lake and stayed for dinner. I played golf with Mervyn. A lot of people out there. Very nice. Rather sultry but no rain. English mail nice letter from Eddy. Seems very happy. Some other interesting letters. No definite news. Afraid things are not going very well.

Thursday June 5 No news either here or elsewhere in morning papers. Nice warm rain. No official information as to developments. Got through some letters. Played golf with Angus, but did very badly. Lovely afternoon. News in evening paper was rather better.

Wednesday June 6 Big German air raid on England did not do much damage. Not much other news. Lovely day. Got through some letters and waited for news. Some people came to play tennis. Sir Robert [PM] came in the evening and told me that Sir Wilfred had definitely decided not to join a Govt pledged to conscription. He was very disappointed but said he would sound some of the members of the opposition. He went on to say that he had asked Sir Wilfrid if he would oppose the extension of the Parliament and he implied he would. In that case a dissolution is ? as Sir Robert could seem caring and ? the conscription bill in the circumstance of an exhausted parliament with the strong opposition to be expected in Quebec. Altogether the situation is troublesome and difficult. Settled to go to Quebec next week, but all our plans must depend on future developments

Thursday June 7 War news rather better. A lot of activity is going on. Several flying machines belonging to the Germans were destroyed in last raid in England. The announcement was made that Lord Northcliffe was to be sent out to the United States. Great mistake. Hope Springy will not resign. Marshall (Red Cross) and Army Chaplain came to luncheon. Marshall gave a good account of the Red Cross. The Kenyon-Slaney's came over and are to start west tomorrow. Played golf in the evening but got on very badly. We have made a considerable advance near Lille and so far the accounts are satisfactory. The statement was made in Parliament but a correspondence between Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid was published. Gives an accurate account of what had occurred so far.

Friday June 8 The new advance appears to be successful up to date. No new political developments here. Sorry to see Bonar Law's boy was reported killed. No more authentic political news. According to the evening papers the fighting has been severe but we seem to have done well. Played golf with Angus. Heavy showers at intervals. Had the fire lighted in my room and found it very comfortable. Made preparations for our leaving for Quebec. Rather dread the addresses.

Saturday June 9 News is satisfactory. The gains at Messines were consolidated. Lot more political rumours and the latest is that Sir Wilfrid will resign his leadership. Thunder seems to be passing off. Dull but fine. Eve, Dorothy Rachel Miss Saunders and BJ went off about 11 on an expedition. Charlie, Angus, Mervyn and I started later. Went up to Wilson Cross and found they had gone to Wakefield. We followed and came? to Gatineau? by a scow log. Really very interesting. Found them this side of Wakefield.

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Lovely drive. When I got home found a letter from PM saying Patenaude had resigned. Afraid that will mean Quebec is ruled up in line against the rest of Canada. Most deplorable.

Sunday June 10 Wet and raw. Sun is wanted now. Church. Nice service from the man who had been sent in to take the duty finding a new appointment. Press telegrams fairly good. Spent the whole day in trying to fix replies to the Quebec addresses. Real wet day. Never stopped for a moment. In the evening, Eve, Maud, Charlie and I went to Ashbury. Special service for the end of the term. Quite nice.

Monday June 11 News is fairly favourable. Julian Byng is to leave the Canadians. I think they will all be sorry to lose him. Maud Angus and Mervyn started off for Montreal. lot of rain in the night and more in the morning. Fine and warm in the afternoon. Everything growing fast. Eve went to hear the PM make his speech in ? the conscription bill and said he did well. I saw him in the evening. He was evidently relieved to have got the speech off, but he seemed uncertain as to the future, either as regards the construction of the govt or the future of the bill. On the whole he seemed very fairly well satisfied. Settled to send a cable to Sir Julian Byng in his giving up his command of the Canadian corps. Got the translation of his addresses. Seems alright. Took a walk round Rockcliffe with Eve, Dorothy and BJ. The household is in a state of some confusion and the electric lights went out

Tuesday June 12 Left for Quebec. Nice morning. Not very much news. Good reports of Borden's speech. Comfortable journey. Pity we had to leave poor old Blanche behind. She is very good and patient. picked up Maud, Angus and Mervyn at Montreal. Lady Meredith was there too. Got to Quebec at 6. The Lt Governor PM and ? Lady LeBlanc and Lady Gouin. The mayor and Mme Tacherau and Senator Mr and Mrs Landry. Inspected the Guard and drove up to the Citadel. Most ? interesting place. Grey evening but was very nice and house very comfortable. There is certainly very great charm about the place.

Wednesday June 13 A Quebec newspaper came in the morning. The abdications of the King of Greece is reported. These alterations are really getting alarming and one trembles to think of what is coming. Cable from Walter.(Walter Long) Nothing very new but Russian information is rather more reassuring. A lovely morning. The place certainly has great charm. the band played during breakfast. Got the addresses for tonight into shape. The Lt. Gov came and we had a long and interesting talk. Think I can get on well with him. He and Lady LeBlanc came to luncheon. She is very pleasant. In the afternoon we went out for a trip on the Lady Grey. Really very nice but Eve got rather tired. Some of the ADCs played golf. Reception in the evening. Addresses from the PM and the Mayor. I replied partly in French and partly in English. Think I got through fairly well. Everyone was most friendly and cordial. Think we ought to be able to get on with them.

Thursday June 14 The air raid over London which was mentioned in yesterday's papers seems to have done a lot of harm and the casualties are heavy. Not much news otherwise, but the paper is very ? Nice morning. Saw Sir Lomer Gouin. had an interesting talk with him. He says an election is the only way out of the confusion. He was quite forthcoming and spoke frankly. Also saw Mr Ross. Told him we cannot manage Gaspé this year but he was very kind and said we might go if we can manage it. Finally Bourassa came. He was certainly interesting but quite obsessed with the Canadians in a nation idea. He also talks frankly. Played golf with Angus. Links very bad but nice country. Saw the Montmorency falls. They are quite fine. Lovely evening. Took a walk on the plains and round the ramparts. Charlie arrived and seemed in extremely good spirits.

Friday June 15 The air raid in England seems to have done a lot of harm but not much military damage. Nice fresh morning. Spent a long time trying to get my reply to Laval into shape. No easy job. Saw the Mayor, the Chief Constable, usual sort of type, but had a most interesting conversation with Sir George Garneau. Really nice man moderate, quiet strong man. Roman Catholic but tolerant. In the afternoon went with Hendries and Angus and saw the new works on the bridge. Got rather giddy but it was most interesting. On the way back went to see Mrs. Price who lives at Wolf's cove (where he landed). Nice old lady and charming English garden. Eve and the children and ADCs went fishing. Seem to have had a very successful expedition but got no fish.

Saturday June 16 The war news continues to be fairly good as far as it goes. Henderson and Ridley started early on a fishing expedition. Wet and cold. Mail left early for England. Got some letters off. Went for a walk round the city with Eve, Maud and Angus. Interesting and quaint. In the afternoon I took the children

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and Angus to Valcartier. Nice drive and fine bit of country when one gets into the hiking ground. Dinner. Lt Gov and lady LeBlanc, PM and Lady Gouin, Hon Mr Turgeon, ? Tacherequ, Sir F. Lemieux, Gen Tagis, Hon and Mrs Galispeault? Major Pelletier. They certainly are very agreeable people with the dinner went well.

Sunday June 17 Lovely morning. Church. interesting building. We all sat in a pew in the gallery. Rather a dull service and sermon. CPR telegrams say that fighting is going on along the front. In the afternoon we went to see Mrs Dobell and then on to Spencerwood. The Lt Governor and Lady LeBlanc were most cordial. Some tennis was going on. Dorothy played. Henderson and Ridley got back from their fishing trip. They got a lot of trout and seem to have thoroughly enjoyed it. Rain in the evening. Laval university at 8.15 on the whole got through much more easily than I expected. I received the address and the Degree and replied in French adding a few words in English. Three very long funeral (or maybe general) orations. The degree to the students were then conferred and the diplomas given. Rather a melancholy spectacle as there were no signs and only just a care reference to the war. Lots of young men of military age at the proceedings Lasted till 10.15

Monday June 18 Lot of rain in the night. Warmer but gusty wind. Not much more in the Quebec papers than we heard yesterday. Went over to the General Hospital. Most interesting old building. Goes back to the earliest days. It only deals with old and infirm, but everything well done. In the afternoon we went across to river and saw the old building – a lot of ships for submarine/ work, Trawlers and ANGLLERS. also barges from Mesopotamia. According to evening papers we had to withdraw from some advanced posts unfortunately. Dinner party. Mr Justice and Mrs Marcomi? The Mayor and Mrs Largeur? Mr and Mrs and Miss Burstell, Mr D and Mrs Browne. Col and Mrs Jamieson Dr and Mrs Marnow. Pleasant people and all went well.

Thursday June 19 News does not seem satisfactory. Several losses of shipping reported. Also that we had retried in one or two places as reported last night. considerable movement is going on in Thessaly. Very hot. A lumber boom must have got loose as a lot of stuff is going down. Several new boats were out after it. Quite picturesque. English mail. Some interesting letters. Went to the Red Cross and Patriotic Fund offices. Both are doing good work but there is not the same enthusiasm as elsewhere. In the afternoon some of us motored to the Chaudiere Falls. They are really very fine and beautiful country. Went over the river by ferry. Dined with the Lt. Governor. Nice dinner and pleasant people. Sat out afterwards in the garden. Lovely evening.

Wednesday June 20 No very decided news. Big events appear pending. Had my hair cut. Lovely morning. Some rain in the night. A Mr. Lauer? came from Toronto to do a sketch for a medal. He seemed intelligent. The PM and Tascherau came to luncheon and then we started off along the river and past the Montmorency Falls. Tascherau's constituency. Lovely bit of country and most interesting. Flags everywhere and quite a good reception from school children. Asked for holidays for them. Saw a nice garden and had a look round the house. Nice old couple. Had tea at an inn. Clear and fresh and excellent food, but champagne was produced. I could not drink any. Afraid the losses from submarines have been very heavy again. Rather amusing to see that all the foreign named Princes like Dolly Teck are to drop their titles and become English Peers.

Thursday June 21 A lot seems to be going on but no very decided results. Nice morning with one or two showers. Got on with a letter to Walter Long. Gave Mr. Laur? another sitting. The result will not be bad. Went over to the Hotel Dieu. Interesting and the hospital arrangements seemed good. In the afternoon Eve and I went to a garden party for the Duke of Kent IODE. Funny little performances but glad we went as the people deserved encouragement. Children went to a picnic and quite enjoyed it. Dinner party. Mr. and Mrs Aylwy? Mrs Sewell, Dr and Mrs Rousseau. Col marick? Mrs Porteus Commander Sheraton? Captain of the patrol boat Hochelaga which arrived today. Mr and Mrs Breakley Mr and Mrs and Lady Price. Quite successful. The people are certainly nice and pleasant? there is still a marked division between French and English. Eve and the children went on board the yacht and seemed very happy and comfortable. I went to see them start.

Friday June 22 Started about eight with BJ and Mervyn. Met Mr. Amyot? at the station and went up by train to the Laurentides. Passed through a lovely country. When we got to the station we found the French Canadian guides. Crossed a river close to the railway and walked through the wood for about forty

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minutes. Signs of flies about but nothing to matter. We then came to a small lake which we crossed in a boat. Came to the Club House and after a couple of minutes walk we took to canoes and crossed another lake to the amyot? camp. Lovely lake. Dense wood right down to the water side. Had some luncheon. Heavy thunderstorm but soon cleared up and we started fishing. We went in several canoes and I went some distance before beginning to fish. The whole thing is very novel. Succession of lakes with little rivers connecting them – occasional falls where we have to land and carry everything over. These are called portages. I could not make much of a job with the fishing but got into a place in the evening where I got about fifteen in a few minutes. I got 24 of one sort or another. Nice little trout but nothing big. Got back to the camp about 9.30. The flies were bad and I got badly bitten and covered with blood. Excellent dinner and most comfortable.

Saturday June 23 Got up early. Lovely day. BJ badly bitten by mosquitos and very swollen. Went a long way up the lakes and got to a point over twelve miles away from the camp. It is evidently very late for the fishing – we had to resort to various expedients. The main one is to get a little fish (gugeon they are called) cut a bit off the back and bait the flies. It is an effective manner but no great skill is required. Fished hard all day. We saw some moose. Really very attractive and interesting. The lakes and wooded hills are very beautiful but somehow one feels one wants to see beyond. The woods are quite impassable as they are so thick and tangled. Got back about 9.15. Got 21 trout.

Sunday June 24 Left about ten and dropped down stream. Succession of small but very pretty lakes. I think they are more attractive than the bigger ones, Ought to have got a lot of trout but got 63. Mervyn got one of a pound. That is the biggest except one that Amyot got of 3 lbs in a dam. Most enjoyable day.

Monday June 25 Hot and steamy. BJ very swollen. Mervyn and I were none the worse for our bites. Fished in the morning and got eight. Left after luncheon and walked slowly to the station. Met the Taschereau family there. They came to tea in our car and I had a long talk with him. Had very little about the French Canada question. The Roman Catholicism is at the bottom of all the troubles and I cannot see any way. Got back to Quebec about seven after a very successful expedition.

Tuesday June 26 Eve and the others arrived. Their trip was most successful. Maud and Angus each got a salmon. English mail. Interesting letters. No war news during our absence. The debate on the conscription goes on. Henderson hurt his leg and could not get back, so we are left stranded without news. Went to the Ursuline ? wonderful old place and interesting but I hate the whole system the more I see of it. The pupils were away but we saw the nuns and they showed us over the place. In the afternoon we went to a garden nite at the Garrison Club for Red Cross etc. given by the IODE. Quite a successful entertainment. Took a walk in the plains. The Garrison Club gave me a dinner. Think I got through my speech all right. At any rate people were complimentary. Talked with several of the members afterwards. Big thunderstorm about midnight. Lightning was very bright and lit up the view. Really quite beautiful.

Wednesday June 27 There must have been a lot of rain in the night. Bright hot morning. There are indications that Lens is being gradually surrounded. Sorry to see in one of the Times that had just arrived that poor old Aleck Hood was dead. Very sad. Eve and Maud went out to luncheon with Lady LeBlanc. Got a few letters off for the English mail. In the afternoon Eve and I with Angus, Mervyn and Charlie went for a drive on the Levis side. Very beautiful views of the river. The Press comments on my speech of yesterday are complimentary. Maud, Dorothy and Rachel and BJ went for tennis to the Breakeys and got back about eleven. They could not play tennis and said the motor drive was bad. Otherwise they enjoyed the outing. According to CPR telegram the second contingent of US troops arrived in France. Heavy lot of ships lost and they M? was sunk by a mine off Bombay. This last is very disquieting.

Thursday June 28 English mail. Some very interesting letters. Cable from Walter.(Walter Long) On the whole fairly satisfactory. The position in Petrograd is somewhat better, but the army is in a bad state. Submarines reported probably and possibly destroyed come to 15. Motored with Angus and Mervyn to **Valcartier**. Missed our road and afraid we were rather lost. met Generals Lessard and Ingus. ? were provided and we rode round the camp. fine place but very few men. Saw the trenches ranges etc. then had a very long luncheon. Afterwards went to the fuse testing place. Saw several 18 lb shots fired but could not make out much what was going on. Dinner party. Mr and Mrs Amyots (4) Miss Burstalls (2) Mayor and Mrs Petry? Col and Mrs Nelson Mr and Mrs Amos? Sir G Garneau Mrs Firas Mrs L Lothcarrier?

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Friday June 29 Very little news in the papers. Nice fresh morning. Went with Eve and Dorothy to the Overseas Club. Lot of returned men there. The building was quite ordinary but they seemed contented and cheerful. M Lafranche, Mayor and Mrs Pelletier and a young French Canadian who had wounded came to luncheon. Heavy storm of wind and rain. Eve and the children except Anne left by the yacht about 4.30 for Gaspé. Pity it was such a bad afternoon. Took a long walk round the plains. Very wet and blustery. In the evening papers there were reports of ? advance at Lens.

Saturday June 30 Various reports of heavy fighting on the French front. The Germans have captured a few trenches, but the French claim they have inflicted heavy losses. We have also made progress. Wild and blustery. Unlucky for the trip down the river. Heavy rain came and got through a lot of letters. Bought some ? and fly book and a scale. A good fish can ?. Left at 7.15. Long wait in Montreal. Went to the Clubs there for a walk. Ridley was with me. Arrived **Ottawa** 10.45. Met Sladen. No particular news. Everything is going on slowly and people are wondering what is to happen next. Found Blanche and Miss Saunders up. Blanche seems much better and in quite good spirits. She certainly is very good.

Sunday July 1 Nice fresh morning. Blanche seems very well and I hope her foot will really be quite sound. Henderson came over from ? still rather seedy, but says he is better. He says he wrote me a long letter from Montreal and also one to the ADC but we never got them. Went with Mervyn to the Cathedral. Nice service and excellent sermon. Dr. Robertson came about five and had tea. He wants me to write him a letter in support of the Relief of the Allies fund. He has been both east and west and found a general measure of support. He was also very interesting in many other facts. Prime Minister came at six. Was well and in good spirits and did not seem worried with the slow progress of the bill. He is keen to have a general reconstruction of the govt and seems to rely to a marked extent upon Sifton. In the first instance he would try to get Liberals officially connected with the party but if that failed he would like further afield and try to get others from the Provinces. In any case he would not ? for extension and when I asked him said he did not expect an election before October. Discussed some other matters. He is somewhat uncertain about encouraging a Red Cross Day. Went for a short walk. There has been some rain and the vegetation is really wonderful. Things have come on a bit since we left. Various telegrams from Angus, the Lady Grey is apparently anchored and does not expect ? or some time. They seem all right and well.

Monday July 2 Mild and muggy. Got up early and was down by 7.45. Saw Croal and dictated speech to Kimber. News satisfactory as far as it goes. Russians appear a little more active. Got through a good deal of work. At 12 the formal celebration of the 50th anniversary of confederation took place on parliament hill. The proceedings were well arranged and went well. Large crowd of general public and good attendance of ministers, officials, judges etc. I spoke and was followed by Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid. Various songs were sung and then the troops, boy scouts, girl scouts etc. marched past. The ceremony was all over within the hour and was quite dignified and appropriate to the occasion in wartime. A rather tiresome Frenchman came to see me. Seems worried over the position in Quebec but I do not think he is fully cognizant of the facts. Got through several letters etc. Left for Quebec at 6.40.

Thursday July 3 Comfortable journey. Arrived Quebec about seven. Lovely morning. Found Henderson's letter from Montreal, but as he only wrote it on Friday, it was not surprising that it did not arrive before we left at 1.15. Anne was very pleased with some flowers and vegetables we brought back from Ottawa. Very good news from Russia. They have ? trenches and taking over 10,000 prisoners. Good business if it is correct. Great deal of telegraphing and wirelessness to the Lady Grey. We heard they had reached Gaspé at 5.30 this morning and at 9 she was off to Gaspé with coal. Seems odd to have sent her right away. We settled to go by night train to Gaspé and meet her there. Heard they were all well at Madeleine. Inspected troops in the afternoon. Not a good show and not much organized. The Captain of the French Cruises Conde? came to see me. Nice old gentleman. He understood my French for which he deserved credit. Weather looks more settled.

Wednesday July 4 After comfortable journey arrived Matapedia about 9.30. The secretary of the Club met us and gave me a salmon. It is the Club which has Matapedia and the Restigouche. Lovely spot. Met some of the members. Said the fishing had been very good. Started at 10.30 Atlantic time. Very long and slow journey round the Gaspé Peninsula, but most interesting. Lovely country and great variety. Got to Gaspé about ten and went on board Lady Grey. Heard they had arrived all right. CPR telegram. Russian news continues good. They claim 20,000 prisoners.

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Thursday July 5 Arrived Madeleine about six after a comfortable journey. Landed. Found they had settled down all right and seemed very happy. Flies are inclined to be troublesome but otherwise place seems quite delightful. They managed to get some fish. BJ got a 48 lb. I fished in the morning and got four nice fish. 29- 12.30 & 22. The others also got one or two. In the afternoon I got six more. 20,18,42,21,22,36. Really a wonderful day. Ten fish 252 lbs average 25. Fish are quick to hook if they are on the take. Rachel killed one and Maud lost a nice fish. Very comfortable and nice place. Children and ADC are wonderfully happy. CPR telegram. News continues good.

Friday July 6 Another lovely day. Maud and Mr. Ross in one canoe and I in another went up the river. I got four before luncheon and Maud one. Eve and the girls and BJ came. Had luncheon at a camp high up. Scenery quite wonderful. Took rather a rough walk and saw a waterfall. Beautiful. Altogether the place grows more and more attractive. The others went out cod fishing but did not do much. CPR telegram. Nothing very startling but afraid we have lost one old destroyer. Debate in 2nd R of the bill was carried. Laurier's amendment beaten by a big majority. I got eight fish altogether 14.21.10.19.19.19.22.31.19 making 155 lbs.

Saturday July 7 Shower in the morning. Lovely afternoon. I kept quiet in the morning and fished in the afternoon. got four. 30.8.19.22 = 79. Maud and Angus went out and got four. Charlie and Mervyn went up into Ross? and then ? to the camp and did well. CPR telegram arrived about 12. News continues on the right side.

Sunday July 8 Quiet day. According to local custom there is no fishing on Sundays. Started in a yacht for Anticosti but owing to wind getting up we returned. As it happens we would have got there all right, but it would have been rough and there might have been difficulty about landing. Mervyn and Angus and Maud went with the doctor to try to find the upper falls but after a long walk they missed them. Got back about ten. Rather too far for them to try.

Monday July 9 Lovely day. I went up to the camp. Got three fish very soon and then got into another which kept me going for a long time and a/ last – lost it. Think I am caught in a stone. Ross then Doctor and BJ came up with luncheon. BJ and ? got another fish, then went below. Met Maud and Angus. I got one more fish making five for today 18.14.19.14.20 The others seemed very cheerful, though they had not done much.

Tuesday July 10. Fog. The horn at the lighthouse went most of the day. I fished in the morning low down and got four 11.9.9.25 and in the afternoon I went up and got one of 30 – fine fish – to there early and was in hope I might going to have a big day. Maud and Angus went up to the camp and fished. Minster Voclin? They all got some. Maud's line broke. No news in cables. The others bathed. Mervyn BJ fished for trout. Eve went for a walk. Full preparation for our trip to Anticosti, but afraid the fog will be troublesome. Children all much excited. Eve settled not to come. Embarked at 10.30. Night fine and still. Dr. Shipman came with us.

Wednesday July 11 After a comfortable journey we arrived at Ellis Bay Anticosti about six, had breakfast on board and landed. Fine harbour and interesting coast line but shallow and can only take vessels of light draft. A long pier is built out, must be a third of a mile long. Found a man there in uniform and with "Chief of Police" on his hat. Walked down the pier and at the end met the Governor and several people connected with the Administration and the Direction. The whole thing is unique. I never saw anything like it. Twenty years Mons Mercier- the French chocolate maker, bought the whole island. Got rid (with some difficulty) of the original settlers. Built the cottages, developed the fish and game as well as the lumber. The whole place is run on systematic lines. We were shown round the mills, forestation, lock up, retail and wholesale store, slaughter house, bakery – Everything is well organized and equipped. After a good look round went back to the yacht. Maud, Rachel, Angus and BJ bathed off the side of the ship and said they liked it. After luncheon, Maud, Angus, BJ Dr Shipman and I landed in the motor boat belonging to the place. Met by the observation car. Great relief not to have to walk down the long pier again. Found the motor car – the only one on the island - and went to English Bay – ?? off the N. shore of the island. Nice

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drive and excellent road. English bay is a small village, but run by Mr. Menier? Found the wife of the Governor. Bought some things at the village shop where we saw the war caller? On the whole seems good. When we got back we heard that Mr. Mastic? who manages the place for Mr. Mensies was expected back from his fishing, so we waited for him. He arrived about six with M. Turgeon? and N. Tache? They had been fishing in Jigisi river and had done well. He was most civil and kind and insisted on us coming to dinner at his house, so Maud, BJ and I went there after going on board again. Most extraordinary building. Quite a nice Naval Chateau big vaulted hall. Well furnished and in good taste. Beautiful carpet and nice etchings and engravings. The dinner was quite excellent. Amazing to find such a place on an island like this. Long talk with Mr. Martin. Very interesting man and full of ideas of the future development of this island. It was certainly a most ? procession. No good salmon river. In order to get rid of the flies he had introduced large herds of deer, besides foxes, hares. Says that the result was most satisfactory. We found no flies at all and his argument appears to be justified. Martin has recently returned from France. He had served for 25 months in command of a French battery in Salonika. He was extremely kind and civil and most interesting. No dogs, shortening or alcoholic spirits allowed on the island and if anyone is troublesome he is shipped off to the mainland. A great point is made of making the people happy and contented and everyone on his island is in M. Menier's service. The heads of departments live in an excellent hotel. Somehow one cannot realize it all. A strange mixture of modern civilization and practically an controlled land Got back to the yacht about 10.30 and sailed at 2.

Thursday July 12 The ship rolled a good deal, but we got safely back to Madeleine – I landed for breakfast. Eve very well. Mervyn got five fish yesterday. Blustery and wet with fog at sea. Afraid the news is not so good on the German appear to have had a considerable success at Nieuport. Otherwise it is not unsatisfactory. Excitement over the arrival of the Quebec boat. Stores and mails arrived. Lot of interesting letters. Moucher seems to have started a baby. It will be nice if she has. D. Shipman left by the boat for Quebec. Mr Ross went by the Lady Grey to Metis? He has been most kind. fished morning and afternoon. Got two in the morning 23 & 20, but did nothing in the afternoon. Mervyn and Rachel got three. Poor ? seemed to have a sudden sort of spasm. We thought it was a fit, but he seemed to get right again. Wild afternoon and night. English letters rather gloomy, but they were written before the Russian move began. Angus seems to be coming very much attracted to Maud and I think she likes him. In many ways it would be very nice, but he is not exciting, there is the trouble about his lung, but then one thing is that she should be happy.

Friday July 13 Hot and close. Charlie and I and Maud and Angus went up to the camp. Lot of fish about, but they did not take. We did get one before lunch and one in the afternoon. Hoped we might have more. Mervyn and BJ went to stop the night at the camp. Kit seems better. Russian news is satisfactory. Holweg is reported to have sent in his resignation. Austen Chamberlain and Hartinge also resigned and others not accepted. Very sorry about Austen. Heavy thunderstorm in the middle of the night.

Saturday July 14 News rather good. Heavy thundery day. Mervyn and BJ came back. They got five fish up above. Flies were very bad. thunderstorm in the evening. Got a fish ? in the evening. Discussion about Western ?

Sunday July 15 Nice day. In the morning children and ADCs bathed. I read a good deal. Afraid Kit had another sort of spasm. I do not expect he will ever really be strong enough for the winter even if he gets over this. Eve and I went for a walk along the shore.

Monday July 16 Thundery, but no rain. Maud, Angus and I went up the river. They got several in the lower farm. Signs here in the camp and one in the lower farm. A distinct rise in the river and a good deal more colour. Mervyn and I went to the yacht to avoid flies in the night.

Tuesday July 17 Interesting cable. Fighting seems general in both Western and Russian fronts. The reports are fairly satisfactory. Wrote to Henderson with regard to the Western tour. Difficult to make plans. Angus and Maud got four in the morning. I got two. One on the Rock and the other in the farm. Maud,

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Rachel, Charlie and Angus went off in the lady Grey to meet Blanche at Metis. BJ got two in the upper waters and Mervyn and I one each. Rather disappointing evening. Cold and foggy.

Wednesday July 18 Foggy. Long and rather news letter. Borden introduced his extension? proposal but said that to avoid an election he would give voluntary enlistment another chance. Got three fish in the morning. Thunder about in the afternoon and they would not take. Dorothy came with me. BJ got two. Mosquitoes very bad.

Thursday July 19 The Lady Grey returned. Blanche seems better and can get a shoe on. She can also put her foot on the ground. Very nice to see her again. She brought letters and papers. The daily telegram stated that the extension proposals were withdrawn and an election is therefore inevitable. Unfortunate but not unexpected. Great relief we had made no plans. Now we maybe able to do the maritime provinces before the election and the west afterwards. Heavy thundery weather. Managed to get a small fish in the morning but did nothing in the afternoon. Mervyn got three and BJ none.

Friday July 20 Fine and hot, but bad day for a wind up for the fishing. Worked very hard but got nothing. Lost a fish in the morning at the Lower Rapids and another when I tried unlucky pool. The last is a difficult place to hook a fish and it is only by luck that they can be killed. Very sorry to leave. We have had a really good time but still I know I ought to get back to work. Not much news in the telegram. BJ and I went on board the lady Grey about ten thirty and ? We sailed at once – comfortable night journey.

Saturday July 21 Lovely day. Bright and fresh. The coast is certainly very beautiful and interesting. Read an interesting book about the Scotch seigneurie at Murray Bay? Strange to be able to read the book and to see the actual scene of the place at the same time though there was nothing to do the day passed very quickly.

Sunday July 22 Got to Quebec early and landed soon after eight. Found Anne at the front door. She seems to have grown but is very well and in good spirits. Lot of letters and papers. Shall take a bit of time to catch up but I am glad I returned. Some very interesting news from England. More changes. Geddes has become 1st Lord of Admiralty. Carson remains in ? cabinet. Dick was here and rather vague about news. Church. Hot and very long sermon from the Dean. Mr Ross came to luncheon. Told him how grateful I was and gave him a list of fish I had killed. Read letters and papers etc. After tea went out with Anne in the plains. Lovely evening. Anne very happy and talkative.

Monday July 23 Nice morning. The Quebec horses are as strong as ever. Afraid the Russians show signs of falling to pieces again. Serious and will make everything more difficult. Got through a lot of letters and left for Ottawa by 1.15 train. Hot journey. At Montreal went to see the Merediths. They are certainly nice people. Got to Ottawa about 10.45 Met Sladen at the station. He's stopping at SH. Quite strange to find oneself back. Afraid everything is very difficult and tangled and no sign of unraveling. Long talk with Sladen. He said a certain person had told him he thought I might have done more but Sladen told him quite straight that he was wrong.

Tuesday July 24 Not much war news. Long talk with Henderson and Sladen. The latter very much annoyed with Walter Long. Went to the office and saw Dr. Robcalm and settled to send in the official for relief in the allied districts. Half an hour conversation with the PM.[1] He was tired and worried and quite at sea. He hopes to get the conscription bill through the HofC today or tomorrow. Thinks it will get through the senate, but he prefers to make some additional appointments to give him a safe majority. Seems a strange and exasperating thing to do. He hoped to wind up the session in three weeks, but as an Income Tax Bill, a Railway Bill and a Franchise Bill has to be dealt with before the end of the session, his estimate is sanguine. He then proposes to prorogue, reconstruct the govt, possibly resign himself and then dissolve and hold the election at the end of September. ? cut our Western Tour as it is clear I cannot be away for any distance till Parliament has prorogued. Saw Sir J. Pope. He shook his head a good deal but had no suggestions to make. Lord Shaughnessy came to luncheon. Interesting conversation. Said he had three hours with the PM last night and came away knowing nothing. PM is simply sighing?. Suggested possible means might be found to have a debate on the whole question of dissolution by discussing the

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date. ? but I am afraid unworkable. Nice man and I know he will do his best to help me. Telegram of a mysterious character for Eve. Indicates that something may have happened between Maud and Angus. Think it would do all right. Interesting English mail. Henderson is really rather ? as he always caps everything anyone else says and bothers about going to stop at Meach. Afraid Mr. Woolcombe is very ill and a few days ago it was thought he could not get over it, but latter accounts are better. Dunford baby has been ill, but was rather better. Called to enquire in the evening. Walked round Rockcliffe. Really very nice but the litter is bad. Heard that conscription bill had passed by a majority of fifty eight.

Wednesday July 25 Much news is good. Russia very bad. Afraid Albert Grey is seriously ill again. Rather inclined to be gouty. Decidedly warm. Long talk again with Sladen and Henderson but got no further. Saw Sir H. Drayton and McGrath at the office – Both interesting but though they express great horror at the situation, they have no practical suggestions to make. Sir Wilfrid came to luncheon and was most entertaining. Long talk with him. He fears disorders and certainly there will be passive resistance to the conscription bill. Situation deplorable. Spent the afternoon drawing up a minute which I would like to submit to the PM. Think it may possibly do some good and cannot do any harm. Walk in the evening. Lovely sunset.

Thursday July 26 Russian news is not quite so bad. Submarine losses again heavy. Not quite so hot this morning, but still very warm. Saw the PM [2] and gave him a memorandum had drawn up on the situation. He seemed interested and said he was prepared to cooperate and that he had no objection to my seeing Sir Wilfrid. I told him I suggested a conference at Gov't House. So far things have gone well. Sir Joseph Flavelle came to luncheon. Interesting. He is very broken by the publication of the report on food. It is certainly unfair on him. Talk with Crowle about the garden. A Mr. Perry of the munitions came to tea. Dirty little man but old and interesting. He leaves for England this week. BJ and I went to the Experimental Farm. The corn plots look well. Dr. Ehaltz? showed us round. Came back b the Hogs Back. Sir Wilfrid came at nine. As usual he was pleasant and said he was ready to come to the suggested conference. I think now it is clear we can get one, although I am not sanguine of the result.

Friday July 27 Russian news seems worse and worse. Not quite so hot. Fresh breeze. Saw PM.[3] He luckily had not changed his mind. I told him about my interview with Sir Wilfrid. He said he would wire Sifton to know when he could get back from the West. I wrote to Lord Shaughnessy and Gouin, but had to leave the date open. Tiresome having to delay especially as I want to get to Quebec. The Lt. Governor of Kansas who has come up here to ? much got on about our methods and was ? came to luncheon. His ? daughter came as well. Quite nice people, but the daughter seemed to me mentally deficient. Gloomy letters from home. Also the press telegrams are bad.

Saturday July 28 Russian news is still bad. Lloyd George made another rather optimistic speech. Nice day. Dorothy's birthday. Had a look round with Crowl. The tennis court is getting on. The verandah is being pulled down and the attentions to the ? in front of my room is getting on. Very unsatisfactory developments here. PM never told me a word but disappeared and it was said that he had gone to the Thousand Islands. He might have let me know that he was going. Heard through his private secretary that Sifton had cabled he could not be here till the week after next. It is evidently the PM does not apply any rigorous inducement for him to come. A nice lot of 12 sticks came from Cocheerell. Nice reminders of home and especially the shooting. left for Quebec 6.40. Met Lady Meredith car in Montreal and went to the Club

Sunday July 29 BJ and I arrived at Quebec at 7. Found Anne very well. About 7.30 the Lady Grey arrived. Children came up directly. Saw Angus. Told me he had asked Maud to marry him. He seems very fond of her and she likes him, but asked him to wait for a month. So he is going on leave. Hope it will be all right. I think he would make her a very good husband. He left in the afternoon for Montreal. Eve seems very pleased with him. Church. The Dean is really grotesque. Quiet afternoon and walk in the evening. Wish I could stop here for a bit.

Monday July 30 Our silver wedding day. Sad we cannot be together but I had to return to Ottawa. Comfortable journey till we left Montreal when it became very hot. Met Henderson at the station and went straight to the office. Saw PM.[4] He had been away. He had definitely made up his mind that the

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proposed conference should not meet till the Winnipeg convention and taken effect and in the circumstances I could not do otherwise than agree. Shall therefore try to get conference for about the ninth and return to Quebec on Wednesday. Very hot Glass falling every appearance of storms. Walk in the evening. Still very hot, but not a bad breeze. Glass rises quickly. There must have been a storm elsewhere.

Tuesday July 31 Received telegram from children and Dick Nevill on our silver wedding. Afraid they will be rather distressed at not knowing about it. Not much news Lloyd George was more hopeful about Russia. Henderson cut his foot rather badly while bathing. Quite lame. Sladen was to have left for his holiday but a report came that there has been a washout on the CPR and he accordingly delayed his departure till tomorrow. In the evening went with Mervyn to the Experimental farm. It is really most interesting. Meeting at the Russell Theatre to commemorate the declaration of war. Handa? Food Controller spoke and made a good speech. I spoke and got through fairly well. Foster and the Mayor also made speeches. Rather better. In evening papers three were report of beginning of a big offensive in the West. So far news is satisfactory.

Wednesday Aug 1, 1917 The news from the advance is good. So far things seem to have gone well. Very hot. Got through a lot of work. The wind increased and glass kept on falling wish we would get a good storm. Very quiet afternoon. Left by 6.30 train for Quebec with Mervyn. Fourth? time I leave for that journey since Wednesday. The Merediths can meet us at Westmount. Went to the Club, then on to the Hospital to see Angus. Found him well and cheerful. Doctor gave a good account of him and says there is no tuberculosis. The wound will continue to hurt him for some time but no harm is to be feared. On the whole very satisfactory. Went to see the Merediths and left by 11.55 train.

Thursday Aug 2 Comfortable journey. Arrived at Seven. Eve and children very well. Hot and stuffy. Spent a very quiet day. Saw Sir Lomer in the morning and had an interesting conversation with him. He would not reject a coalition after an election. Strong objection to Sir Clifford Sifton. After tea we motored to the Montmorency River and went up by boat to the Fairy River C?? place. The river flows into the main River underground. Took a walk. Lovely bit of country and perfect summer evening. Had dinner out there and got back about 9.45. Telegram from Sladen saying no date had been fixed. Afraid the PM is backing out. The big offensive appears to have been interfered with by weather. Disappointing but hope it will be continued.

Friday Aug 3 Lovely day. Hot sun but nice fresh breeze. No very decided news in the morning newspapers. Wrote letters. Lt. Gov. and Lady Le Blanc and the Brazilian Ambassador and his wife came to luncheon. Nice people. Telegram from Henderson saying meeting fixed for 9th. A Harvard Professor and his wife appeared for tea. Seemed nice people. Friends of B.J. Eve, Anne, Charles and I went with Lt. Richard to see Mr. Macpherson garden. It is on the Citadel slopes and really very nice. Went across with Anne to see her into the train for the journey to St. Andrews. Ld. Shaughnessy sent a car, most comfortable. In the evening went for a walk with Charlie (or Charles). Toured the ramparts. Afraid Maud is in rather an hysterical state. Hope her getting away will calm her down a bit. She, Blanche and Charlie left about 10.30. Mervyn went to the train with them. Found Anne fast asleep.

Saturday Aug 4 News not unsatisfactory from Western Front. Bad from Petrograd. Senate passed 2nd R (reading) conscription bill. Toronto convention passed resolution urging immediate formation of War Cabinet and no election. Went with Eve and Rachel to see the returned soldiers. A great number, about 1100, had landed yesterday and this morning some very bad cases but they were all wonderfully cheerful and good tempered. The Immigration offices have been fixed up and are excellent for the purposes. Said a few words to those who could stand? And then went round the rest of the building. The Cardinal and one of his officers ?? came to luncheon. The disappointing thing is that they know all about the war but do not seem inclined to syir a finger. English mail out. Managed to get some letters off. Took a walk in the flowers with Evie. Very nice and find wild sunset. Went to the service in the Cathedral for the third anniversary of the war. Good sermon and nice service and fair congregation. Not much in evening papers, but battle appears to be going fairly well in spite of the weather. There appears to be a considerable feeling showing itself in favour of scrapping both political parties and having a strong government if a man could be found I believe it would be a good solution.

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Sunday Aug 5 Nice day. Church stayed for the second service. The Jamesons came to luncheon. In the afternoon we went over to Spencer Wood (residence of Quebec Lieutenant Governor) to tea and said good-bye to the Lt. Gov. and Lady Le Blanc. The girls and ADCs played tennis. Interesting talk with Lt. Gov. Afraid I can't see daylight as regards this Province. Took a walk in the plain and thought about how I should manage the meeting on Thursday.

Monday, Aug 6 Bright and warm. Nice breeze. No very decided news but not bad as far as it goes. Gave medals for long service and good conduct to three men. Also gave a little present to the Bandmaster. Went over to Lord Jameson's quarters, then went round the fortifications and quarters. The sergeants mess is interesting and historical. The Town Clerk came to luncheon. Interesting and capable old gentleman. In the evening we went to the Experimental Farm. Had a good look round and found it most interesting, although there was a good deal of ?? crabbing? Dinner party. Very successful. Col and Mrs. Lafferty, Rev and Mrs. Wilmot? Mr. Ro? McStewart? Mr and Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. Macpherson, Capt'n Ruggenstein? Mr. D. Dobek? And Mayor Parry? Very important speech in reply to Toronto definition by PM. His attitude seems to be changing. There is evidently a considerable revulsion of feeling against an election and in favor of Coalition.

Tuesday, August 7, 1917 Hot, but nice breeze. New is fairly good. Went round the Munition works. Interesting. Everything is very cramped but it is remarkable what is done. Mayor and Mr. and Mrs. Pelletier came to luncheon. Gave him a ?? and thanked him for all he had done. In the afternoon we had an expedition to the Isle of Orleans. Dorothy, Rachel, Miss Saunders all came. Went in the Lady Grey and found? the motor which had been sent over by the ferry Lovely spot. Went up to the Porteous House. Saw Sir and Mrs. Porteous and some friends they had there. Went for a drive for about an hour and a half. Went down the South Shore, crossed over and came back along the North shore. Interesting – had tea with Mr. Porteous and then went round his garden. It is really beautiful and well cared. Most attractive. When we got back I gave presents to the Captain and officers. They seemed much pleased. Also gave presents to the Canadian Railway and Telegraph people. Rather a bore and we *heard that no house was available at Blue Seal Lake*. Expect Evie and the girls had better stay here. English mail. Some very interesting letters. Girls sorry to have to leave Quebec. We had had a charming time here.

We. Aug. 8 Arrived Ottawa 12;15, Showers at Montreal and on the way. No news in papers but Henderson at the station and went direct to office. Saw PM. [5] He had very little to tell me. He is disappointed so far with the Winnipeg conference thinks it means the foundation of a separate party. Discussed tomorrow's meeting but substantially we made little progress. The only new information he had to give me was that there were a number between Cardinal Begin and Doherty. However it does not ? to anybody. Arranged letters. Hot winds there is thunder about. Walk in the evening. Heavy thunderstorm about 8.30 Cleared the air. Reports in evening papers indicate ? a renewal of the offensive.

Thursday Aug 9 Very little news. Lot more ? Flanders. Submarine damage during the week is bad. The Winnipeg Convention has knocked out union. The situation is growing more and more difficult. Heavy thunderstorm. Cleared the air and nice rain. Conference met at 12.30. Prime Minister, [6] Sir G. Foster Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Lomer Gouin, Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Clifford Sifton and Mr. Graham. The proceeding went well. And were controlled with moderate tact and obvious sincerity. The gravity of the situation was fully appreciated, but it soon became that there were distinct lines of thought. Sir Wilfred, Sir Lomer and to some extent Graham wanted an immediate election. The others pointed out the dangers and delays that would occur. In the end the PM made a hard offer that if Parliament could be prolonged he would arrange for a formation of a national Govt and suspend the coming into operation of his Conscription Bill till a significant effort had been made to get the men by Voluntary effort. However the others would not agree and the proceedings closed. Although no definite results were achieved no harm was done and the atmosphere may to some extent be cleared. The Winnipeg Convention has apparently gone solidly for Laurier and that may have accounted for the extremely stubborn attitude. Took a long walk in the evening. Colonel Marshall? came to see me about the Toronto Show. Got it fixed up. There is also some ? about the Red X Flag Day for England. I expect he wants some sort of recognition about the real trouble.

Friday Aug 10 War news has nothing striking but a good deal may happen at any moment. As was to be expected unauthorized reports of yesterday's proceedings got into the papers. The journal got the names

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wrong. On the whole it may be rather a good thing to have got something in. Managed to get an account ready. Sent it off to Walter Long. Lovely day. Took a long walk in the evening.

Saturday Aug 11 News is rather more favourable. Eve and the rest arrived soon after eight and seemed very well. Roy had a comfortable journey. Saw Sir Percy Sherwood. He is evidently very anxious and apprehensive of the future. According to the Evening Papers. Henderson has resigned. Afraid it will seriously add to the English troubles. Left about four with Evie, Dorothy, Rachel and BJ for Meach Lake. Got there about five. Children bathed and were very happy. It is certainly a lovely sight and the sunset was beautiful. Fished for bass. Got three. It is not a very exciting amusement. Home very comfortable. Well arranged and homey.

Sunday Aug 12 Lovely day. All except Eve and me bathed. I spent a very quiet day and read the whole of Buchan's book "39 steps" Quite excellent. In the evening went right up the lake and by a narrow stream to the lake above. It was quite delightful. Fished on the way home. Henderson got two and I got none. Played racquet? yesterday and today and lost many games. BJ and I got back to Ottawa about 1.

Monday Aug 13 Lot of fighting going on but nothing very definite. Very hot. Dick Nevill got back yesterday from Montreal. He had seen his doctor who did something for his gout and he seemed better. Tiresome letter from Archbishop of Montreal. Got an answer ready and had it shown to the PM who approved. No news in the evening papers but the fighting continues. Afraid there is trouble in England over Henderson and the Stockholm Conference.

Tuesday Aug 14 No particular news. Went with BJ to the camp beyond Rockcliffe. Two units there. Signallers and ?medic corps. Both interesting and well run. I talked to officers in charge. Lovely morning and not too hot. Got back about 12.30. The Henderson boys arrived. The oldest is very odd ? but his youngest is very attentive. Played golf with BJ in the evening. Very hot ? and the course is in excellent order. According to the Evening papers the Pope has suggested Peace Proposals but if they are anything like what is reported they are quite useless ? Barnes has been appointed to succeed Henderson. Afraid there is still considerable trouble in England. Eve and the children go to **Blue Seal Lake** tomorrow. The Hendersons came to luncheon. English mail. Only one letter from mother. Afraid Aunt May is in a very bad way.

Wednesday Aug 15. Tremendous storm last night. Never saw such ? lightning. News fairly good. Interesting English mail. Nice and more cheerful letter from Eddy. Office. Sir Percy Sherwood Wright is Scoutmaster who have come from all parts for a conference. Eustace Percy arrived from Washington. He is coming up to Govt House to stop. Charlie arrived. Looks well and is very cheerful. Like St. Andrews. Long talk with the PM[7]. He first asked about Northcliffe and said he was inclined to think he had better not come during an election. He prefers to have a franchise bill and hopes to wind up before long but he hears rumours that the opposition may begin to obstruct. Otherwise he was very uncertain as to when this election would come and when the Conscription bill was necessary. News in evening papers is really good. We seem to have made a considerable advance. Hope it can be kept up.

Thursday Aug 16 News really seems satisfactory. The Canadian troops appear to have done very well. Heavy rain in the night. Damp and oppressive. Played gold with BJ. Did very badly. News in evening papers is really most encouraging. We seem to have done well over a long length of time. Cooler in the evening

Friday Aug 17 News seems really good. Lloyd George has also made an optimistic speech. Thundershower in the morning. Heard yesterday that Esmund Little" had been killed. Very sad. The PM [8] asked to see me and I went to the office. He had received a letter from Rogers who for bad taste and narrowness is the worst I find I ever saw. Rogers tendered his resignation on the ground the slackness and inactivity of the Govt. Borden's reply was quite good. I gave permission for the publication of the letter and I wish the PM had chucked him out instead of his resigning. Col. Macdonald who had been very kind about tents etc came to luncheon. Dick N? showed him a letter from Angus in which he seems very satisfied and said that he would go to St. Andrews on the 24th when Maud was expected back there. I think it must be alright. Played golf with BJ. Managed better than I did yesterday. The evening paper says the Germans were earlier attacking with real energy and although they got into one place last night, we have regained everything. We claim the German losses were very heavy. Eve and Percy left.. Eve wrote a

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satisfactory account of the **Blue Seal Lake** plan. Says the house is ??(roomy? comical? from her letter 1516) but clean.

Saturday Aug. 18 News keeps good. Lovely morning. Six years ago today was the record boy for Bolton. Started at nine for **Blue Sea** with B.J. Journey of three hours through a nice country. Met Eve, Dorothy and Ridley. An excellent motor boat has been lent to us and we got across to the house in half an hour. Really very attractive place but it is no more than an enlarged shack. Children were bathing and Charlie fishing with two other boys, Anglin and Crowdys. Capital boys and very good for Charles. They all seem to have settled there well. In the afternoon went out in the motor boat which was not the same as the other one we had in the morning. Lovely lake with funny little camps at intervals along the shore. In the evening we fished for bass and got three. Mervyn got one good one. The Crowdys and Mr. (or Mrs.) Keefer came for dinner. They have really been most helpful about everything.

Sunday, Aug 19 Started about 9 45 Mervyn, BJ Blanche Crowdys. Went by motor boat to Blue Sea where we met by two rigs. Drove for rather over half an hour through a pretty good. Road very rough and steep in places. Arrived at Whitefish Lake. Lovely spot. The shooting rights are owned by a Mr. Devlie contractor in Ottawa. He must be some relation of Ld Derby, MP for Belfast. His brother and his friend were there. Fished all day. B.J got most and the biggest. Think very little of it would go a long way. Had luncheon on an island. Got a ? fishing about six. Had an enormous meal. Excellent but too much for that hour. Got home about 8.15. Lovely weather.

Monday Aug 20 Another lovely day but storm in the night. Did nothing much in the morning. The children and ADCs bathed at Mrs. Crowdys. We went in the eve. It is really very nice and Mrs. Crowdys's mother Mrs. Keefer broke he leg last year and was lying on a sofa. Nice old lady. The Crowdys children and little Anglins are like ducks in the water. In the afternoon we went over to see the D'Arcy Scott house. Much the most I have seen yet. Light air and room. Quite a crowd in the evening. The northern lights were wonderful. Got the newspaper at last. War news continues good. There has been a bad (possibly? explosion???) in between Montreal and Ottawa.

Tuesday Aug 21 Lovely day. Bright sun and fresh. Went out in the canoe and landed at a point. Beautiful site for a house, but it would be rather far from the water. Children bathed. Left in the afternoon with Mervyn. Eve, Dorothy and BJ came across to Burbidge with us. Newspaper reports are satisfactory. No other news in Ottawa. Rogers resignation he referred to but the correspondence was not published.

Wednesday Aug 22 News really seems better. The advance continues and the Italians are also moving. English mail arrived. Sorry to hear that poor old Aunt May had passes away. Afraid Mother will be very unhappy. Interesting letter from Eddy and Dick and a tiresome one from Hammerley? He feels that his vocation for the Ministry has weakened. I wish he had found it out before. A Mr. amarorg? Came to see me. He is publishing an account of the war. Also saw Mr. Clemens. He is in the shipping business and working for the government and has come out in connection with that. He is going to marry Jonah Wood's daughter. Mr. Duff and Mr. Beck the American writer and lawyer came to luncheon. Interesting. Also saw Mr. Chartier (Charlier?) who lent us the house at Blue Sea. Nice old gentleman. I asked him to come and give me lessons in French. Played golf with Mervyn. Lovely evening.

Thursday Aug 23 News continues good, but afraid our casualties are heavy. Dull and cloudy. Saw the PM. [9] He has been in negotiations with various people from the West but no settlement has been arrived at. Colonel Power and Mayor Tidy who are at the Court came to luncheon. Played golf with Mervyn but did very badly. Evening news continues satisfactory.

Friday Aug 24 News from West front continues good, but the position in Russia is very very bad again. Heavy showers in the night and early morning. Got through a lot of letters for the English mail. Heard from Eve in the evening. The children plans apparently are all altered again and the Shaughnessys cannot have them. They will probably stop into Florence. Played golf with Mervyn. Not much news in evening papers but the French have had a further advance.

Saturday Aug 25 News much about the same. Several names appeared in the first list of the Order of the British Empire. Wish they could let us know here the names of Canadians. Lot of wind but otherwise fine. Long talk with Sladen and Henderson. Took a walk in the evening. Turned quite cold. Rhodes, the Speaker, came to dinner. Played bridge afterward. He is certainly quite pleasant.

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Sunday Aug 26 Some wind, but otherwise very fine. Church. Read the lessons. Telegram of congratulation from Walter Long on deeds of our troops. But so far there is no reason why he should have sent one at this precise moment. Press telegrams on the whole are satisfactory. Italians claim big Victory. Beautiful evening. Took a short walk and I was rather inclined to be gouty. Left for Toronto by 11.10 train.

Monday Aug 27 Comfortable journey and arrived Toronto at 7.40. Col Fraser was at the station. Went to Gov't house for breakfast. Sir John met me. He had just returned from his fishing. ?? Lady Hendrie there. I am afraid there is a lot of feeling about the Red Cross appeal for Our day. Sir John seemed rather depressed on a good many fronts. News from Italian front is very good and also satisfactory from ours or the French. Red cross meeting Discussed the situation arising from the unwillingness of the Govt to take responsibility for the "One Day" collection for the Imperial Friends. Passed a resolution saying that if no one else would do it we, the Red Cross, would do on but on the whole I found it is the best way out of a difficult place. After going back to Govt House we went to the Exhibition. Met Col. Manlick? And others. Connected with it. Big luncheon. Spoke for a few minutes and then formally opened the Exhibition in the Dairy Building. Went to ?? School children sang. Inspected Veterans and present a V.C. and other medals. Saw some of the side shows. Had tea with Rosary Club. (Roman Catholic). There had been an error about the day. The show is certainly a wonderful sight but it is not to be called a show. Exhibition is the people's word. Quite justifies all I expected. One or two of the returned soldiers shouted Sign the bill but no one took any notice. I had a very good reception everywhere. Small dinner here in the evening.

Thursday Aug 28 Interesting morning paper. Reports from war all good and there is also a report of bad condition internally of Germany and Austria. There seems to be some trouble with Ottawa over the Railway Bill and also the Western Liberals are said to have refused to come in to the Govt but this is not authenticated. More rain at night. Went to the Exhibition and visited many buildings. Interesting exhibits. The Live Stock were only coming in, but there were some useful horses and cattle. It was what they called children's day and there were certainly great crowds of them in spite of the rather unsettled weather. Went back in the evening for the Melodrama and fireworks. Quite a good show. Long but interesting day. Signed the Conscription Bill.

Wednesday Aug 29 News continues good. We have got on a ?? and the Italians seems to be doing well. Lot of political rumours. Busy day. Opened new wing of a Sanitorium. Interesting place and well run. Heard of Albert Grey's death. He is a real loss. Went over an aeroplane factory run by Imperial Munitions Board. Well managed and equipped and doing good work. After luncheon went to the School of Aeronautics at the University, the Government Ref? Depot and a Camp at Leaside. All doing good work. The camp is under Rob? Ken and there are a lot of Americans there. Said a few words to them. Leg and foot rather sore. Two or three people came to dinner. Interesting talk with Mr. Engleheart of the Provincial Railway. He is a great enthusiast of N Ontario. Hope to be able to get there. Telegram arrived late saying "Engaged - Maud and Angus" It is splendid and I do hope she will be happy. Sent off a lot of telegrams and cables.

Thursday Aug 30 News from Italy continues good. Very bad from Russia. We are again bothered by wet. Lovely day. Left at nine by train for Camp Borden. Most interesting. We went all over the Flying Corps Conf. I thought it quite admirable. Motored back through a nice country.

Friday Aug 31 Nothing very striking in the papers or public matters, but Maud's engagement was announced. The situation at Ottawa is very involved still. Started at ten from the wharf into a larger party and went round the harbours. It is extremely interesting and the works in hand are certainly very ambitious. Saw an interesting plant but think there were a good many things which we were not shown. ? a fast motor boat, but do not like it much. In the afternoon motored over to Whitby. Met Sir James Loughheed and other members of the Hospital Commission. The place was intended for a Provincial Asylum but was handed over to the Commission for returned soldiers. Admirable but extravagant. Opened a new theatre. The men seemed well and contented. Sir John left before dinner. We started hack to Ottawa in the night train.

Saturday Sept. 1 Got back to Ottawa for breakfast. Found Maud and Angus. Saw Maud in bed. She seems wonderfully happy. Talk with Angus. He is in tremendous spirits. They talk of getting married in

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the first week of November. Not much news in papers. Telegram from Eve saying Blanche would like to go West, so she and Miss Saunders will go off on Monday with Mervyn. My toe was rather sore so I sent for the doctor. He opened it and dressed it and said I must keep quiet for a time, so I settled not to go to Blue Sea Lake. Memorial service to Grey. I could not go on account of my foot. Anne and Lord Richards got incl. She is looking very well and very pleased with her trip to St. Andrews. Lord Richards gave her a kitten with which she is delighted. Kept very quiet all day. Doctor dressed my foot in the evening. Maud and Angus went off to Blue Sea Lake. It is nice to see them so happy.

Sunday Sept. 2 Heavy thunderstorm in the early morning. Foot and leg much better. Doctor came and dressed it again. Prime Minister [PM] came about ten and stopped for 45 minutes. Gave me an account of recent proceedings. The Franchise? Bill is to be introduced after being discussed with Seven Liberals. I expect it will be controversial from what he told me. He mentioned quite an idea he has formed for altering the Gov't. He hoped to get the Prorogation on the 12th but I think he is very sanguine. Seems inclined to take a strong line with sedition and rioting? Spent a very quiet day. Just walked round the garden with Anne. According to Press telegrams the fighting all over is severe. Germans are advancing in the Riga district. Quite a successful little naval business. Four German trawlers sunk.

Monday Sept 3 Not much news. Leg much better. Interesting English mail. Tiresome letter from Walter Long who rather complains that he does not get enough information. Also rather a difficult one from Eddy. He does not agree with the present Gov't and sees some difficulty in standing. Wired to him to consult Lord Lansdowne. Nice letter from last named. Anne went off to Meach and Blanche came back from Blue Sea on her way West. She, Miss Saunders and Mervyn left in the evening.

Tuesday Sept. 4 1917 Russians have abandoned Riga and afraid it may mean the fall of Petrograd. Other news is fairly favourable. Nice morning. Quite an autumn touch. No fresh news in the evening. Foot better but leg still rather swollen. Got through some letters.

Wednesday Sept 5. Riga has been evacuated and the Russian news generally is very bad. The latest air attacks on England are serious. Otherwise news as far as it goes is not unfavorable. Lovely morning. Very sorry to see in yesterdays paper from home that poor old Greg Mills was dead. Sir Frederick Black, his daughter and a friend came to luncheon. I remember him well when I was at the Admiralty. Interesting and on the whole what he told him was satisfactory. **Left in the afternoon for Blue Sea Lake** with B.J. Met Eve and the others at the station and in the boat. Rather stormy on the lake. Everything going on all night. Angus and Maud are very happy. (They were married on 3 Nov. 1917; just engaged end of August)

Thursday Sept 5, 1917 (He's wrong about something as Thursday is September 6 in 1917) Nice day. Cold in the evening. Went for a picnic to a lake about three miles off. Pretty place and nice country. Got one bass. Walter Long's fortnightly report came. Lot of it but nothing very new. Also rather gloomy.

Friday Sept 6 1917. (Friday is September 7 in 1917) Cold in the morning Went with Eve to look at a possible site for a house. It is certainly an ideal spot. Nice and hot when the sun came out. Fished in Cedar Lake and got a few. Beautiful place but not as nice as Blue Sea. Interesting old French Canadian there. Not much in the newspapers.

Saturday Sept. 8 (Now he's back on track as Saturday is September 8) Left soon after 6.30. Thick fog in the lake but caught one bass early. No news in papers. Political situation here grows more confused. Sir J Flavelle came to luncheon. He was gloomy especially on the subject of Finance. Lord Northcliffe arrived about six. We had an extremely interesting conversation. He was distinctly gloomy about the States. Thinks they will go on whatever happens but they are unsympathetic towards us. Dinner to meet him. Seemed to go very well and he had a good deal of talk with everyone. Prime Minister, Sir Wilfrid, Sir Thomas White, Sir J. Pope, Gwatkin, Fitzgerald, Judge Duff, G.P Graham, Flavelle.

Sunday Sept. 9 1917 Not much in Press Cables. Cold and wet but cleared in evening. Northcliffe had a busy day and seemed interested in all that he heard. Dinner. Foster, Meighen, Egan, Sherwood, U.S. Consul General, McGrath, Drayton, Hazen and Lemieux. Interesting and pleasant.

Monday, Sept. 10 1917 Russian news bad, otherwise it is not too bad. Very cold. Ld. Northcliffe went to play ? golf with Sladen and left in the afternoon. Think he was pleased with the visit. I opened the Ottawa Exhibition. Quite an interesting ceremony. Exhibition was interesting and seems popular. Think it will do good work. Sir John Willison who had been out with Lt. Shortcliffe, came to dinner. We had a really

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interesting conversation. He is obviously distressed about the situation. Anne came back from Meach. Seems well and happy.

Thursday Sept 11. Russian news gets worse and worse. Nothing of importance elsewhere. Franchise Bill was shoved through by closure early this morning. Fine but not quite so cold. Went over to new Parliament buildings. They had made good progress. Pearson seem rather anxious as to whether he could get the roof on before Christmas. He is working several likenesses of the Members of the Committee and the Senators into the gargoyles. He has a man who knows Chatsworth well and has worked in a likeness of old Munro. Played golf with BJ and did badly. Eve and Children got back. Maud and Angus very happy. They all seem very well. All sorry holidays are over.

Wednesday Sept. 12 No improvement in the news from Russia. The French are making progress. Heard that prorogation might be on Wednesday in next week. Hope we shall be able to get away to Northern Ontario about the 20th or 21st. Interesting letter from England. Admiral and Mrs. Kingsmill came to luncheon. Arranged to go to Rideau Lake tomorrow and have a look at the place. An Imperial officer, Abraham, who is doing intelligence work in Newfoundland also came to luncheon. Quite interesting. Played golf with Dick Nice game. He beat me easily.

Thursday, Sept 13. Russian news looks rather less unfavourable. Italians have done well. Ld. Reading is reported to have arrived in U.S. Glorious Day. Went to the show in the afternoon. Attendance good. Mr. and Mrs Galt? from Newfoundland came to luncheon. Interesting and not in the least swaggery. Hope we shall go there sometime. Left for Rideau Lakes in the evening. Dick Nevill had taken Dorothy & Rachel on in the afternoon.

Friday Sept. 14 1917 Comfortable journey. Arrived Portland Station about 1.?? comfortable night. Met Mrs. Kingsmill and her boy., Mr & Mrs. McLeod Chambers, Dick and the girls at the wharf. Mrs. Kingsmill had arranged for the regular steamer to take us. Went around the lake and then into the upper lake. It is certainly beautiful and very attractive but somehow misses the charm? of Blue Sea. The country around is like an English park. Think we should much prefer Blue Sea. The Kingsmill house is really very nice but somewhat on the lower C scale. Get back to the train for dinner. The Russian revolution appears to have fizzled but the army has given in to Kerensky. Not much news otherwise, but such as it is on the right side.

Saturday Sept 15 The Russian news is again upset. Kerensky may resign and Korniloff? Is apparently making headway. Interesting English mail. Some nice letters about Maud. Got several letters off by outgoing mail. Garden Party for the ?? Society Lovely. Few drops of rain but nothing to matter. Quite a successful affair. Walk with Anne in the evening.

Sunday Sept 16 Glorious morning. Real autumn day. Church. Read the lessons. The clergyman who has been taking the services announced that the new rector was coming this week. Press telegram had nothing important but it is evident now fighting is in progress. Went out for a long motor drive by Wakefield and MacGregor Lake. Lovely afternoon and evening and the country is really wonderful. The autumn ?? are beginning?? The Crowdys came, but we did not get on well about Blue Sea.

Monday Sept 17 The Russian news again seems more favourable. The other reports are fairly good. Lovely day. A photographer came from Toronto and did several photos. Telegram from Washington asking me to see General Vignal who had arrived this morning. Saw him at the office. He was anxious to make some arrangement about the recruiting of the Poles? Got hold of Kemp and put him in the right track. Asked him to come and stay the night. Interesting talk with PM. Discussed his speech for prorogation and suggested some ?? He told me he was in hopes of getting away this week and would deal with reconstruction afterwards. Looked tired and overworked. Dr Gibson came to luncheon. In the evening the PM came here with his revised speech. It is not good but it will do. Rode. Lovely evening. Gen Vignal came for the night. Gwatkin and members? came to dinner. Really very interesting.

Thursday Sept 18 Absence of news. The English mail yesterday was rather more cheery about news, but depressing about harvest. Another glorious day. Went for an expedition up the Gatineau. Car stopped and could not be induced to move for some time. Got on as far as Lake Bernard. Got home about 8.30. Lovely evening.

Wednesday Sept 19 News all round is more favourable. In Russian Kervensky appears to be getting his way but the position appears to vary from hour to hour. Lovely morning after an early shower. Eve went

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to a Prisoners of War Fete. Mr. Bennett, Minister of Militia and Defence in Newfoundland and two officers came to luncheon. They have come to see what is going on here in recruiting. Rode in the evening with Dorothy, Rachel, Clarke and BJ

Thursday Sept 20 Dick Nevill went to Montreal and got back last night. The street fair was a great success. The news as far as it goes is on the right side. Cloudy and dull. Doubts as to when we will get Prorogation. Eventually it was decided to get it finished at 5.30 Eve did not go. The proceedings went off alright. Evening papers announce the beginning of a new offensive. Inclined to rain in the evening.

Friday Sept 21 Another big offensive has started in the west and reports so far are satisfactory. It really looks a big thing. Best news we have had for a long time. Lovely morning. Played golf with Dick. Nice game and lovely afternoon. Went to the Intercession Service. Evening news continues good. Hope it is really a big thing. Best so far that we had had for a long time.

Saturday Sept 22 News really looks good. All accounts point out that the success is considerable. Another lovely morning. Interesting English mail. Rode in the afternoon. Rachel, Dorothy, Charlie, BJ. Motored to Lansdowne Park and rode out to the Hunt Club. Quite a nice bit of country. Lovely evening.

Sunday Sept. 23 Lovely day. Mr. Brewer the new Clergyman came for the first time. Presented a really excellent sermon and seems a nice man. Sir Joseph and Lady Pope came to luncheon. He was interesting about affairs in the US. Had my corns cut by a new man. He did quite well. Left in the evening for North Ontario.

Monday Sept 24 After a comfortable journey as we never went fast we arrived at North Bay at 8.45. somewhat unexpectedly a crowd was there. The Mayor said he had sent a telegram last night but we never got it. Went for a drive for half an hour round the town. Interesting. Seems a progressive place. Met Mr. Engleheart and Mr. Cole the ? engineer of the railway. Lovely journey up to Cobault. Bush and lakes. Great damage seems to have done by fires. Arrived Cobault at 2. Met buy the Mayor and crowd. Excellent reception. Inspected veterans and boy scouts and received an address on a platform put up at the station. Motored from there round the different mining works. Most interesting. Did not actually go down a mine but saw seams. Saw the different process for concentrating the silver. The place has been going for ten years or so but the accounts of the lengths of the mines were rather divergent. Had tea with one of the mine managers. Most comfortable excellent tea. Everyone was most civil and kind. Dined on the train and went to a popular reception. Very well attended. Music and a rather long speech from an Anglican Clergyman. After I answered Eve and I shook hands with the people present. So far the tour has been most successful. Glad we brought the children. Reception excellent every day.

Tuesday Sept 25 comfortable night. At 9.20 the train drew into North Cobalt station where children from the schools were assembled. Had a look at them. Both Protestant and RCs were there. Asked for a holiday. Went on to New Liskeard. Met by the Mayor and the local MP provincial a meeting in the Public Library. Address. I replied on the steps. Considerable crowd. Boy Scouts make a good show. Went for a long drive round agricultural districts. Wonderfully fertile and prosperous. Far more than I expected. Went round the hospital. Public luncheon. No speeches but shook hands with all who were present. In the afternoon there was an excursion down the lake Timiskamang. The scenery was really fine. Had interesting conversations with several people especially an old lady whose husband had founded the town of Herleley Wing? Got there at 6 English mail had arrived. Interesting letters but afraid some what depressed. Afraid it was a long day for Eve. Reception in the evening I spoke rather long, but in spite of a lot of children it was a good audience. Reception afterwards. Shook hands with everybody including the children. Everywhere the reception has been excellent and so far everything has gone admirably. Left in the middle of the night for Timmins.

Wednesday Sept 26 Arrived Timmins about nine. Met by the Mayor and a considerable crowd. Address at the station. Drive round the place. Curious mixture of good houses with indifferent ones. The whole country showed signs of the damage by fires. Went to the Crown ?? mine first. Saw one of the processes of smelting his gold. Went to the Hollinger mine. It is on the site of the old INdian trail.. Looked at some length round the works and then went down to the 425 ft. ?? The passages are high and roomy. ?? gas or water. Saw the general system of working. Most interesting in every way although we did not see any actual gold getting going on by luncheon at the Diviton Lodge. Excellent and I was much impressed with the people we met. Left at 2. Saw the Mayor and a number of people at S. Porcupine.

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Heavy shower of rain at the ?. Went by train to Iroquois falls. Got there at four. Very good reception. Mayor read an address. Veterans School children and a good crowd. Looked well round the power plant and the pulp mill. Certainly for the best mill I have seen. Only four years ago there was nothing but bush and now the plant is work 71/2\$ The tour was well planned and the house was excellent. Altogether a most prosperous thriving place. Proceeded by train to Cochrane. Address from Mayor School children. Think everything went well. Exhibition of hoe grown agricultural products. Long but interesting day.

Thursday Sept 27 Wet and rain. Left 9.15 on Mr. Engelhearts car for Kapuskasing. The track runs straight through the bush for seventy miles. Some sort of country but it has quite a fascination of their own, Met by the Commandant and his staff. Inspected guard and went right into the Interned Prisoners Camp. Most German and a certain number of Austrians. At present they are on strike and refuse to work. They look extremely sulky and were as unpleasant a lot as one could expect to meet. There certainly was a good deal of mud, but the food was good as was as the accommodation. They apparently object to staying up there for the winter, but as the Ontario govt have? The ?? for our own returned soldiers there can be no grievance. Luncheon with the officers. Crossed over the river and saw the new camp which is very much as a training place for returned men. Almost sixty there at present and a great many had already brought up their wives and families. They seem happy and comfortable. The order is that they should come up there and if they like the life they should go off into farms or the land which is now being cleared. An interesting man. Major Kennedy was running the business. He seems keen and sympathetic. It will be interesting to see how this experiment works The news from the war is good.

Friday Sept 28 Left Cochrane at nine and arrive Montelith? 10.30 Provincial Agricultural station. Arrangements for training returned soldiers appears good. The experiment is in connection with Kapuskasing. Good reception. Proceeded by train to Maltesor? Mayor and reception at Station. School children The Whole place had been wiped out by the big bush fire of July 29 last year. Many traces but rebuilding is going on fast. Arrived Engelleast at 3. Good reception and meeting in Agricultural Hall. Addresses from Mayor and Women's institute. I managed to get in a good many references to Mr. Engleheart. Got to Termagami at 6.30. Went for a walk but too dark to see much. Dined with mr. Engelheart. He was very interesting and has been most kind. Got an English mail. Some interesting letters. Also a cable to say that a bomb had been dropped and on Green Park and the windows of D.H had been broken. News continues to be good.

Saturday Sept 29 Dull and inclined to rain. Unlucky for our day on the Lake but Mr. and Mrs. Cockrane at the station and started off about 10 in the Lake Steamer. Belle of Tomogami (the name of the lake). The end fro which we started was rather dull, but it soon became very beautiful. The hills are not high but the outline is broken and ?? There are over 1300 islands on the lake and it is certainly the most beautiful we have yet seen. We stopped at Dear Island and saw the Hudson Bay Post. An interesting old Indian woman lived in the settlement there. Got to the Cochrane place for luncheon. Most attractive. It is used as a summer School and they generally have sixty or seventy by then. Grand place for boys as they have all the outdoor life in Canada, lakes and surrounding ?? which are ? to a large extent ? The Cockranes are in a ? and made us wonderfully comfortable. They have a large central hall where we sat and dined. We slept in tents and were most comfortable. In the afternoon we fished from canoes. Charlie got a trout but the rest of us did nothing. Lot of half breed and Indian guides about who look after the canoes etc. Unluckily the weather was bad and there was heavy rain, but the whole thing is most fascinating.

Sunday Sept 30 Wild and stormy. We were to have gone on a picnic but that was impossible. Had a good look round. Mrs. Cochrane paddled us across to an island close at hand and we saw an old Indian and his wife and daughter in law. ?? people. Walked round the island and saw the camp hear stories from the ? Left after luncheon. Weather improved and we went up the lake got to the train about five. Spoke to the Canadian Inven? Railway man. Gave presents. Got to North Bay about 8.15. Said goodbye to Engelheart. He has certainly been most kind and considerate and all arrangement was admirable. He dined on car. Considerable crowd at North Ba7y. Got to Sudbury about 11 and were shunted for the night. ? news in Saturday papers. Notice has been given to our correspondent that there will be no news for a few days. No German papers have reached Amsterdam.

Monday Oct 1 Drew into Sudbury station at 10. Large crowd. Meet by Mayor. MPP and others. Inspected Veterans and received address on platform erected ear the station. Bouquets and presentations.

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Went to the Schools. Large number of children. They looked clean and intelligent and sang nicely. Addresses in English and French. I said a sentence in French and then went into English. Asked for a holiday. The teachers etc. were presented and we then went over to the school. Well built arranged and equipped. Went to the hospital. It is run by the Grey Nuns. Address and went fully round the hospital. Every nationality there. The building is good, but did not like having ? cases in the ordinary wards. Went back to the station where we found a troop train going East. Drafts from Winnipeg. Eve and the girls gave men flowers from the bouquets. Luncheon at the Hotel. Evie went to a private one, Attendance good and strong looking lo of men. Spoke for twenty minutes. Started at 2.30 for the smelting works of the M? Model A. Interesting and I thought the works good. Process much the same as ? and still working. Came back to ? Sudbury and went on through a beautiful country to Levvik? Mine. Not very much to see but saw the general scheme of the ? wore kings. Got back at 8., Long but interesting day. Much impressed with the men I have mete. All arrangements were admirably made and well carried out. The silence from the front continues. Eve did not come on the afternoon trip. Glad she did not do so.

Tuesday Oct 2 Grey but fine. Reports of bad air raid in England. No news otherwise. Eve kept quiet in the morning. Started soon after nine? for Murray mine. Strange desolate track of country. All vegetation destroyed by the sulphur mines. An interesting story of the mine. It has now been taken over by a new company with considerable help from the Internal Govt Met some interesting men. Went to the Copper Cliff. Saw the smelting works. Far in advance of any of the other works I have seen. Mr. Mullen ha? The Co. showed us round. Seems intelligent man and a great advocate of making his men comfortable. The town was well laid out. And a quite admirable Children's hospital. Most strange luncheon party. Mr. Huile and an American and his wife came from California. They had a number of Californian friends who were most interesting and entertaining. Eve came up for luncheon. In the afternoon saw the children at Copper Cliff and also the P? mine where we went to ? works. Also run by the same company. Canadian ? Co. Arrangements returned excellent. Went down the mine and saw the workings and general principles. The future is extremely ? unless it is over capitalized. Got back to the car about six. Blanche, Mervyn etc. Slaveys came through on the Western Train and we saw them at the Station. They seemed well and happy. Started back for Ottawa. The tour has been in every way a great success.

Wednesday Oct 3. Got **back to Ottawa** for breakfast. Everybody seem all right. The lot from the West had arrived about seven. Anne very well. Indications that heavy fighting is going on on the west front. Interesting letter from England. Committee meeting on the Patriotic fund. Interesting discussion on the future appeals and general management. The general opinion was that the new income tax would have a serious effect on voluntary contributions, but the majority were inclined to keep the appeal going at any rate for a time. Had to leave before the end of this meeting to see the PM. He told me Sir Wilfred had resigned but did not know what the effects would be. He brought Mr. Ballantyne's house up as Minister of Public Works. I swore him in. Wet all day. Took a walk with Charlie. Dinner for the Members of the International Commission. 4 Americans and 4 Canadians. Interesting and pleasant. Rain all night.

Thursday Oct 4 Better morning but cold. Lt. Northcliffe and Campbell Steward arrived early. Lord and Lady Reading, Sir H and Lady Lever, Sir C and Lady Gordon, Col Swinton and Sir Thomas Royden arrived about noon. Some interesting conversation with different members of the mission. Afraid there are many difficulties in the States. Reading is worried about White attitude, but hope he can get it cleared up. Saw the PM and signed orders in council for dissolution and appointment of Mr. Guthrie as Solicitor General. Lot of political rumours but at present nothing definite. Rode with the children. Nice afternoon. Big dinner party. Sir Thomas White, Sir George and Lady Foster, PM and Lady Borden, Mr and Mrs. And Miss Doherty, Mr Mrs and Miss Anglin, Sir Jones Davies, Mr and Mrs Hazen, Mr and Mrs Cochrane. Went all right.

Friday Oct 5 Very good news from France. We have made a big advance and taken many prisoners. All the people here seem to have calmed down. Wet and cold. The various members of the Mission were very busy all day. Lord Reading seemed pleased with his interview with the bankers. Rode in the afternoon. Dinner. Sir Wilfred, Mr and Mrs Cockrane, Mr and Mrs Reid, Mr and Miss Burrell, maylas? Loughheed, senior Mr and Mrs Balone Mr and Mrs Duff Mr and Mrs Pugsley Ballantyne Lady and Miss Cassels. Went alright. Mr and Mrs. Connolly came to luncheon. He is the new agent General for Western Australia and is on his way to London. Nice people. Mr. Fyfe the War Correspondent also came. Charlie Leslie

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whom I met several times with Vivra? Naysmith? Came to see Ld Northcliffe and I had a little talk with him. The news continues good. Cable from Walter Long on the whole he is more cheerful.

Saturday Oct 6 The Press reports say that our victory is really big and the accounts appear most satisfactory. Cold and raw. Canadian Club luncheon. Lord Reading spoke well and made a good impression. White told him that the meeting had been satisfactory. The Levers left in the afternoon. Rode with the children. Royden came also. Dinner in the evening. Popes, Fitzpatricks, Draytons, Kingsmills, fyfe, General Elliott, Colonel and Mrs Edwardes. The Readings and their lot left by the night train.

Sunday Oct 7 6 degrees of frost. Leaves fading fast. The Gordons left early. Church. Stayed for the 2nd service. Mr Brewer presided well. He certainly is a great acquisition. Not much in the press telegram but Uruguay and Peru have come into the war. Lord Northcliffe left in the evening.

Monday Oct 8 News looks good. Dark and rather raw morning but after a little rain the day improved. Henderson and Evelyn left yesterday for Rimouski and BJ is going tonight to Northern Ontario to try for a moose. Rode in the afternoon.

Tuesday Oct 9 Preparations for a continuation of the offensive is in progress but the weather has been very bad on the Western Front. Russian news is rather better. Lovely morning. English mail came in and one went out. Tiresome letter from Walter Long. They seem to know nothing about Canada at the Colonial office. Saw the PM. He saw no objection to our going west in November so we shall get the programme in hand. He was in hope that progress was being made with Govt reconstruction and some Western Liberals would come in. Played golf with Rody Did very badly. Another big advance has begun according to the evening papers and the news so far is quite good. Left for Montreal about 12 and slept in the train.

Wednesday Oct 10 Arrived Montreal 9.15. War news is good. Saw Mr. Price of the CPR and discussed the Western tour. At 10.15 Mr Rosse Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners arrived. Several others with him. Drove to the entrance on motors. Inspected Guard and went through the shed and saw the general system of working. Went over one of the elevators which are 220 ft. high. I went out on the roof but I did not like it at all although the view was wonderful. The methods of handling the grain is really wonderful. Went by train along the river and saw what was going on. Went on board the American (Aluminium?) tug. Excellent? and most interesting trip? the harbour. Landed at Canadian Vickers yard. Extremely interesting to see all the work which is going on there. A present a number of trawlers, fighters? (drifters?) and one or two long boats are being built. We also saw the (delibreted?) Dry Dock and a couple of lake steamer which had been cut in two. We also saw a camouflaged ship. It is certainly ingenious. The trip was most interesting and useful. I am glad I went. Got back to Ottawa in time for dinner.

Thursday Oct 11 News continues good. Dark and rather raw. Got on with letters. Played golf in the afternoon with Dick and Rody. I did rather better. When I got back the Prime Minister came and told me that he had practically settled a Union Govt but was waiting for Murray PM of Nova Scotia, but he hoped to ?? after 9.30 in order to get them sworn in. Harvest Festival. Rather long service. Hurried back and bolted dinner. A very disgruntled letter came by the bag from Walter Long. He is really most cautious? And unreasonable. Waited up till one and then the PM telephoned that they could not settle tonight. They are really very tiresome.

Friday Oct 12 The list of new Cabinet and Govt appeared in the papers. Expect they had wait late to fix it. It is the same as the PM told me. Such news as there is is favourable. Eve and several others went to Montreal. Wet and cold. Nothing settled for sure then, but at last a telephone message came from the PM asking me to swear in the new members of Council at 12.30. Went there but still there was delay. He gave him the names and then they all came in together with the old members. Swore in Crerar, Sigler, Meners Rowell and Calder. Think they will add strength to the Govt. Also went through the formality of changes of offices. There were several but others are to come. With all their results it's a great relief to have made progress. Telegram from Walter [Long]. A move has been made to have ? for peace negotiations. Cannot tell how much there is in us. News continued good and another offensive has started. Wild ? day. Walk in the afternoon. Rachel and I went to Church. Eve and the others after a long day at Montreal got back in the evening. The doctor was rather depressing about Maud and said there were signs of a patch on her lung. Under no account was she or Angus to know. The great thing is to keep it quiet. [tuberculosis]

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Saturday Oct 13 Although Sir Douglas Haig was not able to achieve all his objectives, the last advance seems to have met with considerable success. The other news is favourable. The new Government has had quite a good press and hope they will manage to pull together. Wild and stormy. Eve seems better but is going to keep quiet. The Prime Minister asked me to swear in Carvell, so I went to the office. Admitted him to Privy Council and appointed him Minister of Public Works in place of Ballantyne who will go to the Marine department. The PM told me that he hoped Murray would join. He would add strength to the fort. He has been PM of Nova Scotia for 21 years. News in the evening papers is fairly good but the weather in Flanders seems deplorable. Took a walk in the afternoon.

Sunday Oct 14 left 8.30 for Montreal with Henderson Mervyn on our way to Halifax. Got out at Beaconsfield where we met the Huntley Drummonds. Motored to their place about five minute drive. Nice cottage on the river. Took a walk and saw ?? Derelict and depressing. Several people came to ?? Went to the remand? Depot. Interesting. Tea at the Shaughnessys. He is going into hospital for a check on his eyes. Left at 7

Monday Oct 15 All day in the train, but the time goes very quickly. Stopped for a quarter of an hour at Matapedia. Went for a short walk and look at the Club House. It is certainly an attractive place. Also took a walk at Moncton. The Rev Lake came to the station. Got to Halifax at 10.50

Monday Oct 15 Arrived at **Halifax** 10.50

Tuesday Oct 16. at 9.45 Admiral Bradley came to see me on the car followed by the Lt. Governor and then by General Benson. Met the respective staff. Drove to the Dockyard. Went on board the ? and met the Dockyard officers. Went all through the yard. Seems to be well run but lacks the tidiness and neatness of the Home Yards. Walked up to the Hospital. Nice old house. Makes a useful building. Drove with Captain Mour? To get a view of the basin. Returned to the Dockyard and went over to the College. Nice looking lot of boys. Said a few words to them. Saw them gong gymnastics. Luncheon with Lt. Browning on board the Liviathan. Met his officers. Went on board the Stadacona and went round the basin and harbour. Really very interesting. Saw the submarine defences. Went up the North Arm . Lively bit of country. Returned to the Terminals where we found the Lt. Governor. Had a look round the new work which is going on there. It is on a big scale and I think doubt if it is ?? Drove to Govt House. Old fashioned square stone house quite comfortable but rather noisy. Big dinner party – men only – Had an opportunity of talking to a good many of them afterward. Found the PM very interesting but uncertain as to what he ? At present he was clearly averse to the idea of joining the Govt. At dinner there were: W? Thornifer. Mr. Daniels. Capt Hines USN Lacleau P Kinswill Archbishop Worell Sir C. Townsheard, Senator Dennis and Powellian Armstrong. MacGregor, Captain Martin. Conal? General USA H? A? McCarty. Fondy. Mayor Jones, Rev. Rogers, Capt Eldridge and Lonndes. PM Commander and Chief, General Bauer Capt Blackett. The Mayor and some others. Earlier in the evening I gave the Military Cross to Senator Dennis Mr Dennis Carum too. The boy was killed but had done very well.

Wednesday Oct 17 Lovely morning. Not much news. Left about 10 with General Benson and his staff for McNeals Island and had a thorough inspection of the forts and the troops. Spoke at the different places. Afraid the men are rather sore at not getting overseas but the work is very necessary and is well done. Inspected the 54nd BaltN and had luncheon with the officers. Crossed over by the launch to the Main land and saw the forst ain inspected the 63rd. They are the best I have seen in this country but are ?? their hearts out for being left here. Tea at Govt house and then opened the War Trophy Evaluation at the armouries. Good show. Spoke for ten minutes. Mr. Dearnnes was in command and introduced me to the Red Cross people etc. A Mr. Power came to see me. He used to be a gardener at Lismore and is now in charge of the gardens here. He was very keen about Lismore and we had a nice talk. Dined on board the Leviathan. Very pleasant. Played bridge and won. The only objection was that Henderson played and he certainly is a very objectionable card player. Long talk in the evening with Lt. Gov. Quite interesting.

Thursday Oct 18 Very little news. Lovely morning. Left at ten and had a look round the discharge depot. At the moment there were no patients, but the general arrangements were pointed out to me and seemed very complete. Saw the Station Hospital and spoke to the returned men. The Hospital is the old Military one but is up to date and convenient. Had a few minutes at the New Hospital which ought to be ready for men in a few weeks. Very big and with all modern improvements but it is a pity that some more

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architectural effect could not be introduced. Went on to the Pier Hill Hospital. This is almost entirely for returned men. Some bad cases there. Lovely situation. General arrangement for vocational training are good. I thought the men looked rather glum, but was told they were alright. Canadian Club luncheon. Good audience. Lt. Gov presided. Think I got through my speech alright. Went to see Sir Malachs Daly. Delightful old gentleman of 82. He has been twice been Lt. Gov. Went for a short drive on the way to the Station and saw the Lt Gov's ?? house. Lovely situation on the North Arm. The house was Sir Charles Tupper's. Left at 3. The visit has been most successful in every way. The Archbishop of NS and his new wife were on the train. They had just been married and were on their way to Montreal. They came to tea. Friday Oct 19 Long day in the train. Got a walk in the morning at Rivier de Loup and again at Levis. Quebec looked as well as ever across the river. The Archbishop and Mrs. Rowell? Came to luncheon. Very wet evening. Afraid N?Ridley was very seedy. He stopped in bed all day. Got home [**Ottawa**] at eleven. Found Bob Brand. He was rather depressing. Eve very tired and worried about Maud. The Xray photo confirms the small spot on her lung. Really very tiresome, but hope it will disappear. ?? both have got colds.

Saturday Oct 20 Lot of letters and papers. Afraid the PM has been rather sharp about **Hazen's appointment to Washington**. It is nothing more than a political job. Saw him for a few minutes and told him I hope in future I could be told about these appointments before they went to England to the High Commissioner. Mr and Mrs and Miss Beal? Came to luncheon and so did Mr and Mrs. Christie. Sent a cable to Walter Long about the Hazen appointment. Walk with Dorothy. Attended a meeting of the Canadian Club. Mr. Beal was the speaker and gave an admirable address.

Sunday Oct 21 Lovely morning. Church. Mr. Brewin presented a strong sermon on his subject of Sunday Schools. Got on with some letters. There was a possibility of an Indian member of ? coming on his way to England but he did not turn up. Dr. Martin came to see Eve and Maud. He says the spot on Maud's lung is tuberculosis and probably from infection but with care and watching it could be got over. Eve is very run down and certainly hope not to come out west. It would be a good thing if she would go to Washington. Nice walk with Charlie in the afternoon. Got on with letters.

Monday Oct 22 finished my letter to Walter Long. Afraid he will be annoyed but the time for plain speaking has come. The Russian news is still as bad as first. We have also had a troublesome loss in the North Sea. Two German raiders got at a convoy and the did a lot of damage. We lost two torpedo boat destroyers after they had put up a good fight. In fact the news generally was gloomy. Got through a lot of letters. Rode in the afternoon with Blanche and Dorothy. The leaves are coming off fast, but the country still looks very well. Got on with letters etc. and in the evening went to the Regent Theatre for a war film show. Rather long but the pictures were admirable.

Thursday Oct 23 News from France is satisfactory. Lloyd George made a big speech and if he is correct it is rather more cheerful about submarines. He does not see the end of the war yet in sight. Saw the PM at the office. Swore in Maclean and Robertson. They will be useful additions to the Cabinet but at present have no?? portfolios. They will take important committees. PM hopes to reduce Sir George Garneau of Quebec to ?? He would be a valuable addition. An Indian Gentleman Sir- Poltani who is on his way to England to be a member of the ? came to luncheon. Interesting and agreeable. Took a walk. Eve seems tired and worried as Maud's temperature was a little up. Nice letter from Eddy but evidently things are not going well at Chatsworth. Cocherell is really very tiresome. Important orders ? concert came up for signature in the evening. Setting up a War Committee, a Constitution Development Committee. Additions were orders about Oleomargarine and ? All steps in the right direction.

Wednesday Oct 24 Arrived at **Toronto** after a comfortable and went on direct to Brantford. The Hendries car was put on to ours too2. We went special. Sir John came in after breakfast. Reached Brantford sharp at 10.10 Unluckily the weather was bad, but there was a big crowd in spite of it. Meet the Mayor Mr Cochshutt MP and others. Inspected the guard of Honour. Lot of them had been overseas. Gave address and also one from the Indians. In the letters there was request for exemption from the National S? Bill. It ought not to have been put in. Drove steadily through the City to the Memorial to Dr. Bell. Big crowd but the rain became worse. After Waiting for a long time Mr. Cockshutt made a speech and I unveiled the

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Memorial, which is really very nice. We adjourned to the Opera House where a number of speeches were made. Dr. Bell is a most interesting man of seventy and spoke very well. [Alexander Graham Bell] He stated quite clearly that he had thought of the telephone in his father's house close to the city. Nice luncheon. Terribly long and I was "" bothered by the Mayor. He is old and dotty and very tiresome. Afraid I spoke badly. The next thing was the opening of a club for returned soldiers. It is an excellent building and admirably furnished and equipped I formally declared it open and went all over it. We drove about two miles to Dr. Bells old home. I wish it had been fine but it is ? this country round and is very beautiful. The Homestead has been acquired by the City and is part of the memorial. From there we went on to the Mohawk Church and ? Most interesting. Saw the Brand memorial. Brandt was the famous Indian Chief and the church which he founded and in unaltered is the first Protestant Church in Upper Canada. Drove through the town and left about 5.15 and got to Toronto by seven. Long but interesting day. Afraid Lady Hendricks got a bad cold. The war news is good and the French Lars" had a considerable victory.

Thursday Oct 25 Wet at first. Nice later. Busy day. Presented war medal to Pt. Gibbs? And Said? Some other wounded men. Visited Bishop Strachan school. Interesting and nice. Asked for a holiday. Lot of men came to luncheon. Just before I presented medal to a wounded officer. Attended opening of University ? Col Gooderham ?? It really has done wonderful work already. Attended GMCH gathering. Big drive for members is going on and the effort so far has been most successful. Quiet dinner at Govt house and went to a lecture at the university by Dr. Simes Hepner? Of the Rocherfeller Institute. It was interesting and useful. Went direct to the train.

Friday Oct 26 Arrived Ottawa soon after eight. Lovely morning but cold. News continues good. The French have done well. Lot of very tiresome questions. Honours and Hazen. Patriotic fund meeting. Agreed to approach PM on the subject of rebate of income tax. Saw the PM for a few minutes. Eve was rather tired and settled to stay in bed. The others colds were better. Patriotic Fund went on after luncheon to 4.30. Short walk in the evening. ?? to the Ottawa Horticultural Society and the ?: Association Quite a nice little function.

Saturday Oct 27 Italian news is very bad. The Germans claim a big victory. Progress on Western Front is fairly good. BJ returned from his trip. He was unlucky both with the move and with the ? commander Jones, Mrs Jones and Captain Martin came to luncheon. Jones was the man I met at Halifax. He brought the submarines round by the Panama Canal from the Pacific Coast. Motored out some way and then rode round the Hunt Club. Very nice out there. Dorothy, Rachel, Mervyn and BJ came. Nice place for a ride. Tiresome telegram from Walter about the Hazen appointment.

Sunday Oct 28 Italian news is worse and worse. Wild stormy morning. Afternoon was clearing. Church. The Spring Rices arrived and seemed very well. The PM came about twelve. I showed him Walters telegram which he took very well. Said he would like to think about it. Got Springy in who managed in his most dexterous manner to throw buckets of cold water on the whole proposal both in regard the appointment itself and the individual occupant. Sent cable to Walter reporting what had occurred. Walk in the afternoon. Quite a nice talk with Springy.

Monday Oct 29 The Italian news is appalling and the worst we have almost had in the war. Eve had a bad sore throat and stopped in bed all day. Rain and stormy. Got through a lot of letters. Nice English mail. Rehearsal for the Investiture. Tome Spring Rice arrived. Very strange but very pleasant individual. Lot of presents coming in for Maud. Evening news was no worse.

Tuesday Oct 30 The Italians appear to have steadied a little. Lloyd George made a great speech in thanking Navy Army etc. Real wild stormy day. Investiture. Went alright and quite a nice little ceremony. Sir Robert Intrace? General Bissett? Bell and Walker. Eve and the children went to a bazaar. Springy came for a walk with me and I afterward went out with Charlie. Lot of presents coming for Maud. News in the evening was rather better.

Wednesday Oct 31 Italian news is no worse but reports from the Western Front are satisfactory. We appear to have made progress. Nice but colder. Saw the PM. He is worried about the selection of candidates. It is very difficult to get the strong party men to combine. Short walk. The PM came up in the evening with the Order-in-Council fixing the date of induction? For the 19th Nov. This will bring the

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elections to Dec 17 He hopes a good number of seats will go by acclamation. Maud is getting a really nice lot of presents.

Thursday Nov. 1 Italian news is no worse but there is an ? that the news is very bad. Elsewhere the reports are fairly satisfactory. Lovely morning. English mail out. Got through a lot of letters. Rode in the afternoon with Blanche, Dorothy, Rachel and Mervyn. Motored to the Country Club and found a way round through a nice country and quite good going. Sladen, Hendersons and Crowdys came to dinner. Some new very nice presents have come. People are very kind. ?? saw Sir C. Fitzpatrick and came back in a most depressed state of mind. I really to not think there is any cause for fearing anything like a serious outbreak. Springy is certainly very jumpy. BJ returned and looks very well.

Friday Nov 2 News from Italy is slightly more reasoa?? Sir E. Geddes made an optimistic speech in the H of C. The Hendersons and Sir J. Aikens arrived for breakfast. Nice day. Telegram to say that Prince Christian died on the 29th. Long cable from Walter. Did not add much to our knowledge. English mail came in but so far only one or two letters. Miss Amory and Miss Whiridge from New York arrived. Played golf with the Lt. Governors and Rudy. Very nice out there but I played very badly. I gave the DSO medal to a Mrs. Wright whose son was killed last year. She had also lost another son lately. The Bishop of Quebec arrived at noon? For dinner and the Lt Gov and Lady Le Blanc came by the late train.

Saturday Nov 3 Lovely morning but cold. A little snow had fallen in the night. News from Italy seems fairly good in the circumstance. The Germans are returning in France, but clear to have done it in an orderly manner. Very busy all the morning making good arrangements to the wedding. We were all photographed outside the garden door. Maud was very calm and really looked very nice. We were rather late arriving at the Church. The service was beautiful and the church crowded. The arrangements all worked easily and without a hitch. A large number of people came to the house afterwards. Everyone was most kind. The bridesmaids looked nice. Poor Blanche and Dorothy felt Maud going away very much. I shall miss her more than I can say. They looked as happy as possible when they left about ten minutes to five. The Pelletiers and Frasers? Came to dinner. Le Blanc and Aikens proposed on ?? and I gave a short reply. Played bridge afterwards with Lady Le Blanc. She is really quite amusing.

Sunday Nov 4. Lovely morning. Settled down after all the excitement. The Memorial to the duchess of Connaught was unveiled in St. Bartholomews. Very nice service. Bishop of Quebec presided. A lot of people came to luncheon. Merediths, Hearts? Prime Minister and Lady Borden. Walk with Sir John Hendrie, The Drummonds, Beardmores and Angus came to tea. Also a Dr. Haus and Mrs Haus and Mrs Kinkhoffer.

Monday Nov 5 Everybody went in train late last night or early this morning except the Springys and Mrs Amergus? Mervyn went into hospital at Montreal yesterday. Not much war news. Laurier issued his manifesto. Long and verbose but quite logical and proper. The question will be it is too late to do him and his party much good. Saw the PM showed him list for honors. He wanted a copy made no comments. The Hazen appointment to Washington is off. He will Chief Justice of N. Brunswick and go to Washington a special Commissioner on Fisheries. PM proposes to make Pugsley Lt. Gov of NB. He talked a little about Sir Wilfrid's manifesto but was not impressed by it. Rode with the children. Attended a YMCA meeting. Did not speak. Rowell made an excellent speech and then was a typical oration from a regular ranting Scotch preacher. Springy came too and was amused and interested.

Tuesday Nov 6 Italian news again bad. Not much otherwise. English mail but letters very dull. Maud and Angus turned up about three. They are very happy and liked their time at Meach. They left in the afternoon for Montreal on their way to California. The children except Anne went with them to Caledonia Springs and cam back in the evening. Walk with Eve and Springy. Some more letters and far more interesting. Ailwyn sent a nice umbrella to Maud.

Wednesday Nov 7 Canadians have done very well again and gained their objectives. The Italians are reported to be making a stand. Lovely morning. Office at 12 first saw a Mr. /// from New York. Wanted me to go there for a Scottish function but ?? I had to refuse. Next Sir Percy Sherwood came. Looks very tired and ill. He is afraid of trouble. Sir George Foster appeared next. Gave him ?? like the Albert Grase closure. He was hopeful that things would settle down better before the election came on. ?? the PM came not much to ?? He has made a progress at honours. Some big proposals are being considered with regard to liquor. He has read the manifesto (Laurier's) Talked at some length in ? of election. He hopes it is a

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majority of 254 this west and majority in the Maritime provinces. He thinks the Govt may get 10 seats in Quebec and lost 19 in Ontario. The net result with 140 supporters of the Govt and 95 against. He however stated that there was very little to ?? rode with the children. Went to a picture exhibition (movie) of water power in Canada. Pictures were good and interesting but rather long. Weekly cable from Walter. Italian position is somewhat better but the whole situation is critical and disappointing but not without hope. Jerry Newcombe – son of Doherty Minister came to luncheon. He has been badly wounded but is doing work here now. Nice boy. Sir Edward and Lady Kemp and his secretary Bristol came to office. He will be leaving for England almost immediately. Lady Kent is not going. Afraid the Canada casualties have been very heavy but they have done very well.

Thursday Nov 8 the shipping came for the week here the lowest, as far as it goes that is satisfactory. The Germans have not so far attacked this important place which was taken yesterday. Lovely morning. Had a look round the new parliament building. They are making good progress. Col Marshall and Dr. Robertson came to luncheon. Both were interesting. A rumour came from New York that Kevenensky was overthrown and the Mensheviks had come in. Very serious if true. The report was confirmed in the evening papers. Kept quite quiet in the afternoon. Saw Dr. Gibson who sent me some pills etc. Rachel and Anne have got slight colds. BJ saw Mervyn and gave a more reassuring account of him. BJ himself will not be able to do much in the way of exercise.

Friday Nov 9 Utmost confusion in Russia and no signs of any possible arrangement. Italians are still going back but the news from Palestine is reassuring. Nice morning. My indigestions is a little better. Got through a lot of letters. The Spring Rices left. He was getting into a very jumpy state. Walk in the evening. Church. Hendersons came to dinner.

Saturday Nov 10 No reliable news from Russia. Report of offer of three months armistice. Lovely day. Letter from Macpherson about marriage settlements but he says essential that agreement should be signed before the wedding also by Maud and Angus. It is really very awkward. Consulted Mr. Orde. Think it best that he and Macpherson should get into direct communication. Long and rather tiresome interview with Prime Minister in the honours question. We agreed about the usual list but he wants to have very few if any in the British Empire. Proposed none for 1st class or any other except the 2nd for which he suggested eleven names. Also wants to omit women. Afraid there will be trouble. A further letter came about my journey to New York in January. ?? out cannot go but think I should see him in first instance, so I wired Ambassador suggesting I should go about the tenth. JB? Came to luncheon. He is certainly a strange man and has great position but as the Catholic Church was always on the side of authority they should arouse obedience to the law. He was much agitated by the trend that events have taken and urged that strong representation should be made to the Church. Rode with Rachel and Rody by the Country Club way? Nice out there. Later in the evening PM sent up a telegram for transmission strongly urging delay in publishing list of British Empire Order. I sent a covering one explaining position. Left Ottawa at 11.30 for the West. Sunday Nov 11. Just a year since I was sworn in at Halifax. How the time has gone. Felt rather cheap from my attack of indigestion but improved as the day went on. spent all day in the train and had a easy journey. Got a walk at Cartier and found telegram at intervals on the way. News from Russia point to Kerevensky again coming out on the top. At Chapleau there was a big crowd and I said a few words. Made the first speech there and wonder how many there will be before we have finished.

Monday Nov 12 Easy night journey and arrived Port Arthur 9.15 Eastern Time. Met by the Mayor who introduced the Council. Inspected the Collegiate School Cadets and the War Veterans. The Cadets have only recently been made and wartime. Several of the War Veterans played by the 52nd. Mayor presented his address in a big open space in front of the hotel. A number of ladies were brought up with whom I shook hands. Walked to the CPPR dock and ? After a trip round the harbour we landed at the Government Elevators and were shown over it from the basement to the roof. Mr. Jones personally conducted me and was most interesting. We saw moving procession. A number of interesting men were introduced and had some useful conversations. On our return went direct to the hotel for the luncheon. About 100 percent sat before the mayor and a Mr. Matthews who is naming the Victory loan. They both spoke well. I laid considerable stress on the loan. Visited War Veterans Club. The same men were there as I had seen in the morning with a few others who were not well enough to come out. The room is quite nice and there is an

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ideas of making a more ? and self contained institution. ? Handsome modern biwing opened in 1904. The Cadet Corpos which I had seen in the morning and the girls were drawn up outside and a group was photographed. Looked round the building and then spoke in the mall. The ? made an elaborate and somewhat flowery speech but I am afraid mine was inconclusive. The next item was a convalescent home for Bolders Private House belonging to Mr. Keefer, brother of the Ottawa people and who is going to stand for the local constituency for the federal parliament. Rather small but very well furnished. Talked to all the men there. Next went to the Red Cross a whole floor ha been placed at the disposal of the Committee in a big block of office buildings by a Mr. Whelan who seems to be very prominent and mot generous. Mrs. Mochergue was in charge. Quite admirably organized and an immense lot of work is being done. In the same set of rooms the Women's Canadian Club is running the Soldiers comfort. Both work well together. Had some tea there. Drove through the residential portion of the town. Good houses broad and well made roads. Our last place to see was the ship building yard. Well arranged and equipped and in spite of a certain amount of unrest among the men a lot of work is being got through. Trawlers and a grugal? ship were being built. A trailer left yesterday for delivery. Got back to the train at 5.20 and shortly afterward left for the west. I was much impressed with all that I saw. The Mayor had made arrangements extremely well. He and his wife are nice and I should think do a lot of good in the city. The municipality runs the City. Drainage, poor water etc. The school ? I saw is a poor instance of the progressive sprit of the ? The Provincial Government gives a grant of \$3000 and the city finds the rest. No fees are charged. Tuesday Nov. 13. Comfortable night journey. Passed through Winnipeg in the early hours of the morning. The Train slowed down about 8.30 (central time) and stopped for a few minutes at Gladstone named after the great man. Walked up the train. Got out on to the prairies. In some ways they are attractive but I am glad I do not have to live there personally. Must get very monotonous. Most of the snow had gone and the morning was misty but the sun came through later. Arrived at 10.45 at Minnedosa. A certain number of people had gathered together and the school children marched up. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. I was told the population was about 1800. Agricultural center and railway Divisional point. Children looked well and happy. At 1 we reached Birle where there were a number of people and school children. I forgot to ask for a holiday but sent a wire from the train. There is an Indian settlement close to. The children I n the school there also cam up. They do not compare favourably with the Canadian children and although they looked strong and healthy, as usual there was someone who had been to Chatsworth. Everywhere almost someone turns up who knows it. The fog continued and quite prevented any view of the country. Very unlucky. The Assiniboine River looked a beautiful bit. Our next stop was at Brandenbury. A considerable number of people were there as well as the children. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. The clocks were put back an hour for the Mountain Time. By the new time we arrived at Yorktown at 3.45 and stopped there for half an hour. Large crowd. Spoke from the back of the car. Shook hands with a number of people and went for a drive round the town with the mayor. Everything seems as prosperous as everywhere else. The town had had a bad set back due to new speculation in real estate, but it has now recovered. The ? has been excellent and there are big daffodils on the banks. Population is just under 5000. The Dukhobour settlement is about forty miles north but I was told they are very ? self (absorbed, autonomous?) the old Yorkshire feeling and type is very well defined and shows itself in the most unmistakable ways. Stopped for a few minutes at Wynyard. Did not make a speech but asked for a holiday for the children and spoke to several men. Got the Saskatoon paper. Russian news points to victory for Kereversky.

Wednesday Nov 14 Arrived at Saskatoon soon after midnight and stayed in a siding. Lovely m orning. The Italian news is somewhat better. The life of Parliament at ? has been extended without a division. Very significant. Gave a cigarette case to the train superintendent. Proceedings began at ten. I met the Mayor who ? He is a doctor by profession and is a pleasant and capable man. Far different from the usual type of mayor. He had made all the arrangements and had taken a great deal of trouble. Inspected the guard of honour and cadet corps. The Guard was entirely composed of returned men. Started by gong to the top of the highest building and got a wonderful view of the country and city. Everything – water-sewage – schools and even a hospital are run by the City and is quite admirable. First visited a native school where we found the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides – also a Rutherma? Class. The children looked

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bright and intelligent. From there we went to the Collegiate School. Excellent buildings and equipment. About 600 pupils. On the way we to the University we stopped at another school where the children were drawn up. Saw a little gifted girl and spoke to her. Drove on to the university. Nice buildings of a white stone which is found on the prairies. Met Sir F. Haultain, Chancellor of the University and Principal Murray. Also the Bishop of Saskatchewan. Received the line address first and then the University. Replied to both at once. Proceedings went alright, but I am afraid I was somewhat discursive. Canadian Club luncheon. Mr McCrancy who represented the division in the last federal Parliament was in the chair. About 90 present. The luncheon was good but far too long. Immediately after luncheon we went to the military Hospital. The YMCA buildings had been taken over and are most suitable. A good system of vocational training had been established. Saw a boy who had been badly wounded. His name was D? and he came from Baker? He used to be ? with me. The next place was the Civic Hospital on the way found another school. Said the usual sort of thing and called for cheers for the King. The Hospital was good as far as it goes but was small. Plans had been prepared for another at a cost of eight hundred thousand dollars, but the work is held up by the war. Forgot to say that before the Canadian Club luncheon I went to Emmanuel College. This is an Anglican institution for training Clergy. Closed up except for a few students owing to the war. The building is being adapted for a vocational training place. After the Civic Hospital visited St. Paul Hospital passing another school on the way. St. Paul's is run by the Grey Nuns. Most admirable. Saw and ?(can't read sentence) Next went to inspection of St. John VANDs and next the League of Soldiers mothers and wives. Said a few words. Had tea there. Really very nice and the tone of the whole thing was most sympathetic. Got back for two hours quiet before dinner. Civic dinner in the evening. Quite pleasant. And speeches were found but too long. A professor from the University made a very intelligent ? and a returned soldier a parson, also spoke. Bishop proposed my health. Got back to the train about 11.30 and left for Battleford at 12 The Day was long but full and most interesting. Certainly the driving power and public spirit is a really living factor. Made at least 10 speeches.

Thursday Nov. 15 Woke up at Battleford junction which we reached in the early hours of the morning. One of the most lovely days I ever saw and quite warm. Drove in to the station at ten. The Mayor was away but was met by the Sheriff – a nice old gentleman Cann Matheson – Senator Price and others. Started right off for a motor drive. The country has certainly many charms and although dead flat the banks of the Saskatchewan and Battle rivers are pretty. Arrived somewhat unexpectedly at what was the old Parliament buildings when Battleford was capital of the NW Territories. It is now a Seventh Day Adventist School. Never saw such a collection of rather gutted people. I am told they are mainly vegetarians and conscientious objectors. Said a few words to them. Drove on to the barracks of the NW Mounted Police. This was the centre of the 1885 rebellion but is quite peaceful now. The NWMP are certainly well worthy of their great tradition. Received an address at the Town Hall. Quaint little ceremony. Saw four men who have returned wounded. Returned from the car to the town and found the children drawn up. good troops of Boy and Girl Scouts. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. Moved at the school and then shook hands with a number of the populace. Saw several mothers and wives of soldiers. Afraid there were a big number of widows. One man with a small baby told me that he used to belong to the Derbyshire police and was at Tidewell for a long time. He is now on the staff of the Provincial Asylum. We were taken for a drive along the valley. The country is certainly very attractive. The Lt. Gov of Alberta, Dr. Brett, turned up. Luncheon with Senator Prince. He is a French Canadian and RC but has been settled in the west for a long time. He took part in the 1885 rebellion and apparently was an expert sniper. Sat between Canon Matheson and an extremely pleasant RC Father. Both are old timers and knew a lot about the Indians. Drove across to the Provincial Asylum over a very long bridge over the Saskatchewan. The building had been open for three years and is run by the Province. Excellent in every detail. Was shown round by Dr. McNeil, who was most interesting. Saw an old lady who came from Holben? She remembered nearly everybody there. On starting again the North Battleford people took charge and after a few minutes drive we reached this city. Much more go ahead than the older place. A young but very functioning and successful manufacturer of Agricultural Implements drove me. His name was Starley Jones. Excellent reception. Inspected returned soldiers and cadets. Meeting in the school but in the first instance it was crowded with children. The Mayor read his address and I replied but it then

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transpired that most of the grown up people had not got in so I made another speech. Afterward shook hands with the men, women and children. Several had lost relatives. Went on to the Hospital which as usual is run by the Grey Nuns. Quite good as to arrangements and equipment. Received an address from the Father whom I had met at luncheon. Mr. Jones asked us to his house where we had some tea and we then returned to the train. Interesting and successful day. Received CPR telegrams. Italian news far from satisfactory. Scotsman? losses were considerable lower. Other news is on the right side. Started about seven in CNR and were knocked about and shaken to bits. Trying to write now. Slight symptoms of gout. Weather remains quite glorious. Bright and hot. Lovely sunset and eaglets? The Lt Gov of Alberta and the Superintendent of the CNR came back with us. Met Mr. Paul was shown ? curate at his house? very glad to see him.

Friday Nov 16 Woke up with some gout, but think the worst is over. Arrived Edmonton after comfortable night. Drove to Govt House for breakfast. The city stands well and has some remarkable buildings, such as the University, Parliament buildings, Macdonald Hotel, Govt House stands in a beautiful position overlooking the river. Taylor was late with the luggage so I could not change my clothes. Started shortly before 12 in a carriage with an escort of NWMP. The men looked smart and keen but the horses were not up to much. Nice address. Large crowds and enthusiastic and cordial. The Mayor seems quiet and capable. Introduced to the Council, the General Staff and the Govt. I like the look of the Prime Minister. He has only been in office for a few weeks as he succeeded Sifton when he formed the Federal Government. Did a round of schools beginning with the High School. Excellent buildings and well arranged and equipped. Cadet corps provided a guard of honour - ? if not the best that I have yet seen. The tone of the school was thoroughly British. The address was read by one of the boys and was well written. The rest was the Technical School. The building was old and when the war is over full accommodation will be found. The last in the morning programme was the RC separate school. There are about 800 RC children in the City and this was the principal school. Asked for a holiday at all places. Went to the Red Cross Rooms. A suite of rooms had been handed over to the Society ? CPR rent free. The organization was admirable in every respect and an immense lot of work is being done. Canadian Club luncheon. About 250 present. Luckily the eating part was well in hand and we got through it in good time. Got an excellent reception. The Belgian Council presided and made a nice little speech. Sat next to the RC Archbishop. Nice old gentleman. Got back to Govt House and was able to read some English letters. Started by motor a little before three and visited another school in the South side of the river. Visited Military Hospital. Quite admirable. Managed to say a word or two to most of the men. Next was a convalescent Home. The men were collected in the recreation hall. I said a few words. The last but most important and interesting function was the University. Got a cup of tea which was most refreshing. Received Honorary Degree. The Chancellor made a really delightful speech and I replied at some length. The University buildings are good and are laid out with a view of future expansion. Dr. Tory, the principal is a remarkable man and is most interesting in dealing with the troops between the cessation of hostilities and literature. He expects to be going to England in a few weeks. Had a look round the buildings. Equipment and plant are good as possible. Got a quiet hour before dinner. Gout was really rather stiff. Mens dinner. Archbishop Prime Minister Macdonald and a number of prominent men. They are a really good lot and the public spirit is most evident. The day was long and bad for my foot but it was most interesting.

Saturday Nov 17 Rather surprising that my foot was no worse. A little stiff in the morning but improved. Had a look round the house. It is a lovely situation, but the house is not well arranged internally and has some grave defects which might easily have been avoided. Walked round the garden which is quite nice. Such war news as there is is on the right side. Started a little after tenn for the University Farm. Met a number of people there and had a look at the stock. Interesting especially as they are going for shorthorns to a considerable extent. Drove round the City. It is certainly very attractive and the possibilities are enormous. visited the General.....?????????

My foot was no worse although it is rather difficult to move about. The day improved and the sun is really quite hot. As an example of the vagueness of the Lt Gov and the general proceedings here in the

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household several people were supposed to have been asked to luncheon but no one knows if they were going on in fact if they had been invited. Eventually some officer turned up. Let 2.45 for Parliament buildings. Escort of RNWMP. They certainly are a very fine body. Inspected the Guard of Honour, veterans, Cadets, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and the Volunteers. Everybody except the Girl Guides were most efficient and smart. Presented medals to four officers. and received address from the Prime Minister on behalf of the Province. It was long but good. I reposed but as I to speak in the open I do not suppose I could make myself heard over the large crowd. Looked round the Parliament buildings. They are certainly magnificent and really beautiful and in excellent taste. Big marble rotunda leading to the Chamber which is itself well proportioned and arranged. Prime Ministers Rooms and Committee Rooms are also well arranged. The Prime Minister is certainly a very attractive man and I am told he is quite stright. After the reception went to the Veterans' Club. It is temporary but they hope to get permanent quarters before long. I ma afraid they have been giving a good deal of trouble, but I understand they are finding

Efficient and up to date, but they said more room was wanted. Went in to the RC Hospital but they were not expecting us. I found the Lt Gov is absolutely vague and casual as regards time and engagements. He is very Irish and full of anecdotes. Mrs Brett is delicate, but quite pleasant. Another lady is staying here. She has got one ? three more overseas (see back page as again the leaves had stuck together)

their own level. Got back to Government house for tea and had a quiet evening. Big dinner. Sifton, former Premier, but who gave up to form the new Federal Govt. Bishop Gray (Anglican) and several others. News in the evening paper is rather better. Gave presents to Lt. Governor and Mrs Brett, Mr Lindsay and Mayor Trafford. Said goodbye and got on to the train at 11.45. Said goodbye to the Chief constable and had some conversation with McGregor. The CPR chief man. He is traveling on the train as far as Red Deer which we shall reach at four in the morning. Gave him a pencil. So ends the Edmonton visit which has been in every way a great success.

www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com Sunday Nov. 18 Arrived Calgary about eight. lovely morning. Met some of the CPR people. Mr. Weisgood came in with us. It is useless to attempt to describe the Rocky Mountains. They were far more beautiful and impressive than anything I have ever seen. Arrived Banff about twelve when we found motors. Drove round the place. The views are magnificent and the Sulphur Springs interesting. Think I must go there for a cure next year. Stopped at lake Louise and drove up to the lake. Most attractive. I was photographed by the amateur in the train with one foot in Alberta and one in BC. The scenery all along was magnificent and the engineering geat quite marvelous. Got one or two cables in the day. The Italians are doing rather better and there seems to have been quite a naval success. Stopped for the night at Sicamoose. Burrell came up to the train for a minute or two. He looked better than when I saw him at Ottawa but he says he has had a hard time. During the day the CPOR man who came with us made his journey far more interesting by pointing out the various points of interest.

Monday Nov. 19 Woke up early and saw a quite magnificent view and sunrise. Took a walk at the siding where we had to let a train past. The country is most strange and weird but it is rather fine and magnificent though somewhat of a monotonous character. Great brown hills with little vegetation. It was generally known as the Dry Belt. Certain amount of fruit grows on the banks of the river. As we progressed the country came finer. Kamloops lake is beautiful and so is the Thompson River. Took a walk at Kamloops. Met the Mayor. Seems quite a good man. At luncheon time we found the junction of the Thompson and Fraser rivers. The scenery is really magnificent and was so all the afternoon. Stopped at Spence Bay where we got the CPR Call? in which the death of General Mach? was reported. Very sad. He was really a big man. Stopped again at North B? heard that Neil Primrose and Evelyn Rothschild had been killed in Palestine. Arrived at Vancouver 9.45. Heavy rain and could see nothing. Went on board the boat at 11. Quite comfortable.

Tuesday Nov. 20 Got up early but it was damp and rather misty so there was not much to see. comfortable night in the boat. Princess Alice CPR at 8.30 the Lt Governor came on board. We landed at once and introduced me to the Reception Committee. Prime Minister, Mayor, members of the Govt, leading men. ?

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with Boy Scouts, Red cross, Canadian Club, General and his staff. Admiral and his men. Shook hands with them all. Drove to Govt House for breakfast. Mr Barnard? and a Miss mason? were there. Not a bad house but not well arranged as the best view is blocked by a ball room. Lovely situation and a glorious view. The place is certainly most attractive. A little rain at first but the morning improved. At 11 went to Parliament buildings which are really very fine. Received addresses from the PM for the Province and from the Mayor for the city and some of the surrounding municipalities. Replied to both at once. Looked round the library which is under a Mr. Schofield who is most keen and enthusiastic about the history and records of the province. He has got a remarkable collection and well arranged. It is great thing to get a man who will do that sort of thing. On my way out I found Mrs Abraham Wilson of Mireside Holken and had a nice little talk with her and another woman from Bolton. It is very nice to see them. The Minister of Agriculture was born at Hartington. One or two ladies came to luncheon. Went to a dentist who said he could put my plate right but said he would like to make one without spicings? In the afternoon I went to the Sailors Home, the foundation stone of which was laid by the Duke of Connaught. We then went to some very big docks which are being built by the Canadian Government. After that we went for a drive through a lovely bit of country, but unluckily it rained and was very foggy. Went to the observatory which is to have a big telescope. The largest at present in the world. It is not quite finished yet. After tea went to see an old gentleman of 92. He was speaker of the First Legislative Assembly in BC. Abraham Vilsa? came to see in the evening and we had a nice talk about old Holken days. He is now working for the corporation. Letter from Evie. They seem all well at Ottawa. I wish she could have been as she would have liked it. Big dinner – men only. Lot of them were interesting but there is a strange lack of enterprise and go aheadness such as one finds elsewhere.

Wednesday Nov 21 Damp and foggy. Not much news in papers, but telegram received by Press late said there had been a very considerable advance. Went to the dentist. He had mended the plate and took a casting of my mouth for another one. Poor man tumbled downstairs last night and broke his toe. Went on to Dockyard at Esquimalt. Small and not doing much ship work but a lot of men are being trained there. Think they are the best I have seen in Canada. They are being sent overseas and elsewhere in drafts. Also inspected Green ?? for defence. They seem efficient and up to date, but I ?? they would stand modern war conditions. Men are also being trained there for other work. Canadian Club luncheon. The biggest I have been to in the west. Lot of ladies came in for the speeches. Excellent audience and great enthusiasm. I spoke longer than usual. Very good news from France. We have advanced on a front of five and thirty miles for a depth of five miles. Good reports also from Italy. Went to a School at Esquimalt. Nice looking children. Inspected Veterans, Cadets, home workers. Gave caps and shields and asked for a holiday. The next was ?? Small but doing good work. Military Counselor went? Well run and conducted. Wound up the afternoon by opening Institute for Sailors of the Imperial and Canadian navy. Dentist a very nice naval officer. Acton came to see me. He used to be in Paris and is on his way to Tokyo. First class man and a real British Naval officer. Used to see a lot of Eddy in Paris and seemed to like him. Mrs Dunsmore and another couple came to dinner. At nine we left to see a parade of the fire engine. Excellent show and in spite of the wet night there was a big crowd which cheered most enthusiastically. Opened Club House for S to V? Rather a flat sort of business but we got through alright.

Thursday Nov 22 Started with the dentist. He made a good job not cleaning such teeth as are left. Military Review in front of Parliament buildings. Unluckily the fog still remained.? quite a good show. Said a few words. Drove to Willers Camp. Not many people about but the organization was efficient and everything is ready for a large number of men. Got back to Govt House for a few minutes and went to the Red Cross rooms. Admirably managed and arranged and a really first rate lot of workers. Said a few words and presented medals to two children from the Life Saving Society. They were attacked by a panther but did extremely well in the circumstances. Drove to Worl Point Barracks. There are the old buildings, date back to the days there were Imperial troops. Looked round and had lun? with General Seekie and the officers. Before going to Willows Camp I went to the public hospital. A number of returned soldiers were there. The hospital is by no means up to date, but fresh extensions were in progress and have been held up by the war. After luncheon I attended a fair? for the Allies Regular Bazaar. Immense number of people in a very small space. Left Dick to spend some money. Visited Stanne Convent?, one of the regular educational establishments. Had to say a few words and asked for a holiday. After looking round the place

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and seeing a pear tree in full bloom went to the hospital which is just across the road. The hospital is run by the same order as the academy. Good of its sort. The returned men were happy and comfortable. Proceeded to the Patriotic Fund room. Met the workers and said a few words. They have really done good work. Wound up with the D? who had filled another plate without plates. If I can manage this it will be a great blessing. News continues good. Submarine losses, however, were rather up again. There are four people came to dinner and to play bridge

Friday Nov. 23 Fog worse than ever. Easy morning. Attended Cand? of one of the new wooden ships. She went very well. looked round the year. said a few words to the men. The work is most interesting. Had two hours quiet before luncheon and read the back number of the Times. Several interesting things. After luncheon we were photographed and I then inspected the boy scouts. They are commanded by a Heneage – son of Snirke – He is a clergyman here and a nice but quite deaf. The next was a visit to the High School. Nice building. Inspected the Guard of Honour furnished by the cadets and said a few words to the pupils. A large number of American officers had come from Seattle for the ball tonight and a ? for them had been organized at the Parliament buildings. Strong looking out but rough and smelly. A number of ladies connected with the Red Cross etc. came to tea here. Several of them were very interesting and all are keen about their work. Went to see an old lady, Lady Crease . aged 92. Picturesque and interesting. Dentist. I think the new teeth may work well. Two or three people came to dinner including some of the American officers. Back at the hotel. It was really beautifully done. Talkd to a number of people and among them several of the American officers and ladies belonging to the party. There were also some very nice French officers.

Saturday Nov 24 Fog cleared up a little. Started at 8.30 for a trip through the island by train. Prime Minister Sloan (Minister of Mines) General Liche? Mayor Harvery and Mr Beasley the CPR official. Our first stop was Duncan. Met by the Mayor and walked across to a hall. Boy Scout , Girl Guides and cadets. Received addresses from the Mayor and an old lady on behalf of the women's Institute. A very big number of men have gone from here. Next stop was Ladysmith Coal mining - platform put up near the train. Usual procedure. Went through a really beautiful country to Qualicum Sea side resort and has been made with a convalescent home. Everything very nice and well arranged. Excellent staff of Doctor and nurses. Vocational training on small scale. Lumber men. Returned to Nanaimo. This is the biggest place we went to. Received address and made rather a longer speech than usual. ?? has as a number of foreigners are working in the mission. They looked sulky and unpleasing. Reception otherwise very good. Got back about seven main dinner. Some quite interesting people. Telegram in the evening from Dick saying that Moyra had got a boy. It is quite splendid.

Sunday Nov 25 Much better day, but the Instant Views aren't clear. Dentist. He stopped a tooth. Went to the Cathedral. Nice service and big congregation. The bishop preached, but was too long. Lady and Mrs Mcunde? came to luncheon also Mrs Crom? In the afternoon we motored out to a very nice convalescent home at Resthaven. Lovely spot. Went on to tea with some ver nice people who have got a most lovely garden. The gardeners came from Chatsworth. I noticed that wherever possible the rocks and flowers were arranged in most symmetrical lines. A few people came to dinner. I had to leave at 9.45 for a meeting of the CEMS. Quite a good gathering. The Bishop and Dean both seem nice people

Monday Nov. 26 Better day. The mountains showed out clearer than any day we have been here. Dentist. He stopped another tooth. No newspapers, but the telegram was on the whole quite good. Gave a bracelet to Mrs Barnes? and photographer to the Lt. Gov and a cigarette case to Mr Mcinscuket? They have all been very kind and helpful and helped to make the visit a great success. Admiral and Mrs. Story came to luncheon. Left Govt House at 1.40. Considerable crowd at the Pier. Said goodbye to them all. They seemed ver friendly and nice about our visit. Rather wild in the boat but the scenery is really magnificent. Arrived Vancouver at 7. Met by the Mayor. Inspected the Guard of Honour. Went to the hotel. Tremendous great place but we have got a most comfortable set of rooms on the 10th floor. The Mayor gave a dinner to the representatives of the elected bdoes and the foreign consuls. Very sticky and tiresome. The dinner was long and the room ? Speeches both There were a lot of foreigners and I do not suppose they understood much of what was going on. Got an English mail and some very interesting letters.

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Tuesday Nov. 27 Not much news in the papers. Hotel quite comfortable. Walked to the ? which is next to the hotel. Received address from the Mayor. Replied briefly. Drove round Stanley Park. The trees are certainly wonderful. Got out to see two of the most noted trees and also for a beautiful view. Drove on to Conglans? Shipyard. Most efficient up to date. Had a good look round. They are building some steel ships of just under 9000 tons each. The next was Western Canada Ship yards. Their line of the same sort of wooden ships are being built as we saw in Victoria. Good progress is being made. The Mayor came with me. Unluckily the weather was bad and there was a lot of rain. Canadian Club luncheon. Very large attendance and great enthusiasm. Visited numerous hospitals in the afternoon. First St. Pauls – RC as usual it was excellent but a most tiresome doctor and an equally tiresome priest kept on pawing me all the time. At their instigation I looked in at a ? which they were holding in a building close to the hospital and declared it open. Next was the General Hospital Big and well run. I think it is even better equipped than Toronto. A big ward has been built for returned soldiers. There are a lot of them there. Spoke to as many as I could. Next went to Fairmont Convalescent Home and then to ? Both admirably run. Said a few words on both occasions. Had tea in the last. Got back to the Hotel about 5.30 and went to sleep. After dinner opened a Returned Soldiers Club. Excellend ? and in every way a useful institution as all the military organizations start a Pension Board and returned soldiers vocational training are located there. Met representatives of St. John, Red X IODE Patriotic Fund and Wider? Canada Club. Long but interesting and I hope useful day.

Wednesday Nov 28 Much better day. The views are certainly beautiful. News is fairly good. At 9.30 went to the Hartings Mills and saw some of the great logs being sawn up. Works good and up to date. Am told that the biggest logs in the world are cut there. Crossed by ferry to North Vancouver. Big crowd and an immense number of children. Said a few words and asked for holidays. Visited two shipyards, one making steel ships and the other wooden. Both are doing good work. L? at the military by the officers. The club is big and comfortable. At three there was a combined inspection at Hastings Port of Returned Soldiers. CEF Troops. Veterans. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Made a good show. Presented decorations to some returned men and ? to relatives. Said a few words to the troops, later on to the Scouts. Tea with the officers. At 5.45 went to the High School. Excellend holiday? Received address and presented medal and had a look round the Technical Room. Quite a successful function to wind up with. Dined quietly at the hotel. Gave sundry presents and went on board the train at 10. Started about midnight.

Thursday Nov 29 Stopped at 5.30 at Vianeke? Went for a walk. ? to snow, but as we got on the day improved. Sunny and fine - mild. CPR telegram. Submarine losses have again gone up and there appears to be an armistice arranged between Russia and Germany, but how ? is definite it is impossible to say. It will make my speeches very difficult. Got a short walk at Spence Bridge and reached Kamploops at 7.45. spoke to the children at the station and drove to the Opera House. good gathering. a lot of men have gone to the war and the women are working well. Drove nine to the Provincial Sanatorium at Tranquile? Well equipped and arranged. Said a few words to the Returned Soldiers who are there for tuberculosis trouble. Strange weird country. It is in the dry belt and said to be like Palestine. Cold and inclined to snow. Looked round the General Hospital and a Provincial Institution for old men. Hospital is good and the old men – chiefly old officers? and pioneers were interesting. Saw two of them playing cribbage. Counted the hands correctly which causes surprise. Senator Bostock was there and gave us some apples. we also had some from the Sanatorium. It is a great fruit growing district. The reception and enthusiasm were most satisfactory and all the arrangements good. Gave Bostock a lift to his station. Evelyn Penrose is a partner in a firm which does a lot of work in managing English property here and is wonderfully popular.

Friday Nov 30 Stopped the night at Sicamous. Got up early and had a walk before we started at 8.15. CPR telegram. No actual war news of importance but Lt Landsowne has published a letter which may have important results. The telegram says it was without the knowledge of the Govt. If that is so it is probably mischievous. Very strange of him to do so, especially as the Allied Conference is meeting at the moment in Paris. Arrived Revelstoke at 10. Unluckily it was snowing. Cadets and a considerable crowd. Said a few words and asked for holiday for the children. Drove up the mountain. Interesting but owing to the snow storm there was no view. It must be beautiful in clear weather, but I am glad we went up. Had some coffee. We got up about 4000 ft. above sea level. Luncheon at the Coal House? About twenty

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present. They seem a really nice lot of people and have done wonderfully over the war. The Mayor is excellent and I also like the MPP Dr. Sutherland. He must be a man of considerable knowledge. Went over the hospital. Not big but well arranged, equipped. Received address at the Order? Hall. The audience was enthusiastic. In spite of the bad weather the visit was most successful.

Saturday Dec. 1 Stopped for a couple of hours in Banff in the middle of the night and arrived Calgary at 10. Met at the station by the Lt Gov. The Mayor, Sir J Lougheed. RB Bennett and a number of leading men. Escort of RNWMP Very smart. Drove with four horses to the City Hall. Most biting wind and I felt nearly deadened by the cold. Received address from the Mayor and after replying shook hands with all present. Drove to the Hotel. Most comfortable and found that several framed pictures were in my room including a view of Chatsworth and another of Hadden? There was also a photograph of Edison? Church. Public luncheon at 12.30 I am afraid I spoke too long and was somewhat discursive. Got hold of the Calgary paper. **Lord Lansdowne's letter seems to have caused considerable annoyance. Bonar Law strongly repudiated it at a ? Conference. Cannot understand why Lt L has done it.** After the luncheon shook hands with all present. They are certainly most cordial and friendly. The address was presented as a fine ram's horn. quite a heavy snow storm. Review in the Exhibition grounds. CRF troops War veterans, Boy Scouts and cadets. Quite a good turn out. Said a few words to the Veterans. Went over the Red Cross rooms. Admirably organized and an excellent staff. They have and are doing an immense lot of work. Had tea there and said a few words to the workers. dined with the officers mess. Quite pleasant. Pageant afterwards. Children made a good show and the musical ride and tent pegging of RNWMP was excellent. They are certainly a splendid body. Announced up to date results of loan. On returning to Hotel I went to the working room of the loan. Great enthusiasm. Handed an application for lost bond which is to be given to Red Cross. Said a few words to the workers. I see in the evening paper that Lord L said he wrote the letter without any consultation with anyone else. There must have been very heavy fighting at Cambra? and the losses I am afraid must be very heavy.

Sunday Dec 2. Cold but rather brighter. Church in the Prov Cathedral. very nice service. The colours of 56th Regiment were deposited and the ceremony was well carried through. Saw a man named Morton who came from Polsley. He had lent the hotel the photographs of Chatsworth. He knew a lot of the people there in spite of his having been away for so long. Yesterday a Canon Hayes came to see me. He used to be on the Alvenston? Board of Guardians. The Lt Gov came to luncheon and was very full of anecdotes. Afterwards saw a Boston man. We then drove out about 9 miles to a ranch belonging to Mr. Burns. Quite an interesting man. Quite under rated but he holds a remarkable position out here. It is not the time of year to see ranches or rather we have tumbled into a cold spell which is unusual. Had a look at some of the stock and then after rather a long wait we had an enormous meal. Everyone is certainly most hospitable. When I returned to the hotel I gave presents to the Mayor, Col Macdonald and Capt Hardisty. They all had helped to make my visit go well, but possibly on account of the weather and possibly due to being there on a Sunday I have seen less of the place than I usually do at places of the same sort. However they seem to be very friendly and have done remarkably well by the loan. In the evening attended a LV Concert. Very full house but performance was long and dull.

Monday Dec 3 Left Calgary early and arrived at McLeod at 8.30 Cold and rain, but the Mayor and a certain number of people and the Boy Scouts were on the platform. Said a few words. The Sout Commissioner came on with us to Lethbridge which we reached at 10. Outside the City there is a remarkable bridge over a m? and over 300 ft high on arriving at Lethbridge we found the Mayor. Introduced me to several people. An address was read at the station and we then drove to the Wesley Hall with an escort. Then I spoke to the Veterans and the ? and inspected the cadet corps. In spite of the weather the turn out was good. Went on to the hospital which had been presented by the Galt family. Nothing remarkable but quite nice and doing good work. Got back to the train when some new scouts appeared and I said a few words to them. At the hospital I found a William Lloyd, son of the Drewerys old coachman at Holken. He was very enthusiastic about Holken and said he had dragged us up from the station when we were married. It is certainly nice to find people who have such a recollection of one's old home. The mayor seems intelligent and keen and most anxious to give one a good welcome. Public luncheon. No speeches but shook hands with everyone in the room including a member of IODE who had

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waited. Public meeting in Wesley Hall. There had been some mistake about the notice and the room was not as full as the mayor expected. Visited Red Cross rooms. Well organized and doing good work. War Veterans Club. They have got a good building belonging to the Dominion Police as a flourishing institution. After quite a successful visit left at 4 for Medicine Hat.

Tuesday Dec. 4 Stopped the night at Dunners? and drew into Medicine Hat at 10. Got the telegram. The fighting must have been terrific but we seem to have held our positions. The mayor and a considerable crowd were assembled in spite of the snowstorm. it was not really cold. Had a most interesting morning. Went over a pottery factory, flour mill, shell making factory and a candy factory. The natural gas is certainly a wonderful asset. The place is thriving and prosperous and ought to have a great future. Mayor is strong and capable and extremely pleasant. He introduced me to a great number of gentlemen. Canadian Club luncheon in the basement of Wesleyan Church. Afraid I made rather a gloomy speech but was so much influenced by my surroundings. Excellent audience. The Mayor took me for a drive round the City. Fine view. Everything looks prosperous. fine buildings and churches. Saw a gas well, but there is not much to see. Inspected the Veterans and Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts make a good show but kept me waiting about a long time. Went in to a theatre where I received the mayor's address and unveiled two rolls of honour. Gave a medal to a Boy Scout. The proceedings went well but everything was disjointed and casual. Went over the hospital. A small and not as up to date as usual. Matron seems a very nice woman. Left at five after quite a satisfactory visit. news in the evening telegram is that the fighting is not so severe. Wilson made a strong speech to Congress and declared War on Austria. Russian position looks more and more confused. Cold evening and every appearance of a lot more snow. Pennington came to see. He used to be keeper of Holken. Seems well settled here and is working at Ogilvie Mills. Very nice to see him again. A man named Syas who lives near Shripton? came with him.

Wednesday Dec 5 Arrived at Zola? early in the morning. Cold but bright. No startling war news but very important statement of President Wilson. Drew into Moose Jaw at 9.45. Met the Mayor and Town Council and was introduced to the Council. Received an address at the theatre and spoke in reply. Drove to outskirts of the city and went over the Robin Hood Flour Mill. Much the same as what we had seen before, but interesting and well organised concern. Returned to one of the City Schools which had been given by the City to the Hospitals Commission. Large extensions have been made and it is a splendid well equipped institution. Made two short addresses. Went in to the Armoury where there were 3000 children. All admirably organized and arranged. The Chairmen came from Bradfield and Derbyshire. Spoke to the children then inspected the Boy Scouts. One of the best lots I have seen. Canadian Club luncheon at the Prairie Club. Excellent gathering. Made yet another speech. visited the Collegiate School and went into a number of class rooms and spoke to the students and the hall, asked for a holiday, Would have liked to have asked for it in the morning but the authorities wanted it postponed till the afternoon. Next visited kn George School. Think a public school and a ? were quite excellent. saw the fire alarm sounded and the children got out in just over a minute. Saw a few crowds and asked for a holiday. Next opened Librarian? Club. Was one of the City pro station's ? Said a few words. Drove off to an abbatoir. Disgusting but interesting. Spoke to the Red Cross and IODE at the Presbyterian Church. Good gathering and shook hands with all present. Looked at the public library. Nice building and good taste and run by the City. Drove out into the country to the Moose Jaw College. Then a Presbyterian College in the line of Public School at home. It is only five years old but is doing good work. Returned to the train about 5.30. Long but most interesting day and I think it is the best organized visit I have found. Aman and tour club certainly did admirably and had worked out all details. Think I made ten speeches. Not much news in papers or telegrams. Arrived Regina at nine and was met by Lt. Gov who introduced me to the Prime Minister, the mayor, General Perry, RNWMP Drove in open carriage to Govt House with escort. Did not feel cold although it was down to 0. Found Mrs. Lake at Govt House. They seem nice people. The House is comfortable but old furnished.

Thursday Dec. 6 Not much more news in papers. Big attacks are expected in France and Italy. News came after breakfast that there had been a serious explosion in Halifax. Letter from Eve and a long other

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from Maud and Angus. They are certainly wonderfully happy. There has been a most appalling explosion at Halifax with serious loss of life and immense destruction of property. Visited three hospitals in the morning. St. Chad Military – well arranged and run – formerly Anglican Training College. General excellent and several returned men. Think ? for tuberculosis soldiers. Received address at City Hall and shook hands with Council and their wives. Canadian Club luncheon. Afraid my speech was discursive, but I cannot speak when I have been out in the cold. These escorts and guards are a great nuisance and bore me to ? especially when I am kept pottering about in the snow. After luncheon drove to the Grey Nuns Hospital. Good and well arranged but I wish the RCs would not pain me as they do. Before I went in I got chilled to the bone by having to look at a battery go by. Another dismal function followed in a shed where there were some troops and whom I had to address at a distance. Went to the Red Cross and Patriotic Fund offices. Both interesting ? The Lt Gov and Mrs Lark? are both nice and there three jolly little children. Several people came to tea. Altogether things have gone off well. It would have been better if I had not been kept in the cold. The Halifax reports point to a really serious catastrophe. Dinner in the evening at Govt House. Some of the wives and daughters came in afterwards.

Friday Dec. 7. The Halifax news grows worse and worse. Not much from the war, but we appear to have affected an orderly retreat from Cambrai. Very cold but wonderfully bright and not quite so windy. Saw a sun dog. Curious reflection of the sun. Interesting morning seeing schools. The educational system is certainly most remarkable. Began with a public School. Big number of foreign children but they are getting more and more British. Next was the RCs. Present an address and song. The Archbishop was there. Interesting old timer. Next was the Collegiate School. As usual the buildings and equipment were admirable and efficient. Very smart cadet corps. Wound up with the normal school for training teachers. Said a few words at each and asked for holidays. The vigour and energy and enterprise impress one more and more, but the trouble is that to all intents and purposes religious training finds no part. Cannot help thinking it is rather a misfortune. Luncheon with the RNWMP. Very pleasant and interesting. The officers are an exceptionally nice lot and train? stories are really wonderful. At 3.30 inspected the Boy Scouts at the Parliament buildings. They made an admirable show. Said a few words to them. The parliament buildings are quite beautiful. Excellent taste. I think they are the best modern buildings I have ever seen. Received address in the Chamber. Rather difficult to reply, but managed to say something. Introduced to all the members. Interesting conversation with several of them. Wound up a busy day at Regina College. There is a ? higher school for boys and girls from the Prairies. Does good work. English mail. Interesting letters. Reception at Parliament buildings. Lot of people. Said goodbye to everyone there except the Lt Gov and his ADC who came to the station. Went aboard about 10.30. Thus ended a highly successful visit to Regina.

Saturday Dec. 8 Train started at 7.45. Cold morning. Not much news in the train bulletins. Dreary journey all day across the prairies. Short stop at **Broadview**. Spent half an hour at **Brandon**. Presented a medal to father of wounded officer and unveiled Honor roll containing names of civic employees who are serving. Nothing much in the way of news in the papers received at Brandon. Arrived **Winnipeg** at ten. Lt. Gov met me. Also the General and staff. Saw a number of girls waiting to meet a troop train which was going through. Telegram from Eve saying she would like to go to Halifax. Lady Aiken seems very well. The house was most warm and comfortable.

Sunday Dec 9 Very cold. Told the thermometer went to 33 degrees below zero. House warm and comfortable. Church. ? Wray and not a bad service. Luncheon party. some interesting people. They are all very keen about the election and every one is taken about it. The general impression is that the Unionists will get in by a narrow majority. Took a walk with Sir John and feel much better as a consequence in spite of the intense cold. Sun dogs were very clear. CPR telegrams came in the evening. No war news but it is stated that the Halifax deaths exceed 4000. Dinner party. Quite an interesting and pleasant lot of people.

Monday Dec 10 No more startling news. papers are full of electioneering. Not quite so cold. Presented military cross to Lord Spence? Visited St. Mary's Academy, R. Constitution. Very hot and stuffy but quite good and more appearance of tolerance than is usual in such places. Went over new Law Courts. The extravagance everywhere is appalling. Buildings fine but not good in details or light and acoustics.

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Was taken through ? house when the heat was really intolerable. Also had a look at the Parliament buildings. They will take another two years to finish. Not not think I very much like them. Very interesting English mail. Luncheon given by Patriotic societies but I am getting quite talked out. Good gathering. Drove to Tuxedo Military Hospital. There was the Old Agricultural College and is now admirably fitted and adapted for Vocational Training. Really good work is being done. Several people came to tea. I felt quite fuddled and then BJ banged in with something somebody wants me to say tonight but which has no relation to the subject matter of the Business Men's dinner. Tried on some moccasins for snow shoes. Badly wanted half an hour to think of my speech. Evening papers report fall of Jerusalem. Something to be thankful for. Big dinner given by the Business men. Afraid I made a discursive speech, but the audience were quite appreciative. The election excitement grows at every moment and crops up everywhere. Said goodbye to Lt Gov at the station and went on board the train about 10.30. End of successful visit to Winnipeg but I am quite talked out.

Thursday Dec. 11 Very cold. My bedroom was fairly warm but the sitting room was very chilly. The bulletins confirmed the taking of Jerusalem, but otherwise there was not fresh news. Expect some more at Fort William. Found a letter from Eve there also CPR bulletin but nothing new. Snow came on in the afternoon, but the temperature rose considerably.

Wednesday Dec 12 When I woke up I found a telegram from Evie which had been handed in at Chapleau saying "Alice Salisbury cable boy baby arrived unexpectedly but both mother and child all right" Great piece of news and I can only hope everything will be right. It must be an eight months child, but we can ? it will be none the worse for that. The Contor? rebellion in Russia is apparently making headway. The Germans apparently are preparing for a very big offensive. Heavy fall of snow and cold, but the traffic is raining? all night. Got very chilled in the afternoon. Gave presents to various people on the train. Got up to Govt House about 9.30, Found Eve very well. The others were at a concert. Started a raging cold in the head.

Thursday Dec 13 Had breakfast in bed and then cleared up a certain number of letters. Sladen was in a contradictory mood, has pretty well managed to say everything with regard to the election so that he can always say he was right. Got my letters more or less sorted out. Rather sniffly in the evening.

Friday Dec 14. Newspapers full of election talk and not much about the War. Geddes made apparently a fairly cheering reply about submarines. Lot of snow. Cold better but still feel rather slack. Saw the PM. He did not have much to tell me but seemed hopeful as regards the election. Also saw Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. Thanked him for all that he had done in my absence and he was gloomy about Quebec, but said that the verdict of the elections would be accepted but care was necessary and if anything could be done I was the only person who could do it. The Rumanian envoy also came with Dr. Short. Did not impress me, but said Rumania would not make separate speech. The snow is quite deep and the motor stopped a lot. Short walk in the afternoon. Got on with some letters.

Saturday Dec 15 Very cold. Not much news. My cold is a little better but it is still there. Went to see the Signallers who have been quartered here. Started a train journey. Looked smart and keen. Short walk in the afternoon. Got through a lot of letters. Felt quite seeding in the evening.

Sunday Dec. 16 Lovely day, but stayed in bed till tea time. Felt rather shaky when I got up.

Monday Dec 17 Stayed in bed for breakfast. Cold is much looser but still feel rather messy? News is not cheering. Germans appear to have to a large extent regained the initiative, but the press reports are misleading and confusing. PM came to see me but really had very little to say except to ask some questions about honours. What I expect he really had to say what that he had a letter from Northcliffe via New York asking for a Grand Cross of the BE order for Gordon and Knighthood for Campbell Stewart. Northcliffe has no business to butt in and his motivations? in themselves are feeble. Cold but bright sun took a short walk before luncheon and again in the afternoon. A telegraph was put up in the hall for the election results which began to come in between six and seven. Up to midnight the Govt had a majority of 41. It would probably remain somewhere about there as there are 16 more results of two pollings to come in. Quebec only returned 3 unionists. Maritime Provinces will be just opposition. Govt held three seats in Ont, and Majority will come from West which went practically solid. Afraid the Quebec situation will be difficult. Cold rather better. Hendersons and Sladen came to diner.

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Tuesday Dec 18 The election results in the morning are much the same as indicated last night. Govt seems secure of majority of at least 40. Pipe in my room burst last night and made a horrid noise. Nice morning. much better, but kept quiet all day. No war news but the catching of the convoys in the North Sea is very bad. According to every paper the Govt majority is likely to be increased. Managed and sorted a lot of letters and got them into their right order.

Wednesday Dec 19 Central war news is nothing ? but the attacks on convoys are most disagreeable. There has also been another air raid on London. Milder. Cold better. Mother sent me Lord Morley "Recollections" as a Xmas present. They look interesting. Left after luncheon for Halifax. Evie, Miss Saunders and Rody came.

Thursday Dec. 20 Uneventful day in the train. Reception Monkton about 3.20. met Red X ladies there. They seemed quite pleased to see us. Also got newspapers but there was no news. Arrived Halifax at 9.30. Henderson came on board the train. He seems to have got the arrangements for tomorrow well in hand. Lt. Gov Admiral Chambers for Benson? Capt Hines. Col Bell and Mr McLrait: also came. On the whole they all seem wonderfully cheerful and are confident that there was no foul play.

Friday Dec 21 Started sharp at nine. visited round hospitals and relief organizations. Found them all running well and in good order, although it must have been difficult to organize all that was required. (1) St. Matthias Parish Hall. Food and other supplies were organized (2) St. Mary's college. Run by Boston Unit. Very much struck with Dr. Ledd who is in charge. The Unit arrived promptly and have done admirable work. The cases were typical of what we saw all day and are most pitiable. The number of people including children who are blinded is remarkable but the pluck and cheerfulness is wonderful. (3) Canal Hill Hospital. This is the big military I saw when I was here before. Gov said that it was so nearly ready (4) Victoria General Hospital (5) Evie went to Victorian Order of Nurses (6) Droyer House. This is run by IODE. children who are not bad enough for the hospitals are looked after. Children are very happy and well looked (7) Bellevue Military Hospital. This is run by a Rhode Island Unit and is doing splendid work. (8) Canadian Red X. Excellent (9) Halifax Ladies College. Main unit (10) YMCA rooms. Big and a large number of cases (11) Halifax Infirmary. sisters of Charity. Rather cramped (12) Creche run by Mrs Bell. T? in a furnishing Warehouse and is as nice as possible. Luncheon Govt House. Afterward a number of workers came. Some of them were most interesting. We then drove round the devastated areas. The destruction is simply appalling. Nothing is left except a few isolated walls. Before going for our drive we went to the McGurdy buildings. Met the Medical Relief Con? and nursery services. Sad a few words. Later on met the Executive Relief Association. Thanked them. They all are working hard. finished up by going to a large Emergency Shelter. Lot of children there. Got to the train and left at 5.15. Long day but very glad we came. Impossible to imagine how terrible the whole thing must have been till we saw it. Broke glass and destroyed buildings, but the worst is the wounded and especially the blind. Think the people were pleased that we came and especially with Eve who distributed flowers in the hospitals.

Saturday Dec. 22 Comfortable journey. Passed Levi about 10.15. short walk at Chaudiere. Bright sun but very cold wind. A good many interesting items in the papers. The Italians are doing well. Sundry rumours of German Peace Proposals, but nothing official or definite. Report of a big fire at Kraffs? English mail appeared at Montreal. some extremely interesting letters, but written in rather a gloomy condition. Got back at 7. Very good running. Everything seems alright at home but Anne has got a slight cold.

Sunday Dec. 23 Did not go to Church. Must try to get quit of this cold. Nice morning but cold. Inclined to snow. Stayed in doors all day to try and get rid of my cold. Sir C. Fitzpatrick brought up two French officers who have come from Washington to see if they can do anything with the French Canadians. Quite nice men.

Monday Dec 24 Some new snow but not cold. Not much war news. The order protesting the introduction of alcohol was published. Think we must give it up here altogether. The Henderson family and Sladen came to dinner. The children also came ? and were very cheerful.

Xmas Day Children very happy. Nice bright day and not too cold, but quite a sharp wind. Various presents were given. Church. Read the lesson. Bishop of Ottawa presided. Walk in the afternoon. Hendersons came to tea. The servants had a dance in the ball room. Children danced a lot and enjoyed it. Crowdys came to dinner.

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Wednesday Dec 26 Very heavy fighting in Italy. The German Emperor made a profane and mobnastic speech but I think it is rather a favourable condition for us. Eve had a letter from Florence? saying the blow had fallen and I understood from the letter that Reading was coming out as No 1. Afraid Springys will be very much upset and we shall miss them very much. However I am not altogether surprised. Gave presents at the office and had an intersting conversation with Sir J Pope. Skated in the afternoon. Miss Burrows and Mrs Maxwell came. They skate very well. some interesting English letters. Account of bomber? baby. It must have been very small, but it seems right in other respects.

Thursday Dec 27 Very cold. 55 degrees of frost. The Italian news is not particularly clear, but the fighting is very severe. Jellicoe has left the admiralty and received a Peerage. We might become first Lord. D. Tory came to see me and we had a long talk. He certainly is a very interesting man. He and his wife are on their way to England. They both came to luncheon. Ottawa Branch of Red X meeting. Interesting and useful. Good meeting. I made a short speech. The Austrians terms came out in the evening papers. Do not think they advance matters. In fact they if anything make it more difficult to treat.

Friday Dec 28 Very cold and wild, but warmer later. No news in morning papers. Got through some papers and letters in the afternoon. Eve and I took a short walk but in the course of the day the thermometer fell over 20 degrees and the cold was bitter. Eve went to a Xmas tree. Mr. Pinne of the Bd of Munitions came to see me. He was quite interesting N? in the evening papers.

Saturday Dec. 29 Lloyd George has sent a letter to the Trades Union Congress refusing German terms. Rather involved in the print?. The papers will put their won opinions in and it is very inconvenient. Faster? advance in Palestine. Very cold. 32 degrees below 0. 64 degrees of frost. Supposed to be the coldest for years. Got through some letters. Skated in the afternoon. Very cold but it was really rather nice. Report in the evening paper that the King of Rumania had abdicated. A stupidly worded account of the King's visit to some works appeared also. Cold quite intense and supposed to be the severest for some years.

Sunday Dec. 30. Thermometer fell to 38 degrees below zero. 70 degrees of frost. Expect there will be a lot of talk about it. Bright sun and the wind has dropped. Church but the service was shortened owing to the cold. Mr & Mrs. Creswell came to luncheon. Nice people. He had been badly wounded and lost his leg. Walk with Eve and Anne. Really very nice when one is able to keep moving.

Monday Dec 31 Very little news in papers. Germans made big attach at Cambras? And penetration on lines in two places. Some of the ground was retaken. The Peace proposals apparently are proceeding between Russia and Germany. Still very cold. A number of fires here occurred. Many records have been broken. Skated. Quite nice on the rink. Christmas tree for the School children. Everything went as well as possible. The Percy Sherwoods and the Morris's came to dinner. Afterward the Militia Department Glee club came and sang. They did extremely well. Went to the SWVA. Good gathering. Said a few words and talked to a number of people. So ended 1917. Hope 1918 will bring a happier and brighter state to the world at large.

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New Years Day 1918 Hope the New Year will bring peace and happiness. It opened with but little news from war fronts but what there is is not unsatisfactory. Eve didn't get up as she has a bit of cold. Not so cold as far as the weather is concerned. Sladen had heard of a rather important move with regard to the French Canadians and is going to Montreal to see Lord. Shaughnessy. New Years reception at the office. Rather over 600 attended. All went well. Most of the Ministers were away. Sir Wilfred attended. Walked quick? In his usual jaunty way but he had a bad colour. Went to the Children's sailing and then walked across the river. It is really quite attractive. Eveie did not get up.

Wednesday Jan 2 Little news in the papers but we have made a further advance and Palestine. Rather more talk of peace. Not so cold. Very worried about my speech at New York. Saw Sir Charles Davidson, but he did not have much to tell me about it. Report in papers that Springy would shortly be leaving. Afraid it will be a very heavy blow to them. Skated for a bit in the afternoon and then went on snow shoes. Found I got along all right. CO cable. Nothing very new in it. English mail and some interesting letters. Dines with the Hendersons. Played bridge. Quit pleasant.

Thursday Jan 3 Russian news gets more and more involved. Bolsheviks apparently refusing terms. Not much otherwise. Interesting talk with Rowell. He looks ill but he is certainly alert and appreciative of points. Party at the Country Club in honour of Mike Hendersons last day. A lot of children. They skied and tobogganed and after tea danced. Seemed very cheerful. Drove there in a sleigh with Mary and Dick. No news in Evening papers although the breach in the Russian - German peace negotiations appears to be widening.

Friday Jan 4 The breach in the peace negotiations appears to be widening. It is officially announced that compulsory rationing will shortly be introduced into England. Fine and bright but still cold. Strange cable from Walter. One that Lloyd George is to make a statement immediately and this second that Borden should get a GCB. Foster a GCMG and two others the KCMG should be given as well as two CMGs Postenfel that this was applicable to all the dominions and that something should be done for White. ? had nothing to do with Campbell Stuart but would it make any difference to his getting the KCBE. The honours are really a most unmitigated nuisance. Jack Ross came to luncheon. He is going to England at once. The children had a paper chase. I went out in snowshoes and got on pretty well. Intercession service. Had tea with the Slaneys. ? Coal question very serious. ? Fitzpatrick wo wire Secretary of Ben Society that a shortage in New York was very serious. I would be glad to put off the dinner. Lot of the news in the evening papers.

Saturday Jan 5 No news. Less cold and might snow. Telegram from Eddy that the christening is to be on the 12th and the names suggested William John Robert and asks about surname. Think John Robert William sounds ? so shall probably suggest Burlington. More fussing about honours. The certainly are a nuisance. worried a great deal about neg. NY speech and consequently wasted much time. somewhat unexpectedly Creswell appeared at breakfast. It was alright about his coming but somewhere there had been a mistake and we had not been told that he was coming. The Pugsleys – new Lt Governor of NB came to luncheon. Skating party. Went very well. Quite a nice winter day and the ice was in excellent order. Children went to the play.

Sunday Jan 6 Beautiful day and thermometer rose to above zero. Very hot in my room. Special service for Thanksgiving and intercession. Mr. Braden preached well. Blanche BJ each sang a verse in the Recessional and got through very well. Skated in the afternoon. Got through some letters. Went to Church in the evening. Nice service. Report that 25,000 Germans had deserted to the, but no confirmation.

Monday Jan 7 Very important speech of Lloyd George. Think it ought really to get things on. No special news and nothing from Russia. Asked Sir J. Pope to come and see me. Gave him the notes for my speech. He seemed to think it was the right sort of thing. The more one read of Lloyd George's speech the better it is. It is the most valuable contribution we have had for a long time. Much milder. Snow. Left at 4.40 for Washington with Eve. Henderson, BJ and Mervyn and came with us. Comfortable journey but continually lost time. Mr. Neye? of the State Department Service joined us at Ross's point. Interesting and amusing man. He was much impressed by Mr. Balfour and had been with him on all his tours.

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Tuesday Jan 8 Fine morning. Rather cold. Little snow on the ground. Got to the outskirts of New York about 1. Not much news in NY papers but Lloyd George's speech is well received. Arrived Washington about eight. Found Springys, Maud and Angus at the station. Also Colonel Ridley from the President. Maud and Angus seem very well. Springy dreadfully sore and upset. The Govt have certainly treated them in an outrageous manner. The President quite unexpectedly came down to Congress and made a most important and far reaching speech.

Wednesday Jan 9 President's speech very well received. Everything and every body at the Embassy is on high state of nerves and under? uncertainty as to plans. Saw General McLachlan. Quite a nice old gentleman. Lyell who was in the HofC with me is his ADC. Had quite a nice talk with the General. At twelve ? Long called to take me to the President. Springy presented me and I introduced the staff. President was most pleasant and cordial and I thanked him for his speech. Eve and I with the Springys went to a family fort? at the White House for luncheon. Quite informal but very pleasant. Came back to the Embassy and started off with Long to the Capitol. It is certainly most impressive. Firt went to the Senate. Met Senator Saulbury? who introduced me to several other Senators including Lodge. Went into the Chamber for a few minutes. A debate was going on but not interesting. Walked across to the House of Representatives and had an intresting conversation with the speaker. Went to the Gallery. It is certainly a strange and weird place. Would not like to change it with ours. From there we went into the Supreme Court. Heard a case being argued and was then introduced to the judge. Extremely interesting lot of men. From there we went to the State Department and had a pelasant talk to Lansing. Got back to tea for some reason my cheek swelled up but Springy gave me some stuff shich seemed to do it good. Dinner party. Really most agreeable and I think useful. All the Cabinet swere there besides others. In order of seats there were Lansing, Lems? Senator Underwood Sen McLachlan, Barclay, Turdnen? Wilson, Daniels Gergory, Baker, Burbeson? Red field Ad Benser Gen Trottier, Robinson, Crawford, Sterliy, Houston and McAdoo. Verhy pleasant evening and managed to talk to most of them, although I got rather mixed with their names and offices. eve and Florence dined with Maud and Angus. They certainly are wonderfull happy.

Thursday Jan 10 Nice morning. Not much in paper. Went with Evie and Mervyn to Maud's house. Quite nice and they will be very comfortable and happy. She? was rather inclined to make difficulties. Got back for luncheon. Some very interesting men there amongst them Hurley – shipping but others Hoover food and Garfield coal. Hoover very different? Burley most interesting and then shipping. News ? was published that 20 ships were lost last week. Makes the position very serious. Tried to get on with speech for the Pier Club where I went at 6.30 Quite a good reception. Got through with speech. Getting very tired of saying the sort of thing. Dinner in the evening. Extremely pleasant and agreeable and number of most interesting men. French, Italian, Japanese and Brazlilian ambassadors. Serbian, Belgian, and Porguuese Ministers. Polk? Hohler, Crawford, Senator Lodge. De Billy Barclay. Col Muray Sir C. Gordon Mr Helte. Vesnitdr? Head of Serbian Mission. Gen Biddle McCormick. Gaunt. Ed and Horenza? dined with Maud and Angus. We left with the staff by tne night train. Eve is coming on Sunday with Springy and the children. Afraid they are feeling more and more sore.

Friday Jan 11 Arrived New York and went to the Plaza Hotel at 8.30. Breakfast and bath. Quite comfortable and quiet. Not much news in papers. British Consul General came round and seems nice man but was depressing on war work. Owen Smith came shortly afterwards. very glad to see him again. went to luncheon with him at the Yaght Club. Curious and interesting place. Harold Smith appeared. The great FS was in bed preparing his speech. After luncheon several officers appeard and escorted us to the bar Association ? The President Judge Hughes gave an admirable address. Got a little walk afterwards. FS came and was really quite pleasant and affable. sent a cable to AJB suggesting recognition or Springy. According to evening paper Germany has broken off negotiations with Russia. Bar Association. Began with a most interesting dinner given by Mr and Mrs Hughes. I sat between the wife of the Governor and Mrs. Vanderbilt and had a very pleasant dinner. FS gave his address. Spoke well but was rather long and at times rather technical but he had to be so for his audience.

Saturday Jan 12 No news. Went to see Lady Lever. She seemed very well. Gael Mongan? called at 10.30 and took me and Mervyn to see the Library. Most interesting. He is certainly very kind. Asked Evie,

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Springy and the children to come to his house. Luncheon at his Century? Club by the Committee of the Bar Association. Interesting lot of men. Afterwards I went to see the making? of the Bar Association where the tribute to Mr. Choate. I thought they would be two or three speeches which would take about half an hour but as a matter of fact there were a lot of speeches and the proceedings lasted over two hours. Tea with Mrs. Vanderbilt. Nice house. She took me through the rooms, but all she wanted was to know if I had heard if there was any furniture to be sold in England. Got my speech typed. Bar Association Diner. Started by being an hour late. We were kept standing about for an interminable time. However no one seemed? It was most strange performance. Lot of people and most enthusiastic. They? all the time. Afterwards songs were sung with great vigour. When dinner was really over a series of national anthems were sung. Bass did not have the same reception as the others. The President began and made a good speech. The audience have a tiresome habit of standing up when they applaud. Sanding? came next and professed he health of all the guests. The French and Italian ambassadors answered. Both long. Then I came and got through fairly well, but was on the long side. Afterwards E? Root? made a striking speech and then JS Smith who had arrived from his other dinner made quite a good little speech. Did not get away till past twelve. People were complimentary about my speech. Did not get home till past twelve. Colonel Sheerwell who is a really nice man brought me lunch. Very cold and reports of a big blizzard. Great relief to have got my speech off my mind.

Sunday Jan 13 Cold and wild. Big Blizzard. traffic badly disorganized. Owen Smith came round to the Hotel about 10.30 later Judge Parker arrived and took us to Church at the Cathedral. It is a splendid building but only the chorus is so far finished. Nice sermon but rather long as it was an ordination. Left the hotel after saying goodbye to the Manager? Luncheon with the Morgans. They were too kind for words and had collected a number of interesting people to meet me including Col House with whom I had a most interesting conversation. Later on Eve, Springy and the children arrived. Interesting hour in the Library. I went to see a Mr W Litridge" and has a pleasant and interesting talk with her. Left at 7.45. Afraid we really? very severely in the?

Monday Jan 14 In spite of the blizzard we were only an hour late in arriving at Ottawa. children very well and happy. No particular news except a capital case. An Italian here has? to death, but the Jary? alled to ask for money. The Govt had looked at it and decided that it was clear so it must take its course. Got things straightened up. It was really a relief to get home. The honours has got into a still more complicated state by what has been done for Campbell Stuart and Short. Walk with Springy. He is suffering severely from reaction, but I think he will be quieted down here.

Tuesday Jan 15 Very little news, but according to the evening papers Yarmouth had been bombarded and we had bombed Karlsruhe. Italians have done rather well. Long talk with PM. Mainly on honours. He was not ready to make any recommendations but on the contrary he is considering the advisability of attempting some very drastic changes. Afraid we are in for a difficult time. He has also some big railway schemes in his head. He looked better for his rest. Snowshoed with Anne in the afternoon. English mail delivering letter from Eddy. Afraid his is not at all well and writes rather cynically. His letters were all very late in coming across.

Wednesday Jan 16 Several interesting items of news. Italians have done some good work. Bombs have been dropped on German forts. Labour party. England have gone for no annexations. Busy morning as there was an English mail in aid on?. Received some interesting letters. The Norwegian Consul General came to see. Nice looking man. Luncheon at the Rideau Club in connection with the Relief to the Allies Agricultural fund. Representative got? presented. I said a few words. Crerar and Springy both spoke well. Evie picked me up at three. We went to see poor old Sir George Foster. He looked very ill indeed, but said he was better. Mayor Bell and his wife came to tea. He has been to Russia and was most interesting. Telegram from Walter Long refers to some? internal? troubles in Germany. Dinner party. Quite pleasant but quiet probably due to our being dry. The gingerale was not bad, but I don't think the guests approved.

Thursday Jan 17 Nothing very striking in the papers. English letters. Eve had letters from her father and King about the interminable letter. (Lord Lansdowne letter) It would be a relief if they would leave the thing alone. I had two letters from Walter Long but nothing much in them. Snow but rather less cold.

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Evie and the children and Springy and his two children skied and I went on snow shoes. Really very nice out. Reports in papers of a meeting in the German navy. Dinner party. Quite pleasant. Literally four courses and no liquor.

Friday Jan 18 The restriction of fuel in US is causing great uproar. It is certainly a most drastic step. No news otherwise. Nice morning. In the afternoon Eve and Dorothy and I went to the Sandford Henry House for returned men. Good visitation. About 75 men there. Between thirty and forty Labour delegates came up to tea. They had been consulting with the Govt about man-power problems. They had tea in the blue room. Quite a successful function. Left for Toronto.

Saturday Jan 19 Delayed by storm. Train two hours late. Dr. Fraser was at the station. Breakfast at Govt house. Sir John and Lady Hendrie are very well. Went over the Orthopedic Hospital. Well arranged and equipped and doing good work. Said a few words to the men. After luncheon went to the Base Hospital. It is certainly the worst I have seen in Canada. Something ought to be done to make better provision. Cold but fine. Paulist Choir at the Massey Hall. Excellent concert of high class music.

Sunday Jan 20 Nice morning English mail. Nice letter from Dick. Went to church at Archdeacon's lodge. Lot of noise, but not a bad service. Afterward inspected a detachment of the Royal Flying Corps. Fine looking body of men. Walk in the afternoon. The Smutts? arrived but their train was very late.

Monday Jan 21 Nice morning. Started at 8.30 for London. Arrived there about 12 and met by Sir Adam Beck. Several of the leading men came to luncheon at his house. Drove out to the Sanatorium. Opened the new building which had been built for the use of returned soldiers. The institution is for Tuberculosis cases and is very well arranged and equipped. It also has good farm buildings. Had some supper on the train and went to the big meeting at Massey Hall for the Patriotic Fund. Fine attendance. F P Smith spoke well. Left for Ottawa by the night train. We have apparently at last got the Greber and the Breslau. Afraid the Northcliffe Press are on the rampage about the War office.

Tuesday Jan 22 Got back to Ottawa three hours late. Florence arrived since I left. Evie and children all well, but suddenly in the afternoon as she was getting ready to go out Eve had an attack of lumbago. Rachel's birthday but it is to be kept another day. All sorts of odd news in the papers. Big attack on War Office by Northcliffe Press. Carson resigned on account of Ireland. All very tiresome. Austria appears in difficulties. No actual war news. Snowshoed in the afternoon. Really beautiful out of doors. Big dinner. Prime Minister and Lady Borden. Ruth? Meighens, Duffs, Popes, Draytons, Siftens, Rowells Mr Macpherson. Quite pleasant. FE quite on good behaviour. Colonel Merriweather who is with them is quite nice and somewhat fed up with the Smith family. Springy had a cold and could not come.

Wednesday Jan 23 Nice day. The ? and Austria appear to be calmer, but still there must be much going on there. No new developments in England but afraid the state of the public mind is very ? and querulous. The Smith movie picture man did a number of photographs in the ? Saw the PM. Sent his cables with regard to postponement of honours. Also told me that Harris? was giving up his office in Food Controller but Mr Thompson of BC won't be his successor. I told him about the function at Toronto between the Military Hospital Commission and the Militia Department. Think he was impressed. I also saw old Courtney about the proposal to make a sub-proxy of the ADC? of St. John. There is clearly no need for it. The Smiths went to a luncheon at the country Club. Dinner. Quite successful. Sir Wilfred, Hennas, Anglins, Lemieux, Mr Fitzpatrick, Robertsons, Jones, Gen Gwatkin, Audettes, Fosters. Received letters in reply to mine to president USA and Judge Hughes. ? to get letters by the same mail from both the candidates in the last Presidential election.

Thursday Jan 24 Cold but very fine and nice. Reports of revolution in Austria. Trust it is true. Skated in the morning and the afternoon. Talk with FE. He had really made himself very pleasant. He made a good speech at the Canadian Club. They left in the afternoon. Sir Wilfred and Lady Laurier came to tea. Had a nice talk with him. I think he means to help in all war matters as much as he can. Concert in the evening. Really quite good.

Friday Jan 25. No further news from Austria and no actual war news. The Germans have made very harsh offers to Russia who has apparently refused them. Lloyd George has summoned a meeting from the Irish Convention. Hope they will get a settlement. Snowshoed in the afternoon. Went to ask after Crowdy. He seems better today but I expect he might to have a change. Eve came with me. FE seems to have given great offence to the American Consul by his speech at the Country Club. Several others were very angry.

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Good job he has gone. Blanche went BJ and Campbell to dine with the KS and did not get back till 1. They are really very casual.

Saturday Jan 26 Lovely day. Mrs Beardmore and her daughter arrived. German and Austrian Chancellor both made speeches, but not much advance toward peace. Rather more in the Austrian news. Skating party. Went off very well. Eve did not like to come down as her back was rather stiff. No later news.

Sunday Jan 27 Lovely morning. Church. ? sermon fro Bravie. Read the lessons. The Lakes Lt Gov of Saskatchewan came to luncheon. Rather inclined to have a cold so I did not get out and wrote letters. Very cold in the night.

Monday Jan 28 All sorts of peace reports, but very vague. The statement is that Count Czernius? speech was made known to the President USA in advance. Got through a lot of letters. Severe blizzard set on during the day. Dixon. Editor of the Christian Science Monitor came to luncheon. Interesting talk with him and Springy. He is very down on US administration. Says the only thing to do is to send AJB or Edward Grey. In spite of the weather settled to say on this expedition to the Lumber camp so started at 4.40 with BJ and Charlie for **Gracefield** and arrived there between 7 and 8. Mr. Cameron, representative of Senator Edwards came with us. Spent night in the train.

Tuesday Jan 29. Left the car 7.15 and drove in sleighs to the camp. I was told it was 26 miles but thought it was more. Took 4 ½ hours to get there. Dinner in the camp. Quite excellent. Looked round. The men certainly are well housed and fed. Drove round on one of the sleighs used for hauling the lumber. ? and lake. Saw a sprinkler for watering the road in order to freeze them. Saw logs being fitted on to a sleigh and taken across the lake to the river where they were piled on the ice ready to be floated into the Gatineau. Saw the dam and then went to the felling? It is wonderful how quickly it is done. Tried our hands at the sawing. Had some tea and started on return journey. Very long. Owing to yesterdays snow the roads were in bad order. Got in about ten. 15 hours on the move. Charlie none the worse. I felt very well and slept well. Nothing much in the papers to ? found on our return. We saw the moon set, the sun rise and set and the moon set.

Wednesday Jan 30 Comfortable night in the train and started off from Gracefield. Lovely morning. Charlie quite fresh and fit. Got through a good many papers. Mervyn gave a very nice party at the Country Club. All the children except the Spring Rices went. Skied and tobogganed. Very nice there. **Notice appeared in the evening paper that Ld Lansdowne was to receive a deputation about his peace letter. What a nuisance he is. Eve got very excited and hysterical and I sent a telegram asking him to be less emphatic than the President, Lloyd George.**

Thursday Jan 31 Dicks birthday. Reports of strikes and riots from Austria and Germany. Italians have had a considerable success. Saw the new Food Controller, Thompson. Interesting conversation with him and he struck me as a capable and energetic man. Also saw mr. Cashedo. He wants me to support D. Grenfell who is a well known worker in the Labrador coast. Shall be glad to do what I can. More reports of strikes I n Germany. **Ld Lansdowne speech appears to be alright; Hope that it was all over.**

Friday Feb 1. **Longer reports of Ld Lansdowne's speech. Seems alright, but hope he will hold his tongue now.** The strike appears to be increasing in Germany, but the news is vague and indefinite. There was an air raid on Paris and another on London. Italians are doing well. Lovely morning but cold. **Got through a lot of letters including one to Ld Lansdowne. Had a cable from him saying Thanks for the useful hint.** Snowshoes in the afternoon. Very jolly, but very cold. However, it is quite easy to keep warm when one is out of doors.

Saturday Feb 2 Blanche's birthday. Strange to think that she is twenty. Not very actual war news. No authentic reports from Germany regarding strikes. In England Henderson made strong appeal to Engineers not to strike. Rhonda and Prothers made gloomy speeches. Geddes made more cheering one about submarines. Nice morning. R. Campbell left. Very sorry he had to go. The Forbes Angus arrived. also Owen Smith and Hohler. Skating party. Very successful.

Sunday Feb 3 Raw and cold. Church. Also went in the evening for special service for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. very nice. Afraid we have lost a big boarding ship. Strikes in Germany are dying down. Interesting talk with Owen and Hohler. Snowshoed in the afternoon with Springy, Dick and Tony and Anne. Anne is really quite good on her skis. Lot of snow fell.

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Monday Feb 4 Bright and fine. No more news from actual fronts, but important joint declaration to continue vigorous prosecution of the war was issued by allies at the Paris Conference. Saw the Prime Minister and think he had nothing much to tell me. Went in with Dorothy for a walk on snowshoes, but the wind was really too cold. Left for Toronto in the evening.

Tuesday Feb 5. Bad night in the train as this cold and snow were very heavy, but we managed to keep warm and comfortable. Arrived **Toronto** about 10.30 instead of 7.10. Went straight to the Red Cross Council meeting. Very useful discussion. Rather long but think it did a great deal of work. Luncheon at Govt House. Sir John and Lady Hendrie went to open the new session of the Ontario Parliament. Eve and I went back to the Red X and then in to the shock hospital. Doing excellent work there. Eve went to a concert. State dinner at Govt House. About fifty present. Very interesting. Practically no news but the full order came out. Seems very drastic.

Wednesday Feb 6 Not much news in the morning papers. Snow but milder. Eve went to the Red X meeting. I presented medals. With only one exception the recipients were all relatives. Most trying ceremony. Cool place in Parliament buildings. I found it very difficult to find the right thing to say. Eve said they had rather a troublesome meeting. Lot of the western people do not know much about the inner working and are inclined to talk without knowledge. Some of the western people came to luncheon. General meeting in Convocation Hall. Badly arranged but we got through alright and the meeting ought to be useful in straightening things out. Eve made an admirable little speech. A lot of musical ladies came to tea. Very tiresome. Hannas and Arnold came for dinner.

Thursday Feb 7 A commander (crusader?) has been sent with American troops on board ?? drowned? Troops at home have had their rations reduced. Afraid things are very serious. Still have snow but not so cold. Went to the re-educational hospital run by the Hospital Commission in the Hard building of the university. Quite admirable and one of the most interesting things I have seen. Dr. Bolt of the university is running it and the work is splendid. Went on to see some additions to the Ross Robertson Wheaton. Interesting. Met Eve at the Children's hospital. We had been there before but Marshall land Mayiner? came to luncheon. They were both pleased with the Red X meeting. Went to the Meteorological office. Interesting. Received address from Toronto Synod. The Bishop also gave me a revised edition of the Prayer Book for Canada. Eve saw a number of people. Mr and Mrs Archibald of Halifax, Pellalts and Gooderhams came to dinner. Left by night train.

Friday Feb 8 Got to Ottawa about ten. All seems right there but Springy had heard that FE Smiths Country Club speech had got to Washington. Very tiresome. Report that a big westbound steamer had been torpedoed but hopes were expressed that she would make port. No other war news. Poor old Dick Nevill is quite seedy. He had strained some muscles when he was in snow shoes and his legs were giving him a lot of pain. He went off to Montreal in the afternoon. Walk with Eve and went to Church in the evening.

Saturday Feb 9 Not much news. Snow. Put off the skating party. Snowshoed in the afternoon. Really very nice. Afraid the street sleigh with Florence, Mary and Betty got upset this morning. They were none the worse and Mary does not seem to have suffered any ill effects. Horses and sleigh were knocked about but nothing to matter.

Sunday Feb 10 Milder. Mary seems none the worse for the upset of yesterday. Slight snow showers. Church. Snowshoed with Anthony and Anne on skis. Went across the river to Gatineau. Really lovely afternoon and quite hot in the sun. Nothing in the Press cables.

Monday Feb 11 a quarter of my time here is finished today. It has gone like a flash. The news is not pleasant as peace has been settled between the Ukraine and Germany. Reading has arrived in America and Beaverbrook has been appointed a member of his Cabinet. There appears to be considerably more activity on the different fronts. More snow, but hoar frost so it may be milder. Saw the PM. He hopes to get an order-in-Council dealing with Patronage (Honours?) through the Council this afternoon and publish it tomorrow. I gave him a copy of the prop? ? to Albert Grey. Nice afternoon. Mr Bravie came to luncheon. He is a really good man. Walk with Eve. Went to see Mr. Woolcombe and had had a talk about Charlie. He said he would like to have a day or two to look over the time table with a view of fitting in the Divinity class and the conversational French and at the same time do . continue the Greek. He also thought it would be a good thing for him to have a tutor in the holidays.

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Tuesday Feb 12. Officially confirmed that the Ukraine and Germany have signed peace and that Russia has ordered demobilization. . Sad to think that Russia who had caused this war should leave us in the lurch. No war news otherwise but great expectation of big struggle in the West. The order-in-Council dealing with Patronage (Honours?) which the Prime Minister mentioned to me yesterday appeared in the morning papers. Got through a good deal of work. At 4.30 I had a little meeting in my room to consider the suggestion of Evelyn Cecil about the foundation of a Proxy of the Order of St. John's for Canada. Courtney, Montigambert, Cook, Derwin, Buse and order. Unanimously thought it was advisable to leave well alone. Boy Scouts Council at 8. Rather long but had a useful discussion. The King opened Parliament. Speech read well. Rumours that there is to be a big debate on the address. Dick Nevill got back. Looks very seedy, but says he is better. Snowed all day.

Ash Wednesday Feb 13. At the opening of Parliament in England, Lloyd George and Asquith spoke. There seem to be some capring about military leaders but hope it will be clearing up. Russian position grows more involved. Otherwise not much news. Church in the morning. Nice service. Got on with a certain amount of work. Went out in showshoes with Springy, Anthony and Anne. It was a perfect day. Bright sun and a sharp clear air but not too cold. Evie was rather fussed as Mme Casgrain has rather let her in for some charity. Afraid there is a good of acrimony in the House of Commons at home. Dr. Robertson came to dinner to talk over Mme Casgrain business.

Thursday Feb 14 Poor Springy passed away quite peacefully early this morning. He had gone to bed as usual and Florence saw him about 11.15. Later on she heard him groan and found him unconscious. He did not seem to suffer in the least which is a real relief. Florence is wonderfully brave and calm. Got Dr. Gibson but I think it was all over when he arrived. It is a terrible tragedy. Afraid the worry really accounted for it, but he had seemed quite happy here. He was in excellent spirits when we were out at Rockcliffe yesterday and again at dinner. Florence had a number of nice telegrams and letters. The Press references were also very appreciative. Florence is really wonderfully good and brave and very calm but I hope not unnaturally so. In the afternoon Eve and Dick and I went to the cemetery. Met a dreadful man who was in charge. Talked quite as if he was a real estate agent. Rather interesting news in papers. A good deal is going on in Austria and Russia but course of events is very obscure. Ld Shaughnessy came to see me. He seems well but very blind. The operation on his eyes is to be done this week. Seemed in fairly good spirits about things in general. He hopes the railway business has been settled by leaving the CPR alone. They will not raise the rates in the West and he hopes that will satisfy people there. He thinks the French Canada question is better. He was a nice and pleasant as possible.

Friday Feb 15 Florence seems very calm. She has had a lot more telegrams and letters. Press references continue most sympathetic. Decided train? but it does not look as if it need continue. Forecast says the weather will be colder. Office at 12.30 and saw the three French officers who have been in Quebec. They were very pleasant and said they had had a good reception but I could not make out that they had done very much. Wrote letters. Went to Church with Eve. Very nice service. After dinner went to the Rideau where I met the Provincial Minister and others who had been attending the Conference. Interesting lot of men and managed to get some useful talk with all of them. Florence seemed very calm all day. Strange news from Russia. It is impossible to tell if they are at peace or war. Much colder and the roads are quite impassable owing to the ice.

Saturday Feb 16 There was a disagreeable raid in the straits of Dover and several drifters? were destroyed. News from Russia is more and more confused. 8 Degrees below zero, but fine. Tiresome letter from the PM on the subject of honours. Mr. Polk, two French officers, JuskMorgon, Hohler, Paton, Seymour, and Angus arrived from New York for the funeral. Angus has got a nasty cold but gives a good account of himself and Maud. The funeral took place at three and was quite simple and nice. A good number were in the Church and more came on to the cemetery than I expected.

Sunday Feb 17 Church. Mr Brewer made extremely nice reference to Springy. Florence went to the early service. She saw all the people who had come up from Washington. Lovely day. Telegrams interested but position is more and more involved. Sir William Robertson had been offered the post of Chief of Staff at Versailles or in England but had refused. Afraid it will make everything more difficult. New air raids on London, but not much damaged one according to the latest reports.

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Monday Feb 18 Started morning prayers. Mr Brewer came up. They were really very nice. Tiresome news from England. Robertson seems to be at loggerheads with the Govt. Lloyd George is to make a statement. No actual fighting news but lot of rumours. Air raids do not seem to have done much damage in England. Very cold but bright. Saw the Prime Minister. Gave him the cable asking him to attend conference in London in June. It will not be easy to get away. He is going to see Sauger? with a view to expediting the soldiers vote as that delays the meeting of Parliament at present. Also referred to honours. He agreed to leave out the last sentences proposed cable to Walter Long. Said he was afraid the whole thing is to come up in the House? and he is now preparing a memo. He was very nice about Springy. He was also quite pleased with Poll?. Skated in the afternoon. Very nice and quite warm. Evening papers were interesting. Robertson is apparently going to the Eastern command. There seems a chance of breach between Austria and Germany and Turkey is said to be bankrupt.

Tuesday Feb 19 The news becomes more and more mystifying. The Germans are said to be moving in Russia. Nothing definite about Robertson but he appears to have gone to the Eastern Command. Damp raw day, sleet and milder. A young Campbell came to stay. He is brother of the ? Cawdor and was ranching in BC. Wants a job of some sort but appears a nice but gruff? creature. Brewster Prime Minister BC and W Dobell came to luncheon. Both were interesting. Skated in the afternoon. Nice and mild and ice in good order. About sixty people came to tea to meet D. Grenfell of the Grenfells Mission in Labrador. He was quite interesting. I went to hear him speak again in the Collegiate Institute. he did well and had some good pictures. Russian news more and more perplexing. Drove to the meeting in the open sleigh. Quite mild and very nice but the roads are very slippery.

Wednesday Feb 20. Quite a gale in the night and melting snow came in at the windows. Glass fell very heavily but moved again at day break. Lloyd George appears to have satisfied his critics in the House of Commons and now I hope they will settle down and stop wrangling. Russian position seems to grow worse and worse. Got through a good deal of work. Short walk in the afternoon. Bitterly cold wind and the roads are a sheet of ice.

Thursday Feb 21 The French made a successful raid in Lorraine and there are signs of increasing activity on the Western Front. Nothing more from Russia except the Austrians and Germans claim to be advancing. Bright morning but still cold. With the help of Anne I signed a lot of Army Commissions which have apparently accumulated since 1914. Got through a lot in three days. .

Friday Feb 22 Depressing speech by Ld Milner but full report has not come and from what has come it is not easy to see what his conclusions are. The Germans appear to be advancing quite easily in Russia and claim to have made large captures of guns food etc. English mail arrived but nothing of interest. Letter from Bishop of Ottawa saying telegram had been received from New York saying "Archbishop is delayed but safe, you understand, he hopes for a later sailing". Sound mysterious, but think he is alright. Mr Balfour made a nice reference to Springy through Bob Cecil. Florence was very pleased. English mail but nothing very interesting. Walk with Eve in the afternoon. Very slippery. Church in the evening. Got through a lot more of signing the Commissions with the help of Betty and Anne. Dick went off to Toronto for a concert.

Saturday Feb 23 No news. Bolshevik news gives Russians order? to fight but it seems doubtful if they would do much. Rather less cold. Interesting conversation with PM. He leaves for Washington tomorrow night. He is mainly going to discuss the financial position. He hopes parliament will meet not later than March 18. Arrangements are in hand for cabling the result of the soldiers' overseas vote. I am afraid Sir Thomas White is in a very unsettled state in regard to the financial? affairs and is overworked. Does not expect to be back for some months. Just before PM came with into my room I received a letter from him with regard to Military Honours. Did not look at it and glad I did not do so as a number of difficult questions will arise. What a nuisance these honours are. PM also said there were signs of the ? getting into BC but orders have been given which he thinks will be effective. Shooting party but Evie and I did not go back and went for a walk. Lovely afternoon and mild.

Sunday Feb 24 Milder. Church. Interesting sermon from a man who has been working among the Esquimaux. Telegram stated the ? terms. Pure annexation of large parts of Russia. Afraid there has been a bad shipwreck off Cape Race and all lives lost. Skated with the children and took a walk. It snowed for a

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few minutes but was very nice afterward. Tom Spring Rice arrived. Looked very seedy and he is very unhappy about poor Springy. He says he will shortly be going back to England.

Monday Feb 25 Russians have accepted the German terms. Otherwise no war news. The Soldiers vote on the continent and in France have been counted and give the Govt another eight seats. Lovely morning and mild. Walk in the afternoon with the children. Went across the river. Evening paper say that the Germans proposed to get back to European of Russia and make he ? Strange idea. Mr and Mrs. Brewin came to dinner. Nice people

Tuesday Feb 26 Germans have occupied Resal. The Chancellor has made another speech and there are slight signs of advance. Wild stormy day and more snow. Got through a lot of letters and signed with the help of Anthony and Anne rather over 500 commissions. Got out for a few minutes after tea but it was really too bad to go out. The roads are covered with ice and there was a really violent gale. Improved in the evening. Evie stayed in bed all day. Charlie came to ? room to do his preparation. Afraid he is rather backward. The Russians claim to have retaken a tone? news more perplexing than ever.

Wednesday Feb 27 The German Chancellor's speech appeared in full but it does not amount to much. No other news except that the west of Ireland is in a state of anarchy. Afraid BJ is quite seedy. Thermometer went to zero, but the wind dripped. Quite a heavy fall of snow. Afraid BJ was still seedy. The doctor came but was rather doubtful whether it was due to his heart which is not quite right or whether it was a sort of epilepsy. He must keep quiet for the present and in a few days go to Montreal and have his heart examined. Skated. In spite of some snow on the ice it was very nice. Important private calls from the CO giving account of results of the Versailles conference. Mrs Gooderham came to dinner. She is rather confising about the IODE and Mrs Casgrain. Did some lessons with Charlie. Afraid he is not very interested yet. Anne helped me with a lot more commissions.

Thursday Feb 28 Mr Balfour made a good speech. Submarine sinkings are rather up. Very bad. Nice morning. Attended the opening of a Women's conference. Rouch? presided. I said a few words and the meeting was addressed by Memburn? Foster, Crerar? Robertson and Thompson. They all made good speeches. Most interesting gathering. Representatives of all sorts of societies and from all parts. It ought to do some very useful work. Tom Spring Rice left. Eve went back to the conference but they apparently got rather out of hand and wanted to make different arrangements from what had already been arranged. They all came up to tea and seem to have settled their differences at any rate for the moment, but anything might happen when they get back. Report that Russians are trying to get their troops to stand but expect it is very doubtful.

Friday March 1 No news at all. Blanche, Dorothy and Dick went off to Montreal to see the skating. Saw eneral Memburn?. Not any news. Eve attended the Conference. Skated in the afternoon. English mail but nothing of any special interest so far.

Saturday March 2 Sorry to see that Brewster was dead. Afraid from the telegram I I had yesterday that he was in a bad way. Japan seems to be going to move in Siberia. It will make new complications. Nice morning. Milder. Some more letters came and were decidedly more interesting. Wrote a good may. The Huntley Drummonds arrived for luncheon. Eve went to the conference both in the morning and afternoon. I skated in the afternoon. Quite nice, but my feet were rather sore. Quite a gale in the night.

Sunday March 3 Eve stopped in bed as she was very tired. Bright but cold. No news in the press. Walked round Rockcliffe with Hasly Dickson in the afternoon and in the evening walked to the lodge to see the sunset which was really wonderful.

Monday March 4 News looks unpleasant all round. More activity in western front. Russia apparently worse and worse. Got through a lot of letters for the English mail. Skated for a short time and with Anne's and Anthony's help signed 600 Commissions. Anne had rather a cold. Did some of his lessons with Charlie. Skating Carnival. Miss Saunders, Rachel, Dorothy and Blanche took part disguised as Red Indians. Eve did not go. It was really a very pretty sight. The skating was quite excellent. Heard from Archbishop of York from New York. He hopes to come here about the 5th April. Rather milder and glass falling so we may really be having something like a? but snow or rain is prophesied.

Tuesday March 5 Apparently peace is definitely signed between Russia – or such as is left of it – and Germany, but it seems questionable what it is worth. Japan seems to be making a move in the Far East to advance into Siberia. On western Front the French have made a successful raid. Milder. Saw a Mr. Gibbs

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of Montreal. He is keen and enthusiastic in a vast range of subjects from bishops to Silver. He might be rather a crank. At 1 saw the PM. He was pleased with his journey to Washington and thinks that useful results will follow. He had made no further progress with honours. Parliament is to meet on the 18th but will be as quiet as possible. They will meet in the morning for the ? of speaker and the formal opening will be in the afternoon. In the ? Walk with Evie and Florence and went out again after tea. **Ld Lansdowne has written another letter to the Daily Telegraph. Think it is a pity that he should do so.** Ottawa Patriotic and Red Cross drive began and they seem very confident of the result.

Wednesday March 6 No definite war news. Russian situation rather indicates dissatisfaction with the Bolsheviks. Geddes made a rather re-assuring speech on submarines. The first day of the Ottawa drive appears to have been successful. Quite a heavy fall of snow during the night but nice day. Got a with my western Tom Deary. Skated in the afternoon. Rachel won the competition at the rink and got a cerf? She is quite delighted. She really deserves great credit as she took a lot of pains. Went to the Patriotic Fund Drive luncheon. Great enthusiasm and keenness. Said a few words. The total announced was rather over 380,000 for the two days. In the evening papers it was reported that **the Calgarian was sunk** by four torpedoes. She was the ship that brought us out. Walter Long's telegram was most depressing.

Thursday March 7 John Redmond? died yesterday. The loss, especially at this moment, will be very acutely felt. Without any definite news the general situation is distinctly gloomy. Nice day but cold. Yesterday a Mr Casking, Finance Minister for Newfoundland, cam to see me. Pleasant and ? Seemed to hink Confederation was nearer. Skated in the afternoon. Really very nice on the rink. Went down after dinner to the winding up of the Patriotic and Red Cross Drive. Considerable enthusiasm. They have collected rather over \$558,000. Very creditable. I said a few words. Eve came too and seems quite interested and amused.

Friday March 8 No news. Some more snow in the night. Lovely m orning, but cold. A few more letters came in but except one from Godfrey there was nothing of I nterest. Intended to skate but the sun was so powerful that the ice was quit soft. Went for a short walk with Blanche and Dorothy. Really quite lovely in the sun but the going was difficult owing to never being sure whether one was going in over ones ankles or was going to skate. Went to Church. Mrs Shaughnessy arrived. Her father is going to have his eyes done next week. Says he is very well otherwise.

Saturday March 9 Good many interesting items in papers. Germans madd a big raid but the advantage lay with us at the end. Asquith made a good speech. We have made a considerable advance on Poles line? Cold but fine. sun is getting a good deal more power. Some very interesting letters from Eddy. He has a great down on the Govt and used somewhat extravagant language. Several of the best skaters came in the afternoon. Luckily it was cloudy and the ice was excellent. The erformance was quite high class. Interesting letters from MacPherson ? accounts for Jnauary. Considering all things they come out well. There has been an offer to buy the "fourh fish" at Lismore and I think it worth while to accept.

Sunday March 10 Quite a gale in the night and more snow but glass is rising again. Very cold wind. Not much news in telegrams. Church. Eve stopped in bed all day. Went for a walk with Florence. Snow was quite deep. Went out again in the evening to see the sunset. Quite wonderful. Every prospect of a very hard frost.

Monday March 11 Cold but fine. Interesting letter from Ld Lansdowne. No news in papers. Saw PM. Gave me advance of keys? speech. Long and rather pompous. He also gave me the long defined memo on honours. Proposes to do away with hereditary honours and to get the appointments of others as far as recommendations into the hand of the PM. In the circumstances I do not think it is as bad as might have been the case. Skated. Ice very good except a few piles over one ? I took a fall. got through some letters. Eve stopped in bed but she seemed decidedly better.

Tuesday March 12 No news except raids and ? fighting. Wilson sent a message of specifying? what is left of Russia. lot more snow but not so cold. Long talk with Sladen and Henderson ove the PM's manifesto. Think I shall send a written answer preparatory to discussing it with him. Walk in the afternoon with Florence and the children. ?? but a really nice feeling air. Still looks like frost. A Mrs Rise (Rose?) from Vancouver came to dinner. She is connected with the Victorian Order and is a real capable and level headed old lady.

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Wednesday March 13 Absolutely no news. Fine but colder. Bright sun. Finished up a letter to Borden about honours and got a lot off by mail to England. Skated. Very nice. No more news, but German offensive may be beginning, but it is not clear yet that they mean to have one. Eve went to a tea for the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Thursday March 14 Still no definite news. Losses by submarine still continue high. Letter from PM in reply to mine re honours. Satisfactory as he says my interpretation is correct. It is the PM and not orders in Council. Milder. Saw a French reporter at the office. It is a great disap? not to be able to talk French fluently. Meeting Victorian Order of Nurses. Eve presented a testimonial to Courtney? and made a nice little speech. I said a few rods. Meeting went well but there are some rather troublesome people. Eve went to another meeting in the evening. Lot of snow in the afternoon, but it was wetter and looked as if it might back to rain?

Friday March 15 Reports that the US and Gr Britain to take over Dutch Shipping. Germany appears to be bringing heavy pressure on neutrals. No other news. Bright sun but high wind and cold. Saw PM. He is insistent on bringing the honours question before the Council. Two ladies connected with VON came to luncheon. Read the speech for the opening of parliament to Eve. Very long. Short walk in the afternoon. Church. Bitterly cold wind and hard frost.

Saturday March 16 Went to Montreal with Eve, ? Miss Saunders and BJ. Luncheon with the ? others. Eve had the thing taken off her eyelid. Quite a simple affair but she got it done quite comfortably. I also saw the ? who gave me a long test and went in to come again tomorrow morning. Dr. James? also looked at my feet and cut the corns off the soles. Says I must have my boots adapted. Afraid it will be rather a business. Went round the hospital and saw a number of returned soldiers. According to the evening papers, there are a lot of peace rumours in the air. High wind and cold in the morning but warmer towards evening. L? like ? dick Nevill gave a very pleasant ? at the Club. Nice lot of men. ? bead? Hornier and Joseph.

Sunday March 17 St. Patricks Day. Got up to the hospital soon after 9.00 Eve had a very easy night and seemed quite comfortable and well. Dr. Baggers fitted me for classes. Went to the Cathedral. Nice service but rather long sermon. Went to the Art Gallery and saw the Drummond pictures which are there for exhibition. Interesting which one has been with Arthur Drummond. Very pleasant. Went to the Military Hospital. Spoke to most of the men. The place is not quite complete yet but is admirably arranged and equipped. Khaki Club. Seems to be doing good work. Tea with the Beardmores. They have a really nice house. Saw Sir George Burg? Interesting and keen but did not have much to say about Russa. Decided to ? and rain in the evening. Left at 8.45. Everyone I had seen has been most kind. The Gov General ought certainly to have a residence in Montreal. Got back from ? about 11.15 A lot of snow has gone but it was freezing again.

Monday March 18 Eve had quiet night and seemed alright. Children well and had a successful skating party on Saturday. There were many interesting items in the papers. Air fighting is a big ? Opened Parliament at three. Though there was no show or display the proceedings were dignified and went though well. The speaker reported his election and I then read the speech. it was long an had some difficult words. I think it is a good statement of the case and ought to have a good effect. The general idea is that the session will not be a long one.

March 19 Tuesday Nothing in the way of news. Fine and comparatively mild. Troublesome letter to Walter about honours. Walk with Evie and children. Quite springlike, really delightful. Mrs Plumtre came to dinner.

Wednesday March 20 No decided war news ? morning. Address was concluded yesterday. Heavy attack in Rowell Sir Wilfred criticized. War Election Act. Long talk with Henderson and Sladen about honours. General McLean came to luncheon. Seemed very keen that we should go to the Tobrique river. It certainly sounds ideal and I think we ought to take this offer. Walk with the children. Went to see the ice being broken up. Interesting and rather beautiful to see it going over the falls. Letters keep dribbling in. Crowdys came to dinner. He is certainly better.

Thursday March 21 News generally rather less gloomy. Lovely day. Snow going on walks. Got on with the honours dispatch. Evie went to the Council of Women. They seem to have been fairly quiet. In the afternoon she went to a Bazaar and joined in at the City Hall for the St. Johns Ambulance Association. Quite a satisfactory meeting. Lot of news in evening papers. We have had a considerable naval success

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and the fighting all along the line appears to indicate the beginning of the German offensive. Sir Robert stated in the House that Sir Thomas White would be away for a long time, but he was anxious to resign and that his colleagues were unwilling that he should. Eve had a nice letter from Maud.

Friday March 22 Very heavy fighting, but not clear yet if it is the beginning of the offensive. At any rate, although the Germans have punctuated a few outposts our reports are very confident. Lovely morning. Miss Hendries and Col Arnold arrived. Tried on some boats?. THnk they will be successful. Got through some work in letters etc. Three National Award Ladies came to luncheon. Quite nice. Sir J Pike came to see Florence and afterward came to tea. Short walk. Turning colder. News in evening papers but news as satisfactory as one is justified in expecting. Sir J Pope sent me his book (the smaller one) of Sir John Macdonald.

Saturday March 23 The fighting has been terrific but the report says our losses are not out of proportion. Our line appears to have been bent in pieces but not broken. Fine but cold. 16 degrees frost and sharp wind. Various items of news yet coming in. The Germans claim big captures of guns and ? Our reports are meager but I think it is time that we are holding alright. Attended Canada Club luncheon. Mr Gardiner of the New York Times was the speaker. He made an interesting speech and seems a nice man. Eve rather tired and worried. Letter from Viscount Vouching for Slive, the new ADC but said he had a damaged lung. Does not say if it was consumptive, but Eve jumped to the conclusion that it was. Children dined with Dick at the Country Club.

Sunday March 24. Press cables indicate that the fighting still continues very severe, but as far as one can judge the Germans have not broken through. The shelling of Paris still continues. Church. Mr. Brown gave a suitable address. Bob Brand arrived. Mr and Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Wyllie, Cols and Mrs Caldwell came to luncheon. variable reports came in, but we seem to have lost ground in the Somme. Went for a walk with Eve, Bob, Florence and the children. Very nice out. Also went out again in the evening. mr and Mrs Nbirstall came to luncheon, also Sir H. Ames with whom I had an interesting ?? before. Midday reports are rather unfavourable, but the evening news was bad. The Germans appear to have made further advances. Took the children out for a walk. Intercession service in the Cathedral. The Bishop ? I was really impressive. Miss Hendrie left by the evening train. Presented Military Cross to the father, Mr. Morris. For her son who had been killed after ? These occasions are really very tring. The father, moghter and fiancé came on another lady. Mr Mrs Galt brought a man. DI Hincks to see me. He is very keen about his treatment of the insane and feebled minded. It is certainly time that something shold be done.

Tuesday March 26 News is if anything no worse. The attack seems to be steady and the line is intact although further investments are necessary. Cable from Walter Long but did not add much to what we knew. Midday Press reports not unfavourable. English mail and some interesting letters. Colder and a little more snow but snow ?? continued to melt. Luncheon at the lub. About nine members ?? in the HofC cam. Useful way of ? Had a few words with the PM. Went round the Naval Winder? School. Quite interesting and well run. Not much news in the evening but indications that the offensive is slackening.

Wednesday March 27 The general trend of the news seems to point to the slackening of the attack and public opinion seems quite steady. Cold morning and a little more snow. Walk in the afternoon. News continues variable but afraid the French had to fall back. Latest reports were we and the Germans had each made slight gains, but the French were bolding. Walk in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon we went to Rodys house and cleared the ice off the doorstep. Blanche went to Montreal to see the doctor. He does not want to do anything to her foot to till he has seen what has been done by fitting her with boots.

Thursday March 28 News takes generally ?? a little more hopeful. Lovely bright morning. Got a lot of letters off by the English mail. Saw the Prime Minister, but he had not much to say. Surgeon General Geatherstone DMS Australia arrived in Ottawa. Seems pleasant and capable. Asked him to dinner. Parliamentary luncheon at the Club. Interesting lot of men. News distinctly better in the afternoon. Lovely evening. Walked up to lake McKay. Snow went faster today than any day so far. Evening news rather better. The Australians came to dinner.

Friday March 29 Good Friday. Mary started her baby early this morning and they got her moved to the Maternity Hospital. Eve went round about five. News generally rather bad but the fighting is terrific. Lovely morning. Church. Shortly after we got back we heard that Mary had a little girl and that she was

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going on as well as possible. Very satisfactory. Lovely soft air and the maple ? is ? hard. Walk with Florence and the children. Mary and the baby are going on well. Afraid there has been some rather serious trouble in Quebec. A Federal Detective ran in a man who said he had been exempted and the papers were found in his home. Detective was badly knocked about and in the evening a mob attacked the Registrar's office and also the newspaper offices. Most unfortunate coming at the time Riot Act was read and troops were on hand.

Saturday March 30 The Germans do not appear as made any undesirable advances. The general tone overseas appears confident. No more news from Quebec. Lovely morning. Commander and Mrs Morris and her brother Canmidnes? Nixon came to luncheon. Nixon was at the Naval College. H/ and was badly hurt in his ? He is in a nervous and jumpy state still and his eye is rather damaged. Mary and the baby are going on very well. Heard from ? that further disturbances might occur in Quebec and that some troops were to be sent there. Really very tiresome. Afraid it will do any amount of harm. Walk with Evie in the afternoon. No late news either from Europe or Quebec.

Easter Sunday. Lovely morning. Children gave me some cards which they had painted. Ld Richard gave me a book on Confederation by Mr G? which had been privately printed. Very little news early. We had made a slight advance and captured some prisoners and machine guns. No firing? At Quebec but soldiers had been a bit Hustled? Church. Bishop of Ottawa preached. The communion service is quite spoilt by the awful noises the choir and organ make. It is an uncanny caterwalling. Press news is rather better, but rather hysterical cable from Lloyd George. Walters is quieter and not so gloomy. Went to the Bethany Presbyterian Church and invested ? to men who had been killed. Good congregation and nice service. PM came to see me and I gave him the cables. He was evidently impressed with the gravity of the situation. Settled to publish the one which is to be published in England.

Monday April 1 Not much decided news from France but as far as it goes we seem to be gdong a bit more than holding our own. QUebec news is tiresome although there are no more serious outbreaks. Good fall of rain which is clearing the rest of the snow away. Report that the Cedric had been torpedoed, but might be got to land. Mr Bell Irving? Came to luncheon. He had been over to England and was most interesting. He has six sons in the Army and they have all done extremely well. He has also a daughter nursing, so his record is a really fine one. Walk with Eve and Florence. Sir Wilfrid came to see me. He was evidently anxious about Quebec. I urged him to do what he could for recruiting and he said he would let me know in a few days time if he had anything to suggest. No news in the evening papers. Went to the Service at the Cathedral. Gwatkin rang up late at night saying there had been serious rioting and that the troops had fired. Several men injured and three certain killed but that the situation well in hand.

Thursday April 2 The news from France is rather more reassuring. There does not appear to be more in the morning reports from Quebec than what I heard last night. Afraid the position is very serious. Saw the pM. Lessard reports that he thinks position is well in hand. Sent a telegram to W. Long. Rode with Dorothy. The rain and snow has to a large extent gone but in places it was rather bad. No news in Evening papers but indications that Germans are preparing another attack. Lovely evening. Attended Boy Scouts Rally. Presented awards to two boys who had saved another boy's life who fell through the ice while skating. Up to midnight all was quiet in Quebec, so I hope there will be no trouble tonight.

Wednesday April 3 Although there is no definite or pronounced news the general reports from France are more optimistic. The German losses must e very heavy. Quebec appears to have been quiet. Lovely morning but cold night. 13 degrees frost. The bulbs look rather sick. Rode in the afternoon. Sir C. Fitzpatrick came at my request. He was in Quebec at the time of the outbreak. Everything is quiet now and he does not think there will be renewals of disturbances. He gave me a full account of what had occurred. From what he had been able to pick up on the spot. He blames the Municipal authorities for (??allowing the attack??) on the auditorium, the Provincial authorities for not making arrests, and the Clergy for not taking more active steps. The Act itself is irritation the people, but he is insistent on the law being obeyed. He is also most anxious that the Clergy should be spoken to and that their duty should be pointed out to them. He says the arrest of Bourrasa would be a fatal mistake at the moment. I told Henderson to ask the PM if he could be here to discuss? But the PM said he wanted to see me tonight about some order in Council. Sir Charles was very apprehensive as to the future. Sir Wilfrid telephoned he would like to come

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up with some papers to sign, but about 12 he telephoned again to say that he could not get the matters settled. I am not surprised if they are not in a tangle.

Thursday April 4 Every indication that the lull in the fighting is only temporary and may break out again at any moment. Quebec was quiet. Cold but very bright and fine. Parliamentary luncheon. Saw the PM at the Club. He had got some orders in Council on a habeas corpus in Montreal. Law. Walk with Saunders and Dorothy in the afternoon and with Evie in the evening. Attended meetings of Patriotic fund in the morning. Got through a lot of useful work. Signed the order-in-council in the evening.

Friday April 5 Fighting has begun again on a big scale and on the whole we seem to have repulsed the German attacks although in places they gained a little ground. Lovely morning. Rather milder. An American General – Ausch? – came to luncheon. Seemed extremely intelligent and not in the least bumptious and very appreciative of the British. Rode with the girls. The debate seems to have passed off without any serious trouble. Hope now things will settle down.

Saturday April 6 Very heavy fighting and although the French and we have given a little ground in two places the general tone is not unsatisfactory. Nice bright morning but rather cold wind. Archbishop of York and his Chaplain arrived. Very nice to see him again, but he has altered very much and such hair as he has yet is quite white. He will be most upset as news came through that one of his chaplains had been killed. Canadian Club luncheon. The Archbishop made an excellent speech and had a great reception. Walk with Eve. Lovely evening. ? dinner. Got an interesting lot of men and it went off well. Bishop very low about Gibb's death, but I think he was interested in the people he met.

Sunday April 7 Not much news in papers but fighting continues very hard. Walter Long's telegram on military situation was not too bad. We all went to the Cathedral where the Archbishop preached. QUite admirable. Owen Smith arrived. Mens meeting at the Russell Theatre. Crowded and enthusiastic. I presided and the Archbishop's speech was really quite magnificent. He is certainly a most attractive man. Tremenfer? Who has come with him as Chaplain is also extremely nice. I wish they could stop here longer. Had a nice talk with both of them and also with Owen.

Monday April 8 News looks rather more reassuring. The German offensive appears to be losing force and the Emperor is reported to have gone to Rumania. The Archbishop left by the early train. Mild and a certain amount of rain. Got through some letters. Walk with Eve and the children in the afternoon.

Intercession Service in the Cathedral. Too long and jumpy. Pity that the Bishop is trying to make it more affecting rather spoils it. The Germans according to the evening papers are beginning another offensive.

Tuesday April 9 Very heavy fighting. French gave a little ground on one place, otherwise we appear to have held our own. The debate on honours began last night and the opinion appeared unanimous. Some strong language was used. Owen Smith left. Wish he could have stayed a bit longer. Much colder. Parliamentary luncheon. Interesting men. Sir William Lowther Grant and Captain Haggard arrived in time for the luncheon. He has succeeded Col Browning as Cm C. Seems a really nice man. Evie stopped in bed all day. Charlie got back from Washington and has been very happy there. Got a good long walk in the evening. Bannantyne, Kingsmill, Morris? And Stephens came to dinner. Interesting talk afterwards. Afraid the Germans have attacked at an entirely new place where we and the Portuguese are and have gained ground.

Wednesday April 10 Papers full of news. Lloyd George made a big speech with drastic ? for recruiting and Home Rule. I should like to go back and get into the Irish Parliament. Very heavy fighting, but not much more than what we heard last night. Afraid the Irish position may react badly here. Dr. Copp came to luncheon and talked with Evie about V>A.Ds. Admiral Chambers arrived and his wife came in the evening. Afraid we have had to give more ground. Rode in the afternoon. Charlie had a tumble but was none the worse. Hendersons came to dinner.

Thursday April 11 Not much more than what we heard last night. The 2nd R of the Manpower was carried by big majority of HofC at home and although there was evident excitement it is a big step to have got the bill in the first night. Sorry to see poor Percy Clive was killed. Parliamentary luncheon. Very pleasant. The Admirals departed but I was able to tell them that the Govt had agreed to requisition the two Empress ships. Rode with the girls. News in evening papers is still very bad. We badly want something more reassuring.

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Friday April 12 News much the same as last night but the fighting is terrific. Went to Montreal with Eve and Dorothy. Eve saw the doctor and had her heart examined. The report was quite satisfactory. I got my glasses fitted. Luncheon at the Club. Sir F Williams Taylor, General Wilson, Sir C Guerny and Mayor Owen. Pleasant and useful. Opened Soldiers Club in the basement of a Methodist Church. Makes a good place for the purpose. Dick came with me and went on to New York. Reports of Irish convention was published. Seems to be narrowed down to Customs an Ulster and that an agreement should be ? at such a time. ? day and quite nice but snow or rain is prophesied.

Saturday April 13 News looked very bad in the morning but the later telegrams showed some improvement. I also thought the Irish situation had not quite such a sinister look. Saw the PM. He had got a telegram from Kemp in which he said situation was very serious but not critical. Evie and the staff very gloomy and depressing. It certainly makes it very difficult to keep one's end up. Cleared some stones off the bit of land which had been ploughed near Groat's house. Also had a little talk with Coval? He thinks we shall be able to make something of this cultivations. Colonel Marsland? Arrived last night. Had a talk with him in the morning. Red X work seems to be going alright. Afraid we have trouble with the RNWMP as they cannot go overseas as a unit. Think it is rather a pity. Put the clocks on an hour at bedtime for the daylight saving.

Sunday April 14 The only cable in the morning was fairly satisfactory. Lovely morning. Got the advantage of the extra morning hour. Church. The Press Telegrams were rather more favourable. Mackenzie King brought Rockefeller Jr to luncheon. He seems nice and was quite interesting. A Bishop of Regina RC came to tea. Had a long talk with him and think he will do his best to get things on better footing but I am afraid the task is not easy. Long walk in the evening. The extra hour of light is a wonderful boon. One of the most beautiful evenings that I remember.

Monday April 15 There is a rather more confident tone in Press Reports. Heavy attacks repulsed an the line intact. Letter from Owen Smith saying Rusus was wounded but not seriously. Lovely morning. News rather more reassuring towards evening. Saw Sir J. Pope. In spite of Lyons about whom Lt Shaughnessy warned me they his brother in law he told me that he was a real bad lot. Wanted him to see Lady Pope about it. Went to the Intercession Service at 3. Mr Colbey assistant to Mr. Hoover came to tea. Quite pleasant and interesting. The Archbishop of Regina came to see me again. He had seen the PM and is now going to Quebec. Hope he will be successful with his colleagues. Boy Scout dinner, but fell flat as very few turned up.

Tuesday April 16. The Germans attacks appear to be less vigorous, but are expected to increase again. Considerable speculation over Count Czernin's? resignation. The Secret Session is to be held tomorrow. Lovely morning but no sign of rain which is badly wanted. Heard later in the day that Bailleol had been taken by the Germans. Afraid it is very bad news. Parliamentary luncheon. Quite pleasant and useful. Saw PM. He does not have any light to throw after Matthieu proposals or ideas, but thought there was no harm in them. Lady Pope came to tea. She was much calmer than expected but confirmed all that I had heard about her brother-in-law. Picked up some more stories. Telegram in the evening saying Prince Arthur of Connaught would come here on his way to Japan where he is going to present the Emperor with a Field Marshall's Baton.

Wednesda April 17 The news of last night is confirmed and the Germans have practical possession of Messines Ridge. Afraid position is very critical. Fine morning. Saw the PM. Told him about Prince Arthur and also what I had done about Lyons. Walter Long's cables were gloomy, but the news in evening papers was rather better. Interesting English mail. Rather pompous letter from Eddy.

Thursday April 18 News looks rather better, although the Germans have retaken one or two places from which we had driven them out. When I woke up the ground was quite white with snow. Really rather tiresome and most unnecessary. Do not think it will stay. Parliamentary luncheon. Nice lot of Senators and MPs.

Friday April 19 The Germans have not advanced position and we claim to have repulsed several attacks and tend? To have made a slight advance. Most startling changes in England. Eddy Derby goes to Paris as Ambassador and Milner to War office. Austen joins War Cabinet. The air board appears to be in trouble. Very depressing telegram from Lloyd George but the other reports were on the whole not unsatisfactory. The two Cook girls arrived. Picked up some more stones in the afternoon. Church? in the evening.

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Saturday April 20 Quite a lull in the fighting but expect it will be renewed again before long. The MSA orders in Council went through last night. The debate seems to have been very moderate in tone on both sides. Luncheon of Church in eve. I took the chair. Excellent meeting and interesting speeches. ? clergymen connected with Missionary work. Picked up stones. Dick Nevill returned from Washington but Maud never got the telegram saying Rachel was to come back so she stayed there. The Hendersons, Beardmores and Major Creighton came to dinner. No news.

Sunday April 21 Practically no news in the Press reports. Church. Mr Nickelson MP gave an address on Missions. Quite excellent. In the afternoon Eve and I went to St Georges Church for a St Georges Day Service. Nice service and good sermon from ? Sponder? Nice soft rain. Walk in the evening. The Rhodes and Bernards came to dinner.

Monday April 22. Very little news but the general reports are rather more cheerful. English mail. Some very interesting letters. Saw PM but he did not have much to say. Also saw Sir J Pope. He told me that they had received a letter saying Lyons was constantly in Paris. They are very suspicious about him. Tommy Clive arrived. Seems quite nice. Picked up more stones. Rather cold and raw with occasional sprinklings of rain.

Tuesday April 23 Still no news. Bonar Law introduced his budget. Financial position appears to be strong and he was able to get a bit more out of the income tax. Position in Ireland appears to be growing worse. Parliamentary luncheon. Some quite interesting talk. Picked up more stones. Rather a successful naval exploit is reported by sending a number of ? hulks full of concrete at Ostend and Zeeburgen. Otherwise there does not appear to be anything special.

Wednesday April 24 The naval attack on Vulgies? Coast must be a great feat. No other news. Mild night and colder in the evening. The Mackinaws came to luncheon. He is shortly leaving for England. The evening reports confirm the really splendid effort in the Belgian coast, and also that there are indications that the Germans are renewing the offensive against Armeniere? Dorothy left for Washington with Mervyn. It is really her first outing. Picked up more stones. General and Mrs and Miss Hodgins and the Macangus? Came to dinner. The Hodgins have just returned from England and were very interesting. The Marengentans? Is a sister of Mrs Hodgins live in Calgarry. He is older brother of Mrggins.

Thursday April 25. The report points to the naval offense being most successful. Germans ? attack on Amiens and made considerable advances at one place. Lovely morning. Parliamentary luncheon. One of the most interesting I have had. Dr Hincks who came the other day about mental hygiene brought Mr. Bren? To tea. He was the man who tried to commit suicide and was shut up for two years as insane. He wrote a book called "A mind that found itself". It was written with the object of improving the treatment of lunatics and for dealing with them in a more sympathetic manner. Rather uncanny but interesting. Very heavy fighting is going on in the west but no very definite ? Eve and some of the others went to a concert.

Friday April 26 The papers report that the German repulse was the greatest since 1914, but it is not clear on what that statement is based. The more one hears of the naval raid the more remarkable it is. It seems to have had quite a large success. Lovely morning. Cable that Prince Arthur will not visit us on his way to Japan, but will do so on his return journey which will probably bring him here in July. About as uncommittal? As possible. Wrote a lot of letters. Mr Gombies was brought up to tea by Crokers and Robertson. Interesting old gentleman. Eve went to hear him speak but did not seem much impressed. Sir W Petersen and Col Birkett came to dinner. Picked up more stones in the afternoon. Evening news was very bad. The Germans have taken ?

Saturday April 27 no additional news to what there was last night. Afraid the loss of Kimmet? Hill is serious. Report that Northcliffe offered his resignation. Do not know if it ? ? about him, but all these reports of resignations have demoralizing effect. Lovely day. He mid day news was bad but was slightly better in the evening. CO telegrams were gloomy. Got through a lot of letters for the English mail. Canadian Club luncheon for Gomifers? He spoke well but rather on the long side. It was a useful speech in many ways. Rode with Blanche and Dorothy round by the country Club. Very nice there. Picked up a few stones in the evening and then we saw the horses coming back. Anne rode up on the little black and seemed quite at home and comfortable. Rachel enjoyed herself very much at Washington and looked wonderfully well. She brought back a most interesting letter from Maud.

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Sunday April 28 Lovely morning. Quite hot. Church. Nothing very definite in the press cablegrams, but fighting seems to be very severe. The important item was that there was another revolution in Petrograd. May have effect of diverting German troops. Mr and Mrs Cargright and Mmiss Lonches? Cam to luncheon and Mr. McLennan to tea. Really quite hot and we were able to sit out of doors. Short walk in the evening.

Monday April 29 News looks bad. The papers think that the Channel Forts may have to be abandoned. Some nice warm rain. Eve stayed in bed all day. Anne tried her saddle on the little bay pony and thinks she will be able to ride it alright. Picked up stones. A very big battle is going on at Ypres. Germans are attacking a great force. Meeting in Russell Theatre to start the YMCA drive. Well attended and keen. Proceedings were rather long bu speeches were good, although somewhat of the spell binding type. Evening cables were exceedingly more reassuring.

Tuesday April 30 News seems as it was last night but it is on the right side. The German losses must have been heavy. Thunderstorm in the night but woke more wind. Saw PM at the office. He did not have much to say. Parliamentary luncheon. General Bousher came as well. Quite a pleasant man. He also came to tea. Picked up more stones. The field is practically finished. News in evening papers continues satisfactory, but warnings issued by the Associated Press that attacks will be renewed. Attended a meeting of Alliance Francaise. General Boucher made a good speech as far as I could understand it. Good attendance. BJ got back from Montreal. He looks very seedy. Afraid he will have to have another operation. There is evidently an considerable move on among the French Canadians to form? the Army. Gwatkin told me that they were quite snowed under.

Wednesday May 1 News much the same as last night. Budget was introduced yesterday. Considerable increase in taxation. McLean much have made a good speech. Nice fresh morning. Busy day in he office. Met Shae SC Fitzpatrick. He tells me there is a distinct move in the Church and want me to get Sir Lomer and Lady Jones? To come and stay here before the Prime Minister goes to England. Next General Gwatkin. He is pleased with investing? Returns and confirms the 12 persons hat here has been a marked change. Sir Percy Sherwood also came. He is just returned and says he is better, but he does not sleep well. He confirmed what I had previously heard about Lyons. After a few minutes with Mr Amis, who is working in Washington, I saw the PM. He did not have much to tell me, but was pleased with his progress of the session. Planted potatoes and picked new stones in the afternoon. No definite news in evening papers. Interesting mail from home. Also call from Walter Long On the whole it is not ? Mr and Mrs Fraser came to dinner. Pleasant and interesting old couple.

Thursday May 2 Nothing new in the papers. Left by 9.15 train with Henderson, Clive, Dick and BJ. Got off at St. Annes and after lunching at Macdonald College I went over to the Military Hospital which is now being built. It is big and well laid out. Ought to be useful. Had a look round the College and saw the stock. All very interesting. Motored on to Montreal. Nothing of importance in evening papers except the probability of postponement of the Home Rule and Irish Conscription. Mens dinner at the Club. V? Paterson, Pause, Birks, Ross Secretary of Red X. Quite pleasant and useful. Concert at McGill. Quite creditable and interesting.

Friday May 3 The news was rather boscure. No further infantry attacks but heavy gun fire. Nice bright morning. Lord Shaughnessy came to see me. He seems better and was in good spirits. He thinks here is a decided change in the tone of the place. He will do his best to persuade Gomier to come and stay with us. Went over several of the University Departments. Extremely interesting and so were the men in charge. Canadian Club luncheon. Ralf? MCA was the principal ? As usual the audience was excellent. Captn Macneil the Baptist Minister made a very good speech. Heard that BJ had been operated upon successfully and that several pieces of bone had been removed. Saw Coglán, an Australian who had been an Agent General or NS Wales. Interesting man. Got a short walk, but clive cannot walk. Just opened a new YMCA hut. Quite a successful function. The hut is large and well equipped. Archbishop Bruchesi came to see me. He is very unsatisfactory, but he said the law was to be obeyed. He is hopelessly inconsistent as he denounces the Germans but does not seem inclined to do anything to break him about. Went to see mrs Drummond, Miss Saunders looks pulled down but says she is going on alright. She gave me a letter from Mrs. Bagshawe. Afraid there have been several casualties at Chatsworth and Hartopp has another operation. Afraid it will be serous. Left at 8.45 for Ottawa after quite a successful expedition. Got back to Ottawa at midnight. No news there.

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Saturday May 4 Newspapers have no news. Generally the tone of reports from overseas is rather more confident. Found some interesting home letters on my return last night. Lovely morning. Saw PM. Dished up a list of honours. Bar Hazen it is not a bad lot. Went with Evie and the two girls to the Agricultural Farm. Interesting. They are doing good work. Picked up stones in the evening. Various rumours of peace delegate from Holland being in London.

Sunday May 5 Went to the early service and to the 11 o'clock one. Lovely morning but clouded over later and looks like thunder. No special news in press reports. Most of the household went to Meach Lake. I stopped at home and cleared up a lot of things before leaving for Toronto. With Anne's help I cleared off 787 commissions and 85 minutes? Crowdys came to dinner. Their boy is better. Left by night train for

Peterboro.

Monday May 6 Eddys birthday. Arrived Peterboro about five and were shunted. I got up early and went for a walk. After breakfast the mayor and mayoress arrived and a considerable crowd collected. I inspected the YWVA. Several men of the first contingent. Drove round the city. Unluckily there was a good deal of wind and dust. M^r school were paraded and sang as we passed. We went over one and I said a few words to the children outside. Received address on a public part. Big crowd. Walked to the Red Cross Rooms where excellent work is being done. Formally opened the SLVA ? rooms. Proceeded to the normal school. Said a few words to the students. Visited the General Hospital and went to the Empire for a luncheon. Long morning but interesting. The city is prosperous progressive and the spirit excellent. The luncheon took rather too long in spite of there being no speeches. I visited RC hospitals and drove some of the way out to see the Loll Gates? Which are said to be the largest in the world. Interesting. Got to the train and left about 3.30 for Toronto which we reached at six. Hendries very well. After dinner I went to the UMCA meeting. Very fine meeting. The biggest I have yet seen in the Massy Hall. Captn McNeal made a very fine speech.

Tuesday May 7 Good thunderstorm in the morning. Everything growing well. Eve was rather tired. Red X meeting. Got along pretty well in the morning. I did not go back in the afternoon and Evie went and a report on the War Charities? Act was kept back. Very foolish. I went to Leaside Camp. Saw some flying. Good ? but nothing startling. The shops and nutrition clinic were admirable. Looked in at a Munition Factory on the way back. It seemed very good. Very heavy thunderstorm in the evening. Nothing definite in the way of news except Ld French is appointed Viceroy of Ireland. Think it may be very useful but apparently it is adversely criticized in Ireland. Big dinner party.

Wednesday May 8 The war news as far it goes is on the right side without anything very definite, but there appears to be a serious difficulty in England over a letter published by General Maurice? He attacks Lloyd George and Bonar Law and is apparently backed up by Asquith who asked for an enquiry. Extremely troublesome and difficult. Presented medals at the Parliament buildings. Always a difficult proceeding but got through fairly well. Large attendance. Luckily the recipients who were mainly relatives did not show much emotion. Went over to Hart House. It is really doing wonderful work and was quite interesting and Evie went to the Victorian Order of Nurses and I went on to Col. Gooderham brewery which has been taken over by the imperial authorities for the manufacture of cotton. Interesting but very complicated. In the afternoon we went by motor to Whitby. It is certainly an excellent place but the Provincial authorities want it back. ? dinner party and quite pleasant. The row in England seems really bad. They have a debate tomorrow. I don't know what will happen if the Government is beaten.

Thursday May 9 Sings that the Germans are beginning another big attack. At one place they have penetrated our front trenches but were repulsed elsewhere. The frontier in England is very strained but we ought to hear more in the day. Left Toronto 9.30. Grey and cooler. Nice day for traveling. Arrived at Lindsay 12.30. Met by the Mayor and Mayoress - Lady Hughes. The warden, MPP and a large crowd. Inspected Veterans, Boy Scouts and Cadets who formed a procession and escorted us to the Collegiate School where the address was presented. The proceedings took place in the open and the children sang. Eve had luncheon with the IODE I was entertained by the Bd of Trace. Flavelle, brother of Sir Joseph, presided. Good substantial lot of men but there was too much eating and the proceedings were too long. Went to St. Joseph's convent RC School. The children were well turned out and did their singing well. Drove through the town to the Ross Memorial Hospital. Small but very nice and in an excellent situation.

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Proceeded to the arsenal. It has open for rather more than a year. Good shops and well arranged. Great contrast to what we saw in Quebec. Left soon after five. The visit was a great success and the people were pleased that we went. It was a pity so much time was wasted over luncheon. Got back to Peterborough about 6. Gave the mayor photographs and presents to one or two others. Went for a drive in the motor. Rain came on in the evening. Not much information in local evening papers. The welcome and reception at Lindsay was most cordial and the general tone quite excellent.

Friday May 10 Comfortable night in the train. Got back to Govt house in time for breakfast. All well there. Lloyd George seems to have made a good defence and secured a big majority. The German attack was apparently (defused?) prior to its development and the news is therefore reassuring. Lot of papers. Long walk with Sladen and Henderson. Hear Sladen wants to get another clerk. He is really very tiresome. Picked up some more stones. More rain in the evening.

Saturday May 11 There was another fine naval performance. The (undictive?) was sunk full of concrete at the opening of Ostend harbour. The other news is on the right side. Reports imply that the German offensive will again be delayed. Nice morning, bright but cold. Six degrees of frost. The Press message was better in form and more optimistic in character than what we had had before. In the afternoon I went to a cricket match between Ottawa and Ashbury. Very nice to see some real cricket again. Then I went to Eve and the children who were working in the garden and did some digging. After tea, picked up stones. Archbishop Matthieu came to see me. He was ? with his ? to Quebec. Sir Lomer and Lady Gouin and Countess de la Faille came to stay. Had a small dinner to meet them. Prime Minister, Archbishop Matthieu, Fitzpatrick, Gours. Quite pleasant and I think it may be very useful. Sir Lomer was very pleasant and said there was distinctly a better tone throughout the province.

Sunday May 12 Real wet day but milder. Grand growing weather and if we can get some sun after this everything will go ahead. Church. Not much in the Press cables. In the afternoon Mary's baby was christened. She is a pretty little thing – very little Rodey? Interesting English mail. The letters I had were more confident than I expected. Went to Ashbury for the Evening Service. The Boy Scout flag presented by Mrs Gillmore? Presents dedicated and I handed it to the bearer. The Gouins and Ctes de la Faille came. Rained all day. Some warm sun would do good now.

Monday May 13 Newspapers look more cheerful. Wet morning but mild. The Gouins left by the early train. Think the visit will have done some good. Spoke to him about a salmon river. but did not have much light to throw on it. Walk with Eve to congratulate Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier on their golden wedding and gave them our photographs. They were very cheerful and think they liked our going. Some more very interesting letters. Eddy was especially so. He is very down on Lloyd George and the Govt. Spent a lot of time over the arrangements of ones next term and think we got it pretty clear. Ctes de la Faille left. She is really very nice. Did a little hoeing. Went to the service at the Cathedral. Found it was ? for a womens Auxiliary. Very little news in Evening papers. A good deal of confusion has been caused by the publication of cable from ? American army.

Tuesday May 14 The war news is meagre. The explanation published of the CO cable makes the position still more indistinct. Fine – good growing day. Saw Mr. Coleman. Grand Trunk. He is arranging our tour for us and seems much keen and attentive. Col Knox Mieu – private secretary to the Governor of Newfoundland arrived to dinner. Plans for defense. Seems quite nice. I asked him to stay here. Heard from Ld Reading that he would like to come here on Saturday for one night. Parliamentary luncheon. Had to fit about forty one. Too many as I did not have an opportunity of talking to them all. A very big deputation of farmers came about the military service act, but the Prime Minister remained firm. Lovely afternoon. Did some work in the garden.

Wednesday May 15 The telegram about the Americans seems to have made a great stir. The explanations are very weak. The farmer deputation occupies a lot of space in the newspapers. The Govt reply was firm and the only thing they can do is to stick to it. A lot of valuable time and money must have been wasted. Dorothy and Mervyn returned from Washington. They had a great time there. Did some manual labour. Mrs. Donald who is speaking on food control work came to tea. Nice woman and capable. Mr McLerner, Mrs Plumtre and Mrs Lorne McGibbon also came. Soldiers Club entertainment for the Tank Battalion. Cheery and worthwhile?

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Thursday May 16 The news has rather a better ? all through. The French have recaptured a hill which has been the scene of many hard fights and according to latest reports were holding it. Prime Minister made an important statement last night on railway policy. The proposal amounts to taking over by the Government of all the train Lines except the CPR. It was this ? which I wrote him that I thought would be adopted. Patriotic Fund meeting. Fine attendance and the work done was useful. Settled not to organize any campaign for next year but to risk keeping the fund open for voluntary subscription to aid the Govt to guarantee the receiving amount. Lovely afternoon. Did some more gardening. Planted corn and some potatoes. A letter came up in the evening from the farmers delegation. There is nothing to be done with it. Friday May 17 No news. Kenyan Slaneys left for Quebec. Quite hot. Everything coming on very fast. Went to the office and saw the PM. He is rather worried about the number of his colleagues who want to go to England. Young Gouin and Gordon Ross came to luncheon. They both belong to the Tank Battalion. Planed nine potatoes and did some stone filling. Lovely evening. Made it very difficult to make any definite plans for the summer and autumn.

Saturday May 18 Still no news but the papers continually hint that something big may be expected at any time. Afraid Lady Violet had what might have been a very nasty motor accident, but the Hendersons said down to the telephone that she was not damaged although considerably shaken. Lovely day and hot. Working up for thunder but don't expect a storm for a day or two. A treason plot has been discovered in Ireland and measures taken to repress it. It may have some effect on the public. Very hot in the afternoon. Climbed much above in the field next McKay Street. Had a rather unpleasant work. Ld Reading arrived from Montreal. Crawford Steward and the Moridettes? Came with him. He was in good spirits and more reassuring as to the American efforts. ?? said he made a really admirable speech.

Sunday May 19 (Whit? Sunday) Went to the early Service although I was rather late. Mr and Mrs Redfield arrived early. Nice people. Long press telegram arrived, not much in it. Lovely morning but clouded over later on. Had some very interesting conversation with Ld Reading. He certainly is very pleasant and very keen about his work. From all that I hear he is a great success. Quiet afternoon. Got some papers cleared up. Reading left for New York in the afternoon. The Ashbury Cadets marched through the garden and I inspected them at the gates. They looked smart and keen. Church parade for evening service. Brewer president a good speaker for them. Interesting conversation with Mr Redfield. He is certainly very keen and enthusiastic and I am sure it was a good thing that we asked him to come here. Lovely evening with nice cool breeze. No war news in press cables, but things appear to be moving very fast in Ireland. A large number of arrests are reported.

Monday June 20 The news from the front is quiet but the general tone is fairly confident. Caused? With excitements in Ireland. Smuts has made some strong speeches I Ireland and the new position generally. The President has also made a strong speech. Says he will stand by Russia. Lot of air fighting in which we seem to have done well. Warm but a lot of wind. Change appears to be coming. The Maridettes left by the early train. Canada Club luncheon. Mr Redfield made an impassioned oration, but I wonder if he is right as to what they say they can do. When I got back I found Sir William Graite, Sir Thomas Royden and the navy Lieutenant. Interesting conversation with Royden. He is very down on the Americans but seems to think they are pulling themselves together now. Planted potatoes. Very hot. Distant thunder and with evening it was cooler. Anne came to help me. By dinner the task over. Think it went alright. Redfields were pleased. No definite war news, but it looks as if the Germans must come on again soon. Ireland is getting more and more difficult. Interesting mail, especially a letter from Bab?

Tuesday May 21 The French have made some important advances and improved the line. Indication that the big German drive must begin again before long. No more news from Ireland. Cooler and fresher. No ? here, well here must have been a big storm somewhere. Maction, PM of Saskatchewan came to luncheon. He is on his way to England. Sir Herbert Ames also came. He had a useful talk with Sir Thomas Royden about the shipping of women who married Canadians in England. The patriotic fund will probably have to take charge of them when they arrive here. Broke clods in the afternoon and evening in the lower field. It ought to be ready to plant potatoes tomorrow. Rather sensational news in the evening papers that the German plot in Ireland had been hatched in the United States. Mervyn took Charlie down to his net in the cricket ? Charlie has not much idea of batting but he is quite a good notion of bathing (baking?) Lovely evening.

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Wednesday May 22 No decided news. Apparently there was a rumpus in the House last night over titles. (honours) PM threatened to make it a vote of confidence. However he sensed a majority. Cooler in the morning and rather windy. Saw Mr. Pringle at the office. He is shortly going to England. Also saw Christie. PM's private secretary. Afraid the PM is laid up and seems very tired. Sir Thomas White and Dr. Parkin came to luncheon. Interesting conversation. Redfields left. I think they were very happy here. He told me they had cabled and everything is ? as regards the Fisheries? And if so I is very satisfactory. Planted more potatoes. Long and rather aimless talk about plans. Mauds arrangements make great difficulties. Crowdys came to dinner. Afterwards we heard that the prorogation would not take place till Saturday, although there was still just a chance for Saturday. It is certainly very difficult to make plans.

Thursday May 23 No German advance. Our reports point to strengthening of line. Rather gouty. All this uncertainty and delay about plans are enough to give me a sharp attack. Lovely morning. Great uncertainty all day if it was possible to get the Prorogation. If it had been done I would have had to put off going to Toronto. Saw the PM and said goodbye when as he leaves tomorrow for England. He was more annoyed than I ever knew him about the honours debate. Planted potatoes and made arrangements for our departure. Quite sorry to have to go, but still it is the right thing to be on the move. Wasted a long time for the prorogation but eventually went to the senate at midnight. More members than I expected. Got through the speech, found the train at 12.45.

Friday May 24 Arrived Toronto about 8.45. Breakfast in the train and went in to Government House. Hendries very well. Lovely day. THE St Andrews college cadets came up and I inspected them. They look very smart. Attended the horse show where the race for the King's plate was run. If it had not been wartime it could have been a very nice meeting as it was it was quite enjoyable. The race was won by George Hendries, brother of Sir John's. Afraid there has been some confusion about a dinner. There was to have been a big dinner but apparently it was put off. Afraid the Hendries are rather worried about it. Left after playing a game with Bridge. Lady Hendrie and I had bad cards but she never failed to throw away any chance we might have had.

Saturday May 25 Comfortable night in the train and left Toronto 7.30 am for Hamilton. Got the papers before leaving. German offensive seems very near at hand again. A transport with American troops on board was torpedoed and 56 men lost. At 10.10 we were met by the reception committee. Dick Nevill was at the station. He looks very seedy and has neuritis. Proceeded to the City Hall where we registered. Inspected men of the First contingent and boy scouts and said a few words. Visited Canadiana Cartridge Factory. Admirably arranged and equipped. They are making anti-aircraft shell cases for the American government and doing good work. Eve went to the Red Cross Rooms after seeing the women's work and the factory but I went all through it. We met again at the Military Hospital. Temporary halls but well arranged. Got to the Hotel a little before one. Very quiet and comfortable. After luncheon drove out to Grimsby about eighteen miles. Had tea at a place where ? arranged for getting funds for the university Hospital Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were paraded. Said a few words. Lovely country. The orchards are a great sight. Everything looks so well kept and tidy. On our return I received deputation from Hamilton Ministerial Association. Chiefly non conformist ministers. Dinner by the Corporation. The Mayor made a long speech. Afraid mine was rather dramatic? Good attendance. Reception at the Court House. There were one or two showers but on the whole the weather was favourable. The Mayor ?? I think people are pleased we came. The girls were interested and amused.

Sunday May 26 Heavy thunderstorm in the morning. Rest of the day was fine but cold and damp at night. Church. Nice service. Nothing of great importance in the Press telegrams except that one of our submarines had sunk what it is believed to be one of the enemy big ones. Have look at a traveling Xray institution. Is it American and very neat and convenient. Full Xray apparatus, all fitted in to one car. Looks as if it might be useful. Luncheon with Lady Gibson. Quite pleasant but the length of the meal was intolerable. Went out for a short trip in a motor boat but unluckily it was not clear and there was no view. Tea with Mrs. Hendrie, her house. Went up with Eve to the Mountain Sanatorium. Very sad to see the patients there, but admirable work is being done. In morning the girls went to a ? concert. I refused some

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time ago as I try to avoid speaking on Sundays as much as possible. Eve had a disagreeable letter from Maud and was very afraid by it.

Monday May 27 Thundery and close. News is not bad but as far as there is any it is on the right side.

Weather in France appears to be bad. Attended the opening of the Medical conference. A very interesting programme was arranged for the week, but when I was there the proceedings were only formal. Saw some medical exhibits. Evie and the girls went to the IODE. Went on to the Brent Military Hospital. A hotel has been converted and is doing good work. The men were cheerful, but the GWVA are in rather a disgruntled mood. The YMCA is considerably criticized. The Mayor was really very amusing. Gave him a cigarette case and Eve gave the mayoress a brooch. They also had photographs for the City Hall. Very pleasant visit and all went well. Left at 1 and got to Niagara at 3. The hotel was very comfortable. Evie was rather tired and kept quiet. The rest of us took a walk up to the falls. The more one sees of them the more wonderful they are. Lovely evening. Evening newspapers indicate that the German offensive has begun again.

Tuesday May 28 After the heavy rain in the night we had a lovely day. The Germans appear to be attacking in great numbers and we had had to retire at one place. At 10.30 we met all the children at the Collegiate Institute. The Mayor came with us. The children looked nice and keen, sang songs and waved flags. I asked for a holiday. Went on to the headquarters of the YWVA. Nice house – small but comfortable. Only has ? there. Visited Hospital. Quite nice but small. Plans are in hand for extension after the war. Got back about 12. Henderson arrived. He had seen Prince Arthur. Think he will get here again at end of July and beginning of August. Dr. Robertson came to luncheon. Must write to ? about him; as he is going to England and wants to go to Derbyshire. He was quite ready to take the KCBE and seemed pleased with the recognition. At the luncheon we walked across to the platform and the Parl. Quite a good number of people appeared. The mayor presented the address and after the reply Eve and I shook hands with a lot of the people present. Went on to the Library and then the Red Cross and other war societies work. They seem keen and are doing well. Had tea then. Visited Loretto? Convent. Proceedings much as usual at these sort of places. High grade of society but I forgot to mention the pupils? Glorious view of the falls. Canadian Club dinner in a? place in the parl. Good gathering ???? Afraid the Germans have crossed ? Very bad.

Wednesday May 29 In spite of the retirement? On the Aisne there is no sign of panic. The Germans claim 1500 prisoners and a lot of territory. The attack was mainly against the French, but some of our line had to conform. More rain and very damp. Gave my foot a twist and brought out the gout which has been hanging about. Without the twist the gout would not have mattered and without the gout the twist was nothing. Got through a few letters in the morning. Two very fine looking young officers, one a doctor by name Fitzwilliams-Crothers, came to luncheon. They had been in Rumania and were coming back via Siberia. Interesting and keen. Went the round of the sights below A? Bridge. It is really a splendid sight. We appear to have gone back some way but the French do not appear to be disconcerted. A big and interesting mail arrived.

Thursday May 30 News looks very bad. The Germans have taken Soissons and it is also rumoured Rheims. The French authorities however express great confidence. Foot very stiff but managed to get along alright. Left at ten for **Welland**. Nice drive. Arrived about eleven and were met by the Mayor. The town was well decorated and everybody did all they could to make the visit a success. The arrangements all through were excellent. Began with presentation of address in the public part. After my reply shook hands with a number of people. Afraid there are a lot who have lost husbands and sons. Inspected guard of honour of returned men. Went on to one of the Collegiate Institutes. The children were all drawn up and sang. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. Next visited the hospital. Saw a surprising percentage of aliens among the patients. Hospital small but well equipped. Eve had luncheon at the Collegiate Institute and I went to the Welland Club. Delightfully situated in the canal with a good bowling green. Said a few words. Interesting talk with several men. Joined Evie at the Collegiate Institute. She gave diplomas to four girls. Drove to the Cotton Mill. Col Woods of Ottawa is president of the Co and came down on purpose. Admirably fitted up and doing good work. Evie and I each said a few words to the operatives. Drove on to the munition works. Well arranged day. A lot of war work. Got back about five after a most rainfall day. The mayor had taken a lot of trouble and everything was admirably arranged. My foot was no worse. Letter from Sir L Gouin asking me to go to the Restigouche club. Settled to go on July 1 News

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rather less bad and the French appear to be very confident. News in the evening was rather more reassuring.

Friday May 31. Birthday. Horrible to think that one is fifty. Evie gave Anns present – a ink bottle which ought to be very useful. Had letters from her, Rachel. News rather more reassuring. French appear very confident. Motored over to Niagara on the Lake. Inspected camp there and also the Poles. Said a few words ? lot. Evie and I went to tea with Dr. Grant and Mrs Grant. Nice people and the house is delightful with a fine view of the Falls. Drove round Goat Island. Lovely evening. Children and the staff went to Buffalo

Saturday June 1 News looks very grave and the Germans have advanced to the Marne but in the evening it was more reassuring. Big programme for the day. Left shortly before tea for **St. Catherines** where we arrived in plenty of time. Met the Mayor at the hospital who introduced a number of people. Went over the hospital and spent a long time there. Small but plans are in hand for extension. Proceeded through the street accompanied by a band. Decoration very nice and a lot of people about. I invested a shrine created in honour of a man who had been killed. The list is very long already. Inspected returned men. Proceeded to the public Parl. Lot of children who sang, also Veterans of 66. Boy Scouts and Ridley Cadets. Last named very smart. Recused address but wind was so strong I do not think the public heard much. Luncheon at the hotel. Very long and rather tiresome. Waited a lot of time. Said a few words. Looked in at a Convalescent home. Nice but small. Ridley ?? Inspected cadets and received address. Presented my medal. The boys keen and smart. Quite a ? with the ? School ? The ? a very ? day in spite of very high wind. The place is prosperous and beautifully laid out and the spriti excellent. Motored a long way to Beause de camp. ? another place. It certainly was not worth the journey. Receive address from Dr. M? Pl? but rather a public ? and there was nothing to see. Very hot and dusty. Got home about seven. Eve and girls not as tired as might have been expected.

Sunday June 2 Not so hot. I had my hair cut. Church. Quite a nice service and the building ? makes it also nice. Spent a very quiet day. The Mayor and Mayoress came to tea and were given photographs. I got through a ? of letters. Went on to the train soon after tea and left at eleven.

Monday June 3 Gout ? bad in the night but better in the morning. Eve's throat was very sore and she settled not to come for the days work. Just a glimpse at the paper before we started. The news looks rather better. Drove into **St. Thomas** at 9:45. The Mayor and Mayoress were on the platform. He introduced me to a number of people and I then inspected the Guard of Honour. Quite smart. Drove to the City Hall with Blanche and the Mayor and Mayoress. Received the address in the steps outside the Hall. Blanche accepted the ? for Eve and did her work well as she did all day. Proceeded to the Collegiate Institute. Invested a Memorial tablet, inspected the cadets and ? a display of physical ? of the boys and then of the girls. Both did well. The programme was well arranged and carried through. Went on to the hospital. The Materon had only arrived last Saturday but she took us all over the building even to the basement. The Hospital is small and out of date but another is being discussed. Visited the Old Folks Home. Quite nice. Lovely view. Red Cross was next. Well organized and keen. A parcel of clothing was given to Eve for the I.O.D.E, Went on to hotel where a reception was held and was ? all ended. Luncheon got through quickly. I made an allusion to the King's birthday and said I would send a telegram to him from the citizens. Drove out to the Park. Big gathering of children who sang. The public school cadets were in formation and looked smart. Military training is compulsory in the City. The Instructor comes from Sheffield and told me he knew Chatsworth well. Planted an oak tree and was presented with a spade. Visited Alma College. This is a Methodist College for young ? and has been established for nearly forty years. Doing good work. Presented one of my ? medals. Drove out about ten miles to Lake Erie. Lovely view and charming place. The country is well farmed and the prosperity everywhere is astonishing. Got back to the train about six and left about six thirty. Very unlucky Eve could not come as the day was most successful. The people ?? The Mayor and Mayoress really nice people. Everything was well arranged and the decorations effective. The general aspect of the city is satisfactory and the tone admirable. The evening papers say that a submarine ? ships off the New Jersey Coast. Moved up to ?? of Chatham and stopped the night there. Eve seems better and ? she will be alright tomorrow.

Tuesday June 4 News from France is better but considerable damage among smaller craft has been done by submarines off the American Coast. Heavy thunderstorm in the morning. Drove into **Chatham** at 9:45.

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Met by Mayor and Mayoress and after inspecting boy scouts drove right off to Tecumseh Park where the Mayor presented the address. A bowling match was in progress between Chatham and Detroit. An address was presented and I bowled once or twice but with no great success. Unfurled an IODE Service flag. Called in at the RC school. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. At Queen Marys school the children of all the schools were assembled. Looked in at some additions which were in process of construction. Signed war names in term? Books belonging to the different schools. The Chairman of the School Board introduced me and I formally declared the new buildings open and asked for a holiday. Called at the Old peoples home. Found them sitting out in front. Shook hands with them all and said a few words. They seemed happy and peaceful. Signed my name in a book presented by an old sailor. The next was St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital. New building and well equipped and arranged. Rather a tiresome performance as the nurses had arranged a programme with a good deal of singing and we had the opportunity of talking to the nurses or patients. Eve went next to the train and I went on the the Dominion Sugar Plant ??

Inspected the plant neat and efficient but as it was not working as as I had never seen a sugar factory before I was not able to judge. The man who showed me round was a typical German and although he had a ?? for 25 years his accent was quite clearly German. Imagine he was very capable and the way everything is served and nothing was left is remarkable. In addition to being a German he smelt worse than any living creature I had ever met. The Mayor gave a luncheon with ?? The returned men and all the heads of public offices and war Chamber were present. Made rather a long speech. Eve wisely did not come, but we met at the General Hospital. Small but quite nice. Next visited IODE rooms. Admirable work is being done but the Regent persisted in calling on Eve for a speech. She did it very well. Went to a Red Cross Room in the City Hall. Said a few words. Work seems very good. The O.O.D.E. women were in the public library. Nice building and well arranged. Returned to the Park and inspected the Veterans and returned men and boy scouts. For the tenths time in a day I said a few words. Great crowd of people. Eve returned to the train and I went for a short drive into the country. Fine land but did not appeal to me as much as ?? ?? St. Thomas. Got to the train about six fifteen and left right away. The day was long but interesting and useful. The town is admirable and the Mayor certainly did his best. Altogether I think it was most successful. T?? for the night at Bette? River where it flows into Lake St. Claire. ? cool. Dorothy and I went for a walk down to the shore but it was rather ?? and dirty. A man came down with a car and took us through the village which he said had a population of about six hundred. The place looks ?? and peaceful. A collection of newspapers from Windsor and Detroit came in the evening. The German advance is certainly toned down even it is not stopped altogether. The number of vessels destroyed off the U.S. coast is considerably increased. Receive telegrams from the King in reply to one I sent for his birthday.

Wednesday June 5 Comfortable stop for the night at Belle River. The Detroit papers came in the morning. The Americans appear to be fighting in the Marne and claim to have stopped the advance. The submarines are doing a lot of ?? on the American coast. Drove into **Windsor** sharp at 9:45. Dick was on the platform. The Mayor and Mayoress came on the train and then introduced us to a number of people including Mayor of the neighbouring municipalities and several Americans from Detroit. A lot of people were at the station. Drive to Mr. King's house which had been placed at our disposal. It is really quite delightful and most comfortable. Felt quit peaceful being in a private house again. Quiet morning. The public reception took place at the Armouries. A most ?? arrangement of terraces with grain plots had been prepared. Mayor presented his address. I got badly ?? at the beginning of my reply but steadied down after a bit. Eve and the girls and I shook hands with a number of people. Later on I had an interesting conversation with the American Consul who was in Germany when war was declared. Attended the Convent and Hospital. Both were typical RC establishments. Hospital quite nice but almost empty. In the evening the mayor of Waterville? Took me out for a drive. Saw the Waterville? Dairy but I have seen accommodation for 600 cows, but at present owing to labour troubles only 300 are being kept. The mild is well and quickly handled. The whole Walkersville which is really part of Windsor though a separate municipality is to the Walker family to were big Whiskey distillers. Both it and Windsor are well laid out and are enterprising. Everything seems most ?? and the tone is excellent but the atmosphere is far more American than antying I h ave yet come across. The news is this evening was more reassuring. Very d?? to be out of the train.

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Thursday June 6 News continues ?? A heavy thunderstorm broke early in the morning but there was no more rain till almost six. Left at 9 for Walkerville School. Children from the different schools were assembled. Asked for a holiday. Went on to the Dominion Bridge Co. Most efficient and interesting work doing shells and ?? ?? The rest was in Canada Ford Co. It is really a of organizations and detail. Went over the office of Walker the Distillers. They have some nice pictures and statuary. Looked in at the Wesleyan Conference and said a few words. ?? at the Collegiate school. All the children ?? were ?? of ?? from tomorrow. Excellent show. Walked round and said a few words. Got back for luncheon. ??.....?? The children and I went for a boat down the river. A lot of people were board the boat but we were not interfered with. Everything was very nice and the trip was pleasant and interesting but unluckily we were all home late for the next appointed. Eve found us at the F.W.V.A. ?? house. Not bad. Said a few words. Went on to the Red Cross. Doing good work. Said a few words. Long but interesting day. Wound up with a big ?? at the Armoury. Well arranged and most enthusiastic. I spoke for half an hour. Two men from Detroit both spoke well. Most successful function. Eve went to the I.O.D.E. and seems to have managed very well. Terrific thunderstorm about six and very damp and stuffy. Not much news in evening papers but it seems fairly good as far as it goes.

Friday, June 7 According to the Detroit paper the Americans have advanced. Much cooler and fresher. Started at 9:15 and drove ?? way and saw the layout of the new steel works in course of construction. They seem very comprehensive and will be a most modern lines. Saw the new docks in course of construction and then went ? to where the workmen's houses were to be. It will make a very fine place. Planted a ?? this place and to be called Devonshire Paaid Health Sandwich. Received an address and asked for a holiday. Visited St.John Church. Most interesting. Went on to R?? college RC institution. Mainly Americans. Received an address. Got back to the house about 12:50. Mr. Ford came to luncheon. Pleasant and interesting. He is keen and enthusiastic and strikes one as a man of power. Said goodbye to the Kings. They have really made us most comfortable and it was a good thing to get off the train. Drove down to the landing stage and after saying goodbye to everybody we embarked on the Pathfinder. Had a really nice trip through Lake St. Claire on the way to **Sarnia**. Mr. And Mrs. Playfair were most kind. Gave us tea and dinner and made us most comfortable. On the lake it was quite rough for a few minutes. Eve was rather tired but had a sleep and was much better. Coming up this river in the evening was most attractive. Great crowd at Sarnia. Met ?? Mayor and others. I found there was as big a crowd as I have yet seen and for some way down people were out on the bank. Got on to the train about 9:00. Luckily it was quite cool and fresh.

Saturday June 8 At 10 the Mayor arrived and introduced the Mayoress. Moved to the station where further introductions took place. The Governor of Michigan and his wife had come across the river and several officers of the Michigan troops. Drove to the central Park where I received the Mayor's address and also one from two Indians. Big and enthusiastic crowd. Popular reception with rather a scramble as the people were not in evidence and everybody tried to come at the same time. Eve ?? at Mr. Pardees house. After a drive along the river where we saw an Indian reserve I went to the Imperial Oil Co. Got really interesting but we dawdled a good deal and I could not get the manager to get on. Luncheon for about ?? at the Golf Club. It is far more difficult to speak when women are present. Visited the hospital. Ver ordinary. Quite a big crowd was ?? and I said a few words. Left at 4 The ?? were not very well arranged, but the keenness and enthusiasm of the population was very marked. Arrived in London at 6. Sir Adam Beck met us at the station and we drove to his house. Very nice and peaceful. Saw something of the sclpse of the sun. The news looks rather better on the whole.

Sunday June 9 Cooler with some rain in the night. Church. Service very nice but rather long. The Church – St. Pauls – is fine and ?? but abominable decorations. Excellent sermon by the Rector. Children went to another with the Congregers? Drove out to the sanatorium and went all through it. It is certainly very nice. Tea with Mr. Harris. He is an old man and has been here all his life. Very interesting. Beck came do dinner. Very nice people. Heard by telephone that the Germans were making new offensive.

Monday June 10 The new offensive appears to be going on but the trench reports are fairly good. Long and interesting day. Met the Mayor at his office but it appeared that we were not intended to do so. The girls and I sat in St. Joseph's Hospital. Quite good. R.C. and then on to the Ryerson School. Excellent building and ?? at the Calert developments as regards arrangement, again? Funeral Corportal? Mistaklke?

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Etc. Met Eve at the Victoria Park. Great crowd and a lot of school children with a children's Pipe Band. Received the address from the Mayor and after my reply there was a public reception. Got back to the home for a few minutes. Eve went to a Women's Luncheon and I went to the Canada Club and Rotary Club ?? Excellent gathering. Drove the country and met Eve at the Victoria Hospital?? A number of soldiers are there and Vocational training is going on, but not on very extensive lines. Eve went to the Red X and I went to Leonards works. Small but well arranged and very good work. Proceeded to St. Andrew Church where I received an address from the General Assembly. Found Eve at the Red X, which is quite admirable. Wound up with a Military Review at Carliser? Heights. Presented medals. The new recruits are a very fine lot. Presented medals. Afraid Eve was very tired, but it is quite impossible to arrange anything which appears to suit. Makes everything very difficult. Girls went to Port Stanley? And bathes and came in to the reviews. In the evening they went to play golf.

Tuesday June 11. After saying good-bye to the Becks and the Mayor at the station we started at 9 for Woodstock. The Becks have really been most kind. Eve gave her and the girl a broach each and I gave him a pair of links? As well as the usual photographs. Train was rather shaky but we arrived safely at Woodstock at 9:45. Met the Mayor and Mayoress at the Station and started right off in motors. Drove past a Bafkert? College but did not get out as the holiday had begun and there were only some of the staff to whom we were introduced. The children were assembled in the Park and I asked for a holiday. Inspected the Collegiate School Cadets. Proceeded to the Court House where I received the ?? address and presented Correy? Cups to the returned soldiers. The Red Cross have their rooms in the same building and is most efficient and keen. Visited the General Hospital. Small but nice. The nurses home is excellent. Drove out a little way into the country and looked in at the House of Refuge. Quite nice. Luncheon at the Hotel. Well arranged but a protracted Grace from the Presbyterian Minister took an appreciable time. Went back to the car. Eve did not come on with us, but we took a drive into the country. Magnificent agricultural ?? and well cultivated. Visited three farms. The first was a mixed farm and the farmer ut his horses on ??.....?? were Clydesdales and were good. The next was a Jersey farm, but I did not think except a number there was anything outstanding. The last were Holsteins and seemed good. Very windy but most interesting and pleasant. Called at a little village called Inverkep? And said a few words. Had an excellent tea there. Left around 6.30 after a most successful visit. The Mayor and Mayoress had taken a great deal of trouble and made admirable arrangements. The whole town was excellent and the enthusiasm was most marked. Drew up for the night at Bright Fork and walk with the girls and Mervyn. Got to the top of a hill and had a good view. The Germans are attacking in great numbers but the French reports are confident and hopeful.

Wednesday June 12 Wild and stormy morning after a heavy thunderstorm. Arrived Stratford at 9.45 and met by the Mayor. Inspected Guard of Honour of returned men and was introduced to the Civic authorities. Received address outside the City Hall. Children were assembled. Inspected cadets and boy scouts. Drove to the Hospital. Quite good. Looked in at one of the City schools, this Foundations stone of which was laid by the Duke of Connaught. Visited the convent. The Mother Superior remembers Eve at Ottawa and was saking at G.H. on the Saturday before she took this varl? Eve went back to the train and I went over the Grand Trunk Railway Shops. Luncheon in the car. English mail. Interesting letter. Visited Red X rooms. Good work is being done. Eve went back to the car and the rest of us took another trip into the country. Cold and windy but the country looks prosperous. On our return picked up Eve and attended a gathering in he park. Presented a bar to a sister who had got the medal. He is now going through a conversion for a Commission in England. Said a few words, but the day was an easy one as far as speaking was concerned as I only spoke twice. Tea at the Normal School. Excellent building and the tea was the same. Got back to the car about 5.45 and then out a few minutes to Shakespeare. The visit was quite successful but there was a lack of go about the Mayor although he and his wife were very nice and did their best. The fighting appears to be very severe, but the French are holding their won well and counter attacking. At the G.T.R. works I met a Mr. Taylor, son of the old foreman at Sholtle? He is doing very well here and has a son wounded and a daughter working overseas in the Hospitals. Also met an old lady from Belper?

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Thursday June 13. The fighting appears to be very severe but the French reports continue to be confident. Rain in the night but much better morning. The Gout in my right knee is improving. Arrived Kitchener 9.45. Met by the Mayor, Mayoress. Inspected guard of honour of returned men and was introduced to the Council. Big crowds in the street and most enthusiastic. Drove to the Victoria Park where the school children were assembled. They sang extremely well. Mayor presented the address and a public reception followed. Drove to the hospital which serves both the city and the county (Waterloo). Good buildings and well arranged. Proceeded to the Parl in Waterloo and found the children drawn up. Great enthusiasm. We did not get one but I asked for a holiday from the car. Visited the Library where we met the ladies of the Red X, Victorian Order and I.O.D.E. Said a few words to them. Luncheon at the Country Club. Charming situation on a high bank over the Grace? River. Luncheon was arranged and excellent. On the way back to the station we looked in at the Red X rooms and found a scene of great activity. Interesting day as Kitchener had got a bad name and ?? there were a lot of Germans ?? ?? be more loyal and enthusiastic than the reception we had. The Mayor and Mayoress were pleasant; but German and spoke with quite an accent. They both had been here for all their lives. The arrangements were as good as any I have seen. Left at 3.45 and after an hour's run through a pretty country we reached Galt. Great crowd at the station and a lot of returned men whom I inspected. The Mayor and Mayoress introduced us to the Council. The Mayor is a ?? ?? ?? and has been in the Council for 25 years but had a stroke eight years ago. Among others on the platform were Mr. McHugh? Jutine? Drove to the City Hall. Received the address and public reception followed. Visited Red Cross corms. Admirably organized and doing a lot of work. Eve went to stay at the Agricultural College. Rachel and Charlie on train. Rachel appeared at the station, but Charlie had gone out bicycling with another boy. The rest of us went to the Y.W.V.A. rooms where we had tea. Saw a number of returned men. The President is Caun McIntosh who seems to be most capable. After a short time in the car went to have dinner at Y.M.C.A. then went to St. Joseph's Convent. Had a look round the hospital and then home of rest. Nothing outstanding. ?? diploma to the graduating nurses. Long but interesting day and I think useful. The news in the evening papers was more reassuring, although the fighting is very severe.

Friday June 14. News is better. The French appear to be holding the enemy. Arrived at the grounds of the Collegiate Institute when all the children of the different schools were drawn up. Very pretty scene. Chairman of the School Board presented an address and I asked for a holiday. Drove out to the Military Hospital which is where the Prison was that I saw when I was here before. Makes a fine place but there were very few soldiers. Good arrangements and a lot can be put up. A lot of work for Government ?? is going on in the shops. Drove on to the agricultural college. Luncheon with the students. Eve, Charlie and Rachel were at the Creelmans and came to luncheon except Charlie. Said a few words and there was quite a (Bt Forward 64 June 14 Guelph.4 = 68) little ceremony of the girls were graduating giving their black ties to the younger girls. Very interesting afternoon. Saw the stock and the experimental plots. It is certainly a wonderful institution and must be doing wonderful work. Drove out some way through a nice lot of country and saw some shorthorns which were going off to a series of shows in the west. The farmer – named Shults? – was quite young and in his shirt sleeves. Looked really progressive and go-ahead. Shorthorns were quite good. Got back to the car and got a doctor to come and cut my corns. Much relieved. Eve came and picked her up and we went to the Fever Hospital. Without any warning or notice to say a concert had been arranged in the open for the presentation of diplomas to graduating men. Terrible function. Eve went away early but I sat it out and then had a look at the Hospital. Small but quite good. The girls and Mervyn went to the golf course, but a story ? got out back Eve and I were going and a crowd had collected. Long but interesting day. The walk through the Military was exhausting. News in evening papers continues good.

Saturday June 15 The German offensive seems to have stopped, but is expected to be renewed against us. Left a little before ten in motors for Galt. Beautiful country. People were out at the places we past. Met the Mayor and Mayoress at the City Limits. Drove to City Hall where we met the members of It?? Corporation and the officials. Visited the Hospital. Saw an old lady who knew Aunt Lucy. She was 92 but was quite well. Stopped in hospital for a fortnight in order to see me. Dorothy and Eve did not come but Blanche and Rachel came. Looked in at the Anglican Church and met the Rector.

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Galt (Wayside stations. Palmerston, Hanover each ??) Fine church. Inspected a school, but as the holidays were on there were no children. Luncheon at the Golf Club. Charming place in the ?? no speeches but managed to get some useful and interesting talks with a number of people. Looked in at the Red Cross Rooms. Excellent work is being done. Big gathering at the Parl. Mayor presented the address and after my reply I presented ?? medals, inspected Veterans and Cadets and had a public reception. The tone throughout was excellent and most cordial. Much more like England than anything I have yet seen. Mayor and Mayoress very nice. Unlucky Eve could not come. On the way back we went to see a Mrs. Wilkes. Interesting old lady. Head of the Galt Red X and farms on a big scale. Breeds what are called Standard Horses. They are really trotters. Most unsatisfactory animals. Charming place and nice house. (Bt forward 58 June 15 5 = 72) Very British. I planted a tree. Nice atmosphere pervaded the whole establishment. Got back to Guelph and set off on our journey across to Owen Sound. Said good bye to the Mayor at the station. Large crowds at different stations. Said a few words at several of them.

Sunday June 16 Tied up for the night at Hepworth. Seems nice quiet place. Church. Quite a nice service and a good congregation. The Clergyman – Mr. Hardy – seems exceptionally nice. Henderson, Mervyn and Charlie went to a creek to fish. Belongs to a club. The rest of us went out to luncheon which was given by the Club. The fishing did not seem anything very great but they got a certain number. Motored on to a really nice beach. Lake Huron. Very attractive spot. The staff and children bathed. I motored on to Wiactdon? Rather a ?? holiday spot. But it was my first glimpse of Georgian Bay. Walk before dinner. On the whole very quiet day. People most kind and friendly and ready to take us anywhere in cars and do anything for us. The Reeve took charge and seems a capable man. Had interesting conversations with a number of people. The land seems fairly good but variable.

Monday June 17. (June 17 Wayside Station Hepworth Shallow Lake – Tara – Christy - Harrison) Said a few words at Hepworth before starting and again at Shallow Lake. Arrived Owen Sound 10.45. Met by the Mayor and Middlebroke?? M.P. Enthusiastic reception and a lovely day. Visited a school, but as all the children were coming to the meeting I did not say anything. The children sang quite nicely. Went on to the hospital. Not big but nice. After a drive round the city in which we had some lovely views I met all the children in front of the Collegiate School. I had inspected the cadets at the station. Asked for a holiday. Got back to the train for a few minutes before luncheon which took place at the Town Hall. Everything very well done. Think Mr. Middleton?? Had had a good deal to do with it. Said a few words. A boy sang songs. He had quite a good voice. Public reception at the Park. Great crowd but very keen. Mayor's address and shook hands with a lot of people. Eve had a quiet time at a private house. I went to the Club for a few minutes where I found the days papers. The Austrians have started a big offensive in the Italian front but the Italians appear to be very confident they can hold them. Drove round the city and to some beautiful falls a little way out. Tea at the Parl by the I.O.D.E. Altogether it was a very successful visit. The place is beautifully situated on Georgian Bay and is most attractive but the place is rather going back. The C.P.R. used to run boats there, but stopped the service and the place was a good deal affected. Spirit and tone quite admirable. Think we made rather a mistake about the journey as we are going to Colleges and by train and this means going back to Guelph and up again. Best part of 200 miles whereas it is only fifty miles by sea and less by road. However it gave me the opportunity of saying a few words at Tara. Chesley and Harriston. At Chesley there was a very big crowd and preparations. Most enthusiastic. Train very shaky and bad.

Tuesday June 18. Tied up early in the morning outside Collingwood. Fine and hot. The Mayor was at the station and introduced us to the Council. Inspected a few returned men and drove to the public where the school children were assembled. Asked for a holiday. Receive civic address and met Red Cross and I.O.D.E. Visited General Marne?? Hospital. Small but good. Went in to the Shipton Way?? Co. Interesting works though nothing outstanding. Some of the biggest ?? ships have been built there. Rachel launched one of the new trawlers and ?? The ship was launched sideways and took the water well. They are certainly very useful looking little craft. Luncheon at ?? house under the auspices of the I.O.D.E. Quite informal and given in the garden. Really rather a relief. The place is prosperous but not increasing. Spirit and tone excellent. Left about 1.45 and arrived at Barrie 3.30. Met by the Mayor and Mayoress. Big

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crowd. Veterans, boy scouts Band. The children were assembled to a Parl. Asked for a holiday and received Civic address. Visited Hospital. Found a nice old lady of ninety seven. She told me that she knew the ??s of England. Drove to Allandale. Really part of Barrie, but about a mile off. Visited an institution for people suffering from nerves. Quite nice. Visited Red Cross Room. Public Library and a private house where work for the soldiers comforts was in progress. Excellent visits everywhere. Wound up with a garden party at another private house for Prisoners of War. Very successful. On one squadron course over from Camp Borden and did some remarkable stunts but CaptN Blake son of Sir Henry Blake – He is ove on air?? Work. Left Barrie after a short but satisfactory visit and put up for the nigh near ??.

Lovely views of Lake Simcoe. Children and staff bathed but said water was very cold. Met the farmer, Henderson, I went out in his boat but got 2 fish. He was a most interesting and entertaining person. According to latest reports the Italians appear to be doing well against very heavy Austrian attacks.

Wednesday June 19 lovely morning. Drew into Orillia at 9.45 met by the Mayor who introduced his Council. Inspected returned men and proceeded to a stand put up in a park close at hand. Very enthusiastic reception. School children and public reception ?? The Mayor had read his address. Returned to the train where we found the papers. The Italians appear to be doing well. Austrian losses are said to be very heavy. If the Italians well stand the offensive ought not to make much headway. Motor trip on the lake. Couchiching. Went through to Lady Simcoe. Met a man who was champion sculler. On my return we went by motor to the Institute for Feeble minded. Very fine building and grounds. Had luncheon there. Terrific time. The food was good but the waitresses would not get on. Saw a few of the rooms of the institution and then there was a short entertainment by the children. Considering they were ?? it was quite good. Had to say a few words. Very difficult. Asked for a holiday. Visited the hospital. Very small but another wing is to be added. Went in to the Red Cross which is admirably organized. Great lot ovr workers. The place is beautiful. The tone excellent. Left at 4.15 and got to Gravenhurst at 5. Embarked on a steamer after meeting from local people. Lovely trip up the lake. It is really beautiful but ?? into Slvation residences. Got to the hotel about 7.30. ?? place but not many people about. Quite comfortable but I had a good deal of gout which was tiresome. Luckily ?? have a quiet day tomorrow.

Thursday June 20, 1918 Gout decidedly better. Taylor went back to Gravenhurst and brought back the mixture. He also brought a newspaper. News from the Italian front is more reassuring and the French have defeated many German attacks. Lovely day. Children and staff played golf and bathed. I kept very quiet. In the afternoon we went up Sir John Eaton place. It is certainly very nice. In the evening we went out on his motor boat which is the best I have ever seen and fished. Strange experience. We all fished in one place and some other people arrived in the motor boat and fished also. We got three pickerel and I a bass. Did not get home to the ?? The lakes are beautiful but there are too many suburban residences according to our ideas. Expect England may come to it in time.

June 21, 1918 Very wet. Unlucky for the trip down the lake. Eve, Henderson, Mervyn and I left by the big boat about 9:15. a small number of people met us at Port Cartier. The Reeve read his address. I asked for a holiday for the children. Tone seemed good. Shook hands with a number of people. Rather cold on arriving at the TB sanitarium. Met Sir ?? and ?? and some others. Inspected the two ?? which Sir William had started. A number of returned men were there. Excellent work going on. Went on another establishment. Small but quite excellent. A returned officer was Xrayed before us and we saw his lungs. Had luncheon. The rest of the family turn up but Charlie was quite faint. The gas on this launch had rather upset them but they got better after a bit. Went on to Gravenhurst. Mayor presented his address. Eve met the Victorian Order of Nurses. Thus the tour finished Deer quite a success.. Gave ?? to the railway people. Got into the Algonquin park. Luckily ?? Fished for a short time at Potter Lake. Mervyn lost a fish, otherwise we did nothing. Very wet evening. Started off for Ottawa

Saturday June 22 1918. **Arrived Ottawa.** Raining. Everything looks very fresh and green. Miss Saunders, Dick and Rody were there. Miss Saunders seems to have enjoyed her trip very much. Long talk with Hendersen and Sladen, although there was nothing very much to deal with. The London question is in a disagreeable position. News generally is favourable. Crowdy came for luncheon and had a talk with Eve about **Blue Sea**. Arrangements appear to be in progress. Walked round the place. The farming operations

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appear satisfactory. Sun is wanted now after the rain. It is quite nice to see the results of the work we have done. Chickens have done badly. Lot of eggs were infertile. English mail. Some interesting letters, especially one from Eddy. Cold evening. A fire was really quite acceptable.

Sunday June 23 Eve went to a service for the V.A.Ds. Rachel and I went to the ordinary church. Mr. Brasan? Preached a good sermon on the proclamation for a national ?? next Sunday. Eve was rather worried about Mervyn and Dorothy. It is a good thing that he is going away tomorrow. News looks rather better according to the ? telegrams. General M? came to luncheon. He was to have come tomorrow but the secretary made a mistake. I gave him C.M.Gs? and had an interesting ? with him. He had rather an alarming telegram from the P.M. Lady Pope came to tea. Much excited about the I.O.D.E. and Mme Casgrain. Had a great deal to say.

Monday June 24. The Italian victory is more assured. The other news is meager but good as far as it goes. Much better day. Eve stopped in bed to get rid of her cold. Got through some letters and did some hoeing. The news from Italy seems to be really good.

Tuesday June 25 News continues good and the Italian success is growing in importance. Lloyd George made an optimistic speech and forwsh?? a renewed German offensive at once. Saw Doherty who is acting P.M. He did not mention Col. Malin?? Who has said some extremely forceful and improper things in an interview with the Press. These interviews are contrary to all discipline. The whole thing arose out of this wretched affair in Guelph. Hope it will not be serious. Did some more hoeing and saw Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. He was very full of schemes for Quebec. Worried about the Guelph – Machin business. It is certainly very stupid. He has great hopes of eventually getting Lomer Guin into the govt. In the evening we went to the Experimental Farm. Interesting and the crops looked well. Some confusion about the Blue Sea arrangements. Motor boat is not ordered as some letter was delayed. Evening news is quite good.

Wednesday June 26 Report that the late Emperor of Russia had been murdered. Intalian news continues satisfactory. Nothing elsewhere. Lovely morning. Interesting conversations with Doherty, White and Pope. Doherty takes a most reasonable view of the Hoesman?? Mackin?? Incident. White was plased with his rip to Warbryte?? In the afternoon Eve opened a civil science club. The Colemans came to dinner. Gave him a pair of links for the trip. He is shortly leaving to take up this management of the Grand Trunk in New England. Hoed new potatoes and got very hot. Also rather stiff. Left for Lennoxville in the evening.

Thursday June 27 Comfortable night in the train. Stopped at Montreal and went on in the morning. Kuhlman's speech seems to have made a stir. Such news as there is is in the right stripe?? Rather inclined to be stiff and gouty but nothing much yet. Arrived Lennoxville sharp at 12.30. met Ross and the Headmaster Mr. Williams at the station. Drove up to the new school busWings?? where a large crowd was assembled. Inspected the guard of honour. Formally opened the new buswing with a presentation key. They are certainly quite excellent. Went all over the buildings and had luncheon in the assembly rooms. No speeches. Drove back to the Guard?? School. Everything very nice. Sports and Gymnastics. Tea. Presentationf of ?? I made rather a long speech but hope it conveyed the right ideas. Chapel. Extremely nice service. Very interesting and pleasant day. Tone and spirit excellent. Dined with the Ross' on their car. It is certainly very comfortable. Lady Kingsmill and the Bishop of Quebec were there. Played bridge and won. The day was most successful and luckily the weather was very fine.

Friday, June 28, 1918. Comfortable night, but train rather shaky after leaving Montreal. No very starling news, but Kolhmans speech has country in a great stir. Lady Kingswell came into the car and gave an account of the I.O.D.E. She was more moderate and restrained than I expected. Got back to Ottawa at 12.30. No news. Presented warrants and insignia to seven recipients. They all stayed to luncheon. Quite an interesting proceeding. Inspected the Blue Denlo?? A blocky broad shouldered lot but dirty and untidy. Great crowd and enthusiasm. Made some hay in the evening. Dick got back from Blue Sea. They seem to be landed? Alright up there.

Saturday June 29 Left Ottawa 8.15 and arrived Montreal at 12:30. Lt. Shaugnnessy and a number of officers were on the platform. Drove Maud to Ritz. Changed my clothes and went to the Windsor for the luncheon with officers of the American battalion. Very successful affair, but I am afraid my speech was hardly worthy of the occasion. Interesting talk with General Bridges. He seems to be gloomy especially as

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regards lack of order in Siberia. Thinks troops ought to be sent there but the President is very unwilling. The Review on Debcher Fists?? Went off well. Inspected the troops. They are certainly a splendid lot in physique and appearance. Angus had been with them on their journey. He looked well and seems in good spirits. Had a nice talk with him. A Dr. Godard-Mead Red?? And some other exchequer came to present their respective late ?? ?? a Mr Canulters?? Presented us with an address and letter from the Navy League. Went to see BJ at the hospital. He looked rather guilty?? Down but was in great spirits and quite hopeful about himself. Dinner at the Club. Lt. Shaughnessy General Bridges, Sir H. Moll, Sir M. Darn? And Andrew Blea?? Played bridge. Very pleasant evening. News pretty good.

Sunday June 30 Muggy and stuffy otherwise nice day. Church at the Cathedral. Nice service but rather long. Good sermon from D. Scennunds?? Motored to Cartierville and had luncheon with Lord and Lady Atholstan. The place is really delightful and will be just the thing for Maud. It is far more like an English country house than anything I have yet met. Takes about half an hour to get there. Left for Matapedia at seven. The Merediths and Colonel Hooper who were all going fishing came to dinner.

Monday July 1. Nice morning but we managed to lose a lot of time after leaving Levis. A.....?? The lights of Quebec were very clear across the ?? were most picturesque. Quite glad to see the place once again even at a distance. Fine lot of country through the Matapedia Valley. Arrived at the Club and got to work without delay. Five other rods besides Tommy and me. They are all nice. Mr. Higginson C.P of the Club. An old admiral. Father and son. The father is over 80. Everything very nice and plain. No fuss or ostentation and they are all keen. Tommy got four and I got two. Very bad wind and utterly?? Cold. Not at all the sort of weather I expected.

Tuesday July 2 Not much news. ?? nice day and a little rain. Fished all day. Rather disappointing. I got three fish. Tommy got his full number eight. The others did not do much. Except in his place ??.....?? Played bridge. Very nice lot of men. I lost and played badly but had bad cards. Interesting English mail.

Wednesday July 3 Better morning, but this afternoon turned bad for fishing ?? in the morning and lost one afterwards. A big hospital ship was sunk belonging to Canada and a lot of lives lost. Very disgraceful?? Not much other news but fairly good as far as it goes.

Thursday July 4 Great indications in the paper was the torpedoed hospital ship. Italian officers to have done well. We left Matapedia about 9.15 and arrived Deerside?? About 12.10. Our canoe arrived shortly afterwards and we started off at once for Chamberlains Shoals. We were toed up by a horse and arrived about 4.30. Lovely bit of country. River is fine with densely wooded both sides. In places the hills are high. Steep. The clubhouse is quite simple, but most comfortable. The food plain but everything is well done. I fished in a very big pool which much be quite full of fish but they would not bite?? Till quite late. Got two and ?? some others. I suppose the sea was too bright, the water too warm, but at any ?? after tension?? Was off the fish got most lively. Tommy got one. Quite a nice expedition and a great change to anything I have yet done. The frogs were most drowsy?? But that is not new to Mother?? Luckily so far there have been no flies. Montreal Daily has arrived by the mail boat. Sorry to see that Lt Rhondha was dead.

Friday July 5 Quite a comfortable night. Got up at six. Dull grey morning but turned foggy and misty. Gout in the right knee. T?? but manage to fish. Disappointing day as all looked well and there were lots of fish but they were very sulky. I managed to get two. Very cold in the evening. Came in about seven. Knee still stiff. English mail arrived with some interesting letters.

Saturday July 6 Gout was no worse which was rather strange but it is very awkward not being able to move. Nice morning but clouded over later. Fished ?? all day and managed to get two. They are not rising freely. One was ?? Tommy got two, one of which was IB?? I was rather cul?? As I just touched three others. Very nice afternoon. Saw a sheldrake?? With a house of ten. The great hub sides are very fine but one has a longing to see beyond. Taylor came up and brought the gout remedies. Great relief to get a bandage on, but I must make arrangements to go somewhere and get quit of it. News in paper which arrives in the evening seems fairly satisfactory.

Sunday July 7 Steady rain. Everything very damp. Gout decidedly better in spite of weather. It is certainly a relief to have some one to pack one's things. The change in the weather may wake the girl?? Or gout?? Up a bit. We left after an early luncheon to go to the river. On the way we called on Dr. Morris a

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member of the Club. He lives in a houseboat or a scow with his wife and children. Must be really nice way of doing it. Seems a nice man. Told me he was at the Bar Association Banquet which I attended in New York. He has done pretty well with fish. Further we visited two more members of the club at Pine Island. Very nice fellows. They said they had done well with the fish. Arrived at Indian House about 8.30. delightful place even though we saw it for the first time on a cold wet evening. Very comfortable and excellent food.

Friday July 8. Cold wind and heavy rain. Nevertheless we had an excellent day's fishing. We each got our eight fish. This may get one of ?? My eight were very ?? and varied from 20 – 25 lbs. Aggregate / 80 lbs. Got quit wet through but none the worse. Interesting English mail, but rather awkward having to deal with letters and papers here. Eve writes a satisfactory account of Blue Sea. The camp seems to be getting into order and shape in spite of some drawbacks.

Tuesday July 9. None the worse for getting wet. The morning looked dull and uncertain, but up to luncheon time it was very fine. Later there were heavy showers. Tommy went up to Matapedia and got eight good fish. I fished at Indian Horse in the morning and got six and Michael's in the afternoon where I got the two others. It was certainly wonderful fishing. Had a look round the demesne – if one could call it such. It might be made a really beautiful thing. In addition to the fishing the cooking is quite excellent. We had pickled salmon for luncheon and whole planked salmon for dinner. Both very good. No masks, but the fishing rods from England arrived and seem all that is required. The evening was ?? and the weather does not look good for tomorrow and the rain may ??...??

Wednesday July 10 Everything very damp, but feel very well. Day looks rather better vuyt there's still mist on the tops of the hills. ?? on it rather improved. I got the eight fish again – one 32 lbs. Tommy got seven. In the three days we have killed 47 fish. Got her letter from Eve. Afraid Lady Violet's operation must have been very severe, but the latest report is reassuring as far as it goes. The war news is in the right side. There appears to be considerable trouble arming the railway?? Men. The German Ambassador in Russia has been murdered. May produce Considerable developments. Weather in the evening looked rather better.

Thursday July 11. Better morning.. Today is twenty months since I was sworn in. Just a third of the time has gone. We left India House early with a view of going to Red Bank and fishing Patapedia on the way. We have had three very good days in spite of a good deal of rain. I got 24 fish – the maximum with an aggregate weight of 617 lbs. Averaged 16.3 lbs. ?? Patapedia and got five fish before luncheon. Tommy came up with three fish from Indian House and got three more in Patapedia, This made eight for the Lowes?? Pool. I got one in the upper and then the mail arrived. Better account from Lady Violet, but it still seems very anxious. War reports are fairly good but two letters were forwarded from the PM. It certainly discloses a serious state of things in the higher commands in England. Came on to Red Bank. Easily got the two to make up my eight. Got one with the new Farlow Rod. The place is picturesque but not so attractive as Indian House.

Friday July 12 Lovely morning. Misty early but low Cloud by 10. Started fishing at 8 and by 12 had got five fish. The weather does not look quite settled. Tommy seems rather tired and Taylor hurt his knee and seems very stiff. Very bright all this afternoon but I managed to get the three more in the evening. Tommy got five. Rather less promising outlook for tomorrow. Such news as there is appears to be on the right side.

Saturday July 13 Very bright and hot. Went some way up the river but did no good before luncheon, Thunderstorm came in but did not clear the air. Went up to Lowels pool and got one there and fished hard till 7.45 with no result. On the way home I tried one drop at Red Bank. With the first cast I got a fish. Made quite a good wind up to a really excellent week. For five days in succession I have got the limit and on four days left off early with fish rising. I have got 42 this week and fifty six in the fortnight. The aggregate 401 and average 16.1 is not big but then a number of small fish. Altogether it was great fun. I think Tommy enjoyed it. His total for the fortnight is fifty seven and his aggregate will be a good deal higher. Got Thursdays papers. Such news as there is is to the good. Nothing much in the CO weekly cable. Events in Russia are difficult to follow.

Sunday July 14 Nice morning. Got away from Red Bank in good time. Shower before we got to Indian House. Found Parn?? And Hoyt there. They had not done very well. Met the mail and found D. Moni's??

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and his family in their scow at Pine Island. He had done well. Luncheon at Chamberlain shoals. Called in to see Jin's house and family. They seem nice people. Home and children were very clean and tidy. Got to the Club about 5. Journey including stoppages was done in eight hours. Interesting trip. Jaunt over 40 miles. It is certainly a wonderful river. Clarke was the only member of the Club left. Quite a pleasant evening. ?? late managed to get a good walk before dinner. The news generally seems rather good. The French have done well and the Italians are also making progress.

Monday July 15 Lot of rain in the night but nice day. Fished below the bridge and got none. Lot of fish about but they were not rising. Packed up and said bye to everybody. Got away at 7.40 train. This concludes a most successful trip. Colonel Hooper was on the train and came to dinner. Got hold of a St. John paper. Many items of news. It is again reported that Hinderberg is dead.

Tuesday July 16 Comfortable night in the train. Arrived Montreal about 9.30. Sir Vincent Mervish?? Came to the station and we returned with him to his house which we used all day. A very big German offensive began yesterday against the French and the Americans, but there appeared to be no ?? and the news is generally satisfactory. Went to the hospital. Saw the wounded men and also saw BJ. He expects to be there for another fortnight but is hopeful that a good job has been made of his leg. Ccancelled?? Dr. Hambr?? About his ???. Think Banff would do him good. Tested him and found him alright. Got back to Ottawa about 8. Dick and Henderson were here. Much better account of Lady violet. Sladen came?? To dinner. News seems good but the fighting is still very severe. The Called?? Repats appeared hopeful.

Wednesday July 17 News continues to be pretty good. The German offensive still continues on a vast scale but the French and Americans appear to be holding them and to be successfully attacking. Got through a number of letters and papers. Office. Saw Doherty and White. Soherty was rather De?? With the various little troubles – Labour, Alberta Decision – Quebec – Harvest – White was caslmer than I expected. Very much pleased with what Ld Reading had done about the exchange question. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick came to luncheon. He was in a pessimistic modd but interesting. Got through more letters in the afternoon and in the evening walked round the garden with Dick. The vegetables really look very well. The news in the evening papers ?? very favourable. It really looks as if the German offensive had been checked. Col. Roosevelts son was killed flying.

Thursday July 18. The news continues to be satisfactory. The German attack does not appear to have made progress except at one point. Hot day. Saw Cicras??, Thompson and Robertson. Harvest reports unfavourable, but labour situation decidedly better. In the course of the day news came in that the French and Americans were doing very well. Think that there are indications that the batch?? May mean a big German defeat. Left by the 4.30 train for Blue Sea and found Dorothy, Charlie, Crowdy and Burbidge. Got to the camp soon after nine. It is really very nice. Eve and I are in a little wooden hut. The rest are in tents and the old wooden shack used for meals. There is also a marquee which is used for sitting. The situation is good with a nice view of the lake both ways. Eve and the children seem very well and are very happy. Gavin?? And Peggy Henderson are here.

Friday July 19 Comfortable night. Slept well. Day quite hot. Rachel and Peggy went off early to get out to Crowdys. Spent a very quiet and easy day. Fished in the evening and got a couple of grills. Not bad for the beginning and none of us know much about it. Short walk in the evening. The news really seems good. The French Americans advance continues and a number of prisoners are claimed. Very awkward cable from Walter. The Imperial Conference has raised important issues as between the Dominion and Home governments. Wants a reply by Friday but merely letter asking for more information. The Court of Appeal upheld the government view of the M.S.A.

Saturday July 20. Hot and thundery. Spent a quiet day. Went over to the Crowdys and saw them bathing. Went on to see Florence. She seems to like the house. The news continues good. Fished for an hour and got a rise. Went over by boat to the Rock Cut Shore, a landing stage is to be fait?? One of the Railway men were there and said it would be put in tomorrow. Crowdy and Mrs Keefer came over after dinner.

Saturday July 21 Very hot. Went to church. Nice little building of wood and about thirty people appeared. Canon Snowdon took the service and preached. It was really very nice. Quiet afternoon. Crowdys came over. Walk in the wood afterward. Lovely evening.

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Monday July 22 Started about 10.30 for Crowdys. Miss Saunders, Dorothy and Peggy. Picked him up and went to the top of the lake. Portaged across to Little Cedar. Very hot and rough job especially getting over a rickety causeway at the end. Met th ?? Frenchmen. Rowed up to the Big Cedar lake through a pretty creek. Had luncheon at the Old Club House. Children bathed. Went about three miles up the lake. Saw a lot of big bass. With more skill we should have got more but we managed to get eight. The lakes are lovely but it is a big job to do it all in a day. Got back about eleven. Tommy Clive went back to Ottawa. He was not feeling right. News continues to be satisfactory. Hottest day we have yet had.

Tuesday July 23 Morning not quite so hot, but later on it became very oppressive. Spent a very quiet ?? Thunderstorm about 1.30 but soon cleared off. Left by afternoon train. Went to the new landing stage. Most successful. The Henderson children came with me to Chelsea. Found it very hot at Ottawa. English mail has come in. News continued good. Burrell came to dinner. He seemed rather low about things in general. Played bridge.

Wednesday July 24 Very hot but more breeze. News continues good, although the advance is not so rapid. Saw Doherty and Blondin. Afraid here are a number of troubles and difficulties. Long discussion with Henderson and Sladen over the War Cabinet cables and letters. (this must have to do with the Siberian expedition) Eventually sent a reply which I had previously drafted. Anne arrived from Quebec. Seems well and happy. Very nice to see her again. Went round the garden with her. Telegram from Eve saying motor boat was quite unsuitable. They are really very tiresome. Heard that a big ship Justitian which belonged to the Hamburg American line and was taken over by the Gov. had been sunk after a long fight with submarines. Went to see Lady Violet in the hospital. Se is getting on very well. Hopes to be recovered before long. Went on to the Experimental Farm. The fields look well. Went on to a Boy Scout Conf. Had a look round and said a few words to the boys. Camp was quite nice and the boys looked well and happy. Morris came to dinner.

Thursday July 25. News from France continues to be satisfactory. Very hot day. Saw Carell and McLean and both were interesting. Also saw Morris and Martin on their return from England. They were most enthusiastic and full of admiration for all that they saw. They were extremely pleased with their reception especially with the Kings. Good afternoon. Went out with Anne in the evening. Meighen and Calder came to dinner. Most interesting about their trip to England. Meighen had been ?? with Mothers. News in the evening papers is quite good and hints at a big move on our part.

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News continues good but hope we are not getting too optimistic. Very hot again. The staff gave me a gold pen and tray for my fiftieth birthday. Mervyn saw the latest motor boat and thinks it will do well. Sir H. Drayton came to luncheon. Thinks there is going to be serious trouble and there may be a Cabinet crisis.

Got off to **Blue Sea** with Mervyn and Anne. Sir Thomas White and Mr. D'Arcy Scott were on the train and came to tea. Interesting conversation with White. Afraid from all that Meighen has told him the condition of the High Army Command is very deficient. Found everybody very well at Blue Sea but Charlie had hurt his toe in the motor boat. The confusion about the boat is intolerable. The one Mervyn got is useless and has to go back, but one that they heard of in Ottawa seems to be possible. After all the fussing there has been it transpires that there were ?? boats for sale up here which would have done very well.

Saturday July 27, 1918. Very hot. Bathed and found it quite nice although rather slackening? Fished in the evening. Managed to get a spunk? bass. Crowdys came over in the evening. He is going off on Monday and will I hope go to Montreal to be overhauled. News continues on the right side, but is not so eventful as it was rather during the last few days.

Sunday July 28 Another lovely day. Hot sun but in a fresh breeze. Dorothy's birthday. Mervyn gave her a very nice wrist bracelet. Hope there is nothing serious going on. Blanche, Rachel Mervyn and I went to church. Nice service and excellent sermon. Canon Snowdon asked me to read the lessons. Bathed in the afternoon and again before dinner. Walked in the evening with Evie. Anne is quite getting on with her swimming. (Anne is 8, will be 9 on August 30)

Monday July 29 1918 Hot in the morning, but clouded over about eleven and a heavy thunderstorm came on which lasted all day. Many incidents occurred. Dorothy, Rachel and Mervyn went off in the skiff to

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Burbidge where they met Tommy but the storm was so bad they could not get back without help and were towed by Messrs De Reserve?. When they got here they were all drenched and Mr. or Miss De Roverve (de Riviere) stayed to luncheon. In the meantime, Miss (Mrs.) Sherwood and three other people arrived in their motor boat to bring back an anchor, but the boat refused to start, so they all stayed to luncheon. In the course of the afternoon the engine was ... and they got away. Mrs. De Rivier also started the s... and was towed back. Her engine got full of water and would not start eventually Drexel assisted with Mrs. Clemaux boat and towed her back. ... Crowdy came over with some fish which his father had got yesterday. Got a short walk in the evening with Blanche and Miss Saunders. Children danced in the evening. The news In the morning and evening was good. As England strikes there are here.

Tuesday July 30 1918 Colder – quite a high wind but after the great heat it is nice and fresh and the day improved. Dorothy Rachel and Charlie and two ADCs went off early to Blue Sea to get the motor boat into the water. The boat appeared in the afternoon. It certainly looks a useful sort of conveyance. The De Reserves came over. They all are so puzzling and contradictory over the ice houses and boat houses. However it is useful to hear what they have to say ./(sentence I can't interpret).. News continues good. There are also reports that Turkey has fallen out with Germany. Afraid that from Tom Lichfield? made away with himself. Very sad but there must be a lot of insanity in the family.

Wednesday July 31 1918. Rather cold in the night but lovely morning. Warm sun but fresh breeze. Got through some letters. The Keefers? and ?? .. came over to tea. I cut down some dead trees in the evening and had a dip in the lake. A ... mail arrived. Very sorry to hear that poor ... was dead. He will be terribly missed but his death was not a surprise as the last accounts of him were despondent. He was a great stand by. Babe Waterford is engaged toseems quite a suitable arrangement. News continues to be fairly good. B.J.J arrived, looked well. Very sad that he is going.

Thursday Aug 1. 1918 Lovely day. Our plans for the future seem to be very involved and complicated. It is really impossible for us to come to any definite arrangement until the P.M gets back. Did some more clearing in the afternoon and evening. Then bathed. The new motor boat required much handling but when she is once in good form she has every appearance of making a useful boat. Some more English letters apparently Lady Minto wants to get Larry (Larry is Lariston Minto, elder son and heir. He served as aide-de-camp to Devonshire in 1918 and married a Canadian, Marion Cook, in 1921 – information from Noonan, 2002) out of England as he is much attached to Sybil Scott. She ought to have a chance of getting to know more people. The French advance appears to be slowing down but it cannot be expected that it As it has during the last few days.

Friday Aug 2 1918. Stormy night but the day improved. Got through some letters. Dick came up by the morning train and had a look round **and returned with us**. The news seems really very good in the evening papers. Sladen came to dinner. Some very interesting letters.

Saturday Aug 3. 1918 Nice day. The news is really very good and the general tone is confident. The war report from the C.O. is the best we have had. Long talk with Sladen and Henderson. Got through some letters. In the evening and afternoon I got some weeding done. Cresweek? Came to dinner and played bridge. Tommy Clive came down from **Blue Sea** with a badly sprained ankle. He was rather afraid a bone was broken but he went straight to the hospital and was Xrayed. Found it was a severe sprain. Luckily it was no worse.

Sunday, Aug. 4, 1918 Dull gray morning but nice feeling day. Attended the service for Anglicans in the Cathedral. Good man but small congregation. Got through a lot of letters and took a short walk in the evening. Afraid the place where I weeded does not look much better than it did before. The news in Press reports continues to be good and holds out hopes for better still. An Army Chaplain came to tea. Rather interesting. Heard that Rowell had got back.

Monday Aug 5 Although there are no more details in the morning papers than what we had already heard the news generally looks favourable. ? Govt have made a ? Ontario and Toronto. These ? are really very ? Dull and close ? Mrs. Walter Tour? Went off to Blue Sea. Mrs. Back and ? went in with them. Doherty came to see me, but he did not have much to say. He was worried over the Quebec situation and also the Post office strike. He thought Meighen and Crothers had given way too much to the men. No evening papers owing to the holiday. Did some more hoeing.

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Eve, Miss Saunders and Charlie got back from Blue Sea. Maud arrived. Looks tired but otherwise very well and in good spirits.

Tuesday Aug 6 The French advance has slowed down but the ? came in ? tough the German retreat was orderly. They must have clearly lost heavily especially in ammunition.

The thunderstorm did not ? too much and it is still very hot. Very interesting conversation with Rowell about his trip to England. Did some more hoeing. No late news. Heavy electric storm.

Wednesday Aug 7 In spite of the storm it is still very hot. There appears to be every prospect of renewed fighting. General tone is cheerful. State of affairs in Toronto is very unsatisfactory. Got through a lot of letters. Did some more hoeing. Heavy storm in the evening, but remained close and stuffy.

Thursday Aug 8 News still continues to be pretty good. Lloyd George made a very optimistic speech. Close and stuffy. Received a somewhat perfunctory letter from the PM. He wrote as if he had to write but without having much to say. Sent telegrams to Lt. Governors. Manitoba and Sask about a tour there later on. Some rain in the afternoon. The Citizen rang up that we had started another offensive and it seems to be doing well. Went out in the motor boat. Quite useful but I think the one up at Blue Sea is the most suitable. Heavy rain in the evening. Afraid I shall not see BJ after this evening. Gave him a pin? And a photograph.

Friday Aug 9 left by 9 train with Dick. Engine went wrong at Alcove but soon got another and got to New Lismore about 1.15. The girls and Tommy went ? with the boat. Found the camp very well. Miss Beck and her governess were there. She is certainly a very nice girl. Mrs. Crowdy's ? and her children, Mrs. Keefer and another lady came over to tea. Mrs. Crowdy gave a better account of her ? Says the doctors report that though his heart is weak there is nothing organically wrong and that it is all nerves. She seems ? Fished with the girls. Blanche ? quite a good bass but the hook broke. The news is excellent. Our advance so far has been most successful ? ? prisoners booty. Position looks more cheery than it has for months. Lovely evening. Had a dip in the lake before dinner.

Saturday Aug 10 Bathed before breakfast. Kept quiet most of the morning. News continues to be good. Dick sent a telegram which would be later than what was in the papers. Prisoners now at 26,000. It really seems more like a crushing defeat of the German than anything we have had yet.

Sunday Aug 11 Lovely day. Church. Read the lessons. Excellent sermon from Canon Snowden on "not worrying". It would be a good thing if people would take it to heart. Mr. Charles came round to see me and I walked up into the wood with him and saw where he wants to make the new road. He has got \$400 out of the Quebec government. Crowdy's came over to tea. He seems most relieved with the doctors report. His heart is irregular, but there is nothing organically wrong. His nerves want rest. Walked up into the wood with him and Tommy and looked at possibility of a water system there. Personally I ? it feasible. Telegram from Dick. The good news continues and it is now detailed? That prisoners amount to 36,000. It is really most cheering.

Monday Aug 12 Lovely day and very hot. Bathed early and again in the middle of the day and the evening. Anne is getting on with her swimming. News continues good, but our advance is slowing down. Mr. Crowdy came over in a great fuss as he had not slept at all so I sent a telegram to Henderson to say that he was to stay up here until further notice. It is really difficult to see what it is best to do. We all went to tea there. The motor boat was reluctant to start but with a bit of coaxing it got under weigh. Dorothy, Maud and I went fishing and got three bass – one of 1½ lbs.

Thursday Aug 13 After a heavy thunder storm in the early morning there was a real holiday. Met Mon. Charles and Lecroye and had a look at the proposed new road. ? propose fairly well to the old one and improve that. Far better plan. Fished a little in the morning and again in the evening. Got four bass, one of 1½ lbs. News continues good but German resistance is stiffening. The motor boat broke down, but they say it can be easily repaired. Hot evening. Went on the lake.

Wednesday Aug 14 After a heavy storm the day improved and was very hot. A good deal of fuss about ? etc. The Henderson boys and Mrs Poncey arrived by the noon train and we left in the afternoon. Becks three girls, Tommy and self. Rachel went to Meach. Left the train at Chelsea. Got to Ottawa from ? after a hot journey. Eve and Maud very well. Walk with Eve at Rockcliffe we found the children from St. Josaphé's convent. Talked to the nurses and people in charge. Although there is no striking news ? of it is on the right side. We are still able to press forward in spite of stiffening of German attack.

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Thursday Aug 15 ? (whole sentence ?) News continues good. Lovely day. Saw Doherty but he did not have much news. He was pessimistic with regard to Quebec recruiting. Also saw Sherwood. He looks very ill. Nerves seem all wrong. Maud went off to Meach. Gen McLaughlin came to stay and Colonel Wilson came to dinner. Did some more hoeing. Lovely evening.

Friday Aug 16 Prince Arthur arrived in time for breakfast. Regie Prmbroke, General Pattenay, Sinclair and Baltineau? With him. Their tour has been most successful. News continues on the right side. Lovely day. Very refreshing to see some English people again. In the afternoon Prince Arthur played golf. Eve, McLachlan Henderson and I went to the Experimental Farm. Men's Dinner in the evening. On the whole went fairly well but he would not sit down afterward and proceedings were rather stiff. Managed to get most of the right people up to him.

Saturday Aug 17 News continues favourable. Another Govt has been formed in Northern Russia in ? with the others. May have useful effects. Nice morning but cooler. Yesterday I saw Dr. Small and had a talk with him about Crowdy. He was going to see him today at Blue Sea. The idea of his coming West with me rather commended itself. A number of people came to tea to meet Prince Arthur. All seemed to get on well. Did some more hoeing in the evening.

Sunday Aug 18 Lovely morning. Quite cool and fresh with a bright sun. Church. A chaplain from the camp took the service. Preached an interesting sermon on the return of the Jews to Palestine. I read the lesson. News indicates general steady pressure. We all went to Meach. Most of them bathed and had a great time. Mrs. Sladen and the ?? came to dinner. The news in the evening was quite good.

Monday Aug 19 News quite good. Prince Arthur left for the day which he will spend at Petawawa. Lovely day. Office. Saw Mr. Orde. Arrange some details about purchase in Blue Sea Lake and also signed a document for the Anglin Trustees. Mr. Godfrey also came to see me. He used to be editor of the RASE journal and has been here eleven years. Nice man. Wants to get some Sunday School teacher out from England but afraid they will not get passports. Had an interesting talk with George Foster. He looks much stronger. Gave a bad account of harvest. The children ?? played golf but the car broke down on the way home. I helped to get the grain? ? and then did some hoeing. Prince Arthur had a successful trip to Petawawa. Charlie got back and seem to have enjoyed himself. News continues to be quite good.

Thursday Aug 20 News continues excellent. Lovely day. Prince Arthur went to Eddys work and then came on to the new Parliament buildings where I met him. He seemed quite interested. In the afternoon he went to Meach and got some fish. I loaded the grave/ and we got it all cleared up. Mrs. Crowdy came to tea. She seemed pleased with the idea of his coming with me to the west. The Merediths came for the night. The news seems to be really good.

Wednesday Aug 21 Prince Arthur and his party left at 8.15. I think he enjoyed his visit. The Merediths also left and a big party started off for Blue Sea. The Slaneys, two girls and Charlie and Mervyn. Rather wish I was going as well. News is very good. The French had made a very bid advance. Saw ? Pringle. Walter Long seemed unwilling to discuss Mr. Lyden with him but said Beaverbrook was very down on him. Went in to see some Canadian War Pictures. Quite excellent. Drove out to the Aylmer district with Mr. Archibald and saw some farms. Most interesting but there was nothing outstanding in the way of stock. On the way home called to see a lady of Aylmer who had eight sons in France, one has been killed, but the others are alright. Maud and Anne returned. They seem very well. Packed up for my trip to the West. Found Crowdy in the train and we left punctually.

Thursday Aug 22 Comfortable night in the train. Reached North Bay at 10 and went for a short walk. Met the Archbishop of Algoma and had some talk with him. a little ? in the afternoon. Met a man going to Chapleau on the train. He had been away for four years in France and Salonika. News bulletins were quite good. Quite a crowd at Chaplin? Said a few words. So far journey was most comfortable.

Friday Aug 23 Comfortable night. Short stop at Fort William and had a walk on the platform. Saw one or two people with whom I had a little talk. Long day through rather an uninteresting country with has passed very quickly. Mr. Hamilton Friel at London was on the train and came to luncheon. Got a short stoppage at Kenora. Saw a clergyman on the platform and introduced myself to him also had a little conversation with one or two others. Arrived punctually at 10.05 Winnipeg. Lt Gov, Prime Minister, GOC were on the platform. Drove to Government House. Found Lady Aiken very well.

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Saturday Aug 24 Made an early start. The train started punctually at seven. We got the papers before leaving and the news continues excellent. After breakfast the Lieutenant Gov and Mrs. Werele? Came on the car and we had some most interesting conversation. They pointed out that different points of interest and told me a good deal about the methods of cultivation. We stopped at one or two wayside stations. I was introduced to a number of people with whom I shook hands but made no speeches. Arrived at Winkler At ten. Most curious place. It is a Mennonite settlement and they are practically? Quite isolated and live by themselves. They were Poles and drifted into Southern Russia and eventually found their way there. According to the views of their Church they must not do anything except farm but some of them are absorbing more modern ideas. Shook hands with a number and on through the village. Looked in at the school and then inspected some of their farms. They are in excellent order and the two houses went into were quite spotlessly clean. They are hard working honest simple people, but apart from their farming they have no ideas. The Mayor drove us in his car. Mrs. Winkler? Was able to talk their language. Drove on to Linden? Where there was a considerable crowd. Inspected the returned men and said a few words to the populace. The cars had given up and we found them in the station and had luncheon. We left at 1.30 and drove to a slight rise in the ground which is called the Mountain. The view was certainly interesting and extensive. Before luncheon we went out to the Dominion Experimental farm which had been established a few years before mainly with the view of seeing what fruit, vegetables and flowers could be successfully grown on the Prairies. Good and interesting work is being done. After a longish drive through an extremely fertile country we reached Roland. Quite a crowd to see me. I said a few words and then shook hands with the people. Excellent reception. The Mayor of Morcle? Had come in h is car with me as also did Mr. Winkler? Mr. Roland the mayor came with me and the Federal Member. Called in at a farm belonging to a Mr. Graham. He is keen and progressive farmer and has some good stock. Clydesdale, Shirkevn? Proceeded in to Talsan? Can called in to see an old lady who had just heard the news that a ? son had been killed. These visits of condolence are most trying. Arrived at Carman at five. Big gathering. The Mayor presented a formal address and I made rather a longer speech in reply. Shook hands with everybody. Most keen and enthusiastic. The population is 1500 and they said 300 had gone to the war. Red Cross is also good after rather a big tea we drove to Edson Creek? Quite a good gathering there also said a few words and got on the train for Winnipeg which we reached at 8.50. Most interesting day. Tone and enthusiasm everywhere was excellent. The cultivation is wonderful and I was e? with the vastness and fertility. The crops on the whole were good. Better I believe than elsewhere. The oats and barley were especially good but two men who knew Chatsworth ? (whole sentence.) Long day and very hot, but I was perfectly fit. Though Crowdy liked it, his ? were rather tired. We returned with one bi sheaf of wheat and small ? of he different products.

Sunday Aug 25 Lovely day. Holy Trinity Church. Quite a nice service but rather ? sermon. They have also introduced a prayer for the Western men of Canada. Think it is rather a folly to ?anize too much. In the afternoon a number of people came to see me including all forms of religions on the Ethical training question. Gave a ?patriotic but non-committal answer. They were on interesting lot of men. Drove round some of the presidential quarters with the Lt Gov and Tommy. Walked home. Lovely evening. Dinner at Govt House. Prime Minister and Chief Justice and Mr Paid? General and Mrs Ketchan Mr and Mrs. Richards. Mr and Mrs Coleman, Mayor and Mrs Hargraft. Left at 10.30 by CNR for Grandview.

Monday Aug 26 After a somewhat bumpy journey we arrived at Grandview an hour late, but as a margin had been allowed we were not late with the days proceedings. The country is more attractive and although Hat is not the same dead level as the prairie proper. Met by the Mayor and others. Started right off in motors. Looked at an extremely ugly bridge which has been recently built by the Province and municipality. Had a nice drive round. The crops were later than what we had seen before but looked very well. Went over a lumber mill which was admirably arranged and equipped. The lumber came from a distance of twenty odd miles and is sawn up mainly for building purposes. As we started at 8 it was a lovely fresh morning but as the day advanced it began hotter. The train stopped for ten minutes at Gilbert plains an I said a few words from the car. Arrived at Dauphin at noon. Bigger place and a good crowd. Inspected returned men. Canadian Club luncheon. Admirably done in the town hall by the Daughters of the Empire. Spoke for half an hour and am afraid I was rather long and discursive. Got the news bulletins.

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It still is very good and we seem to be maintaining a steady pressure. Very interesting drive round nice country and excellent crops. I got up onto a binder and managed quite successfully the Prime Minister was quite pleased as he drove another and said we had harvested in the same field. Saw a tractor at work. It certainly appears most efficient. The train stopped for ten minutes at Ochre River and Marternal and I spoke from the car. Met several at the station with wire flags and people on the platform. Arrived Mepawa sharp at seven. In ? an enthusiastic crowd at the station, but unfortunately the people in charge of the arrangement insisted on my ? off in order to take a long drive. Got to a field where some volunteers were stoking and I was told that a tractor was working two binders which I would like to have seen, but a very ? man said no could not stop and we had to go what they call the Mountain to have a view. It was certainly a great ? but was getting dark. Got back to the train about ten. Long but interesting and useful day. Tone and spirit quite excellent. The country certainly is wonderful and except at Neepawa the crops are good. When we got back to t he car an oldish lady came to see me and said she was a sister of Mrs. McLachlan at Chatsworth. Nice lady and quite pleased to see me. Met several other people with whom I found some point of interest of the old country. Got the morning papers. News continues good.

Tuesday, August 27. After a comfortable night we got back to Winnipeg at 7.30 and went off to Govt House for breakfast. Tommy looked a bit tired and Crowdy had lost his voice otherwise all well. News keeps on very good. Eve birthday. Presented medal to the wife of an office who has been killed, but she was extremely cheerful. Went to the ? hospital. Saw the hospitals vocational training. It is a good deal more in shape than when I was last there. On my return presented other men medals. After luncheon we started off in motor to go through the Bearsagon country. Two members of the Provincial Legislature came with us. Both interesting and knowledgable. In spite of a little rain we had a most interesting time. Country looked well. It is rather different from the ordinary ? and there is a lot of scrub to be cleaned off and big drains have been cut. Stopped for a few minutes at Ly? Said a few words. There are some big quarries and stone is being sent to Ottawa for the Parliament buildings. Had tea in a cottage there and some of the best wild strawberried I have ever eaten. The old lady was very unhappy as she had lost a son. Went on to Beausejour and had a drive round the district. A great number of aliens – Germana dn Pole – have settled there. They must be doing wonderfully well. I was presented with a bulky bushel of vegetables. Got back to Winnipeg about 10.45 after a most interesting trip. News in the evening papers is quite content?? Both we and the Frenchy had made progress and taken a lot of prisoners. One really can begin to feel more cheerful.

Wednesday Aug 28 News continues very good. We arrived at Portage early in the morning and at 8.30 the Mayor, Senator Watson and others arrived. Started right away in momrot. Drove round the Park which I very nice and then wente out into the country. Rather a high wind and as the gunning? Man – he won my medal laste year at the School, insisted on driving very fast is was difficult to see much as we going against it. Crops looked very well. Saw some wheat and barley being cut. On our return to the train I spoke at the station. Left at 10.35. Stopped for ten minutes at Gladstone. Rather elaborate preparations had been made. There was a considerable crowd and enthusiasm. Said a few words from the back fo the car. Arrived Minnedosa at 2.15. Large crowd. Spoke off the platform. A number of the old contry people. Several Chatsworth and Bolton. One man gave me some flowers saying Chatsworth Garden would not grow better. Before reaching Mindon?? I spoke from the car at Arden and Francklin and after leaving it at Barswood, Mewsdale, Strathlair and Shoal Lake. Arrived rather late at Birtle. Spoke at the station and then set off in motors. Went to see a most interesitng man named Lacombe. An old country man. He is quite along but is working out experiments in production and has achieved important results. He won a big competition and expectes to do well again. Very long motor. Rather a more broken country, but does not appear so productive as the flat lands. We had gone north and the land was a good deal higher. There is always here danger of frost, but the cultivation was good. Stopped at Foxwaren. There is a Consolidated School here. This means the children from a considerable come in a wagon and around the building of a lot of small rural school plans . Seems reasonable and successful. Fine building. Got very late but fine arrival ?? and a most enthusiastic gathering at Russell where we jointed the trains. Long but most interesting day. The crops on the whole looked well and everywhere the tone and spirit is excellent Crowdy went on by train

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from Birtle to Russell and so missed the long drive. Afraid Tommy is rather tired. The Lt. Gov is leaving us tomorrow and came to dinner. Made 12 speeches day to day, but did not feel at all tired.

Thursday Aug 29 Charlies Birthday. What a short time ago it is since he arrived at Horken. The Winnipeg Evening paper arrived. News continues good. We moved on to Minnedosa in the night and drew into the station in the morning. A little rain fell in the night, but the morning was nice and fresh. Short drive into the country. The town is prettily situated in the valley of the Little Saskatchewan and seem prosperous. Crops and the ?? seem full. Moved on by special train at 10 for Hamilton. Most enthusiastic reception and appeared?? In spirit everywhere in this place. Said a few words at the station and then drove to the hospital. Small but quite nice. Saw two small entreis. Short drive in the country. Called to see a young man who was paralyzed. Was told that he was a good athlete and joined the army as soon as he was of age, but now he is quite a cripple. Got out of the train at Pettapuce?? When the Mayor of Rapid City and a number met us to take us to Rapid City which was eight miles off. Unluckily a heavy storm came on and made the road very bad. We were driven by an extremely nice officer, Aptn Williams, who had lost his legs. He drove as well as possible and is wonderfully plucky. The mayor used to be agent for W.H Smith to the Harmer?? District and knew it all well so we had a great opic in conclusion?? The arrangements at Rapid City had to be curtailed owing to the storm but I said a few words at the school. Owing to the storm we gave up the drive to Brandon?? And went by train which we certainly managed to catch. They said we would have had some difficulty in ?? Arrived at the watch?? Brandon event 5.30. just comfortable – at last a man arrived. Eve says everything is going on alright. Drove out to Mr. McGregors farm but rather ??...?? We hung about doing nothing and then had an enormous meal. His Aberdeen Angus cattle? Were quite first rate. Saw some city?? Men stoking, got one in the hotel. Most of the party came to dinner. Lt. Governor and his wife left. Gave them presents. They have really made excellent arrangements.

Friday Aug. 30 Left Brandon at 8.30 and arrived Ninette 10.15. Nice spot with a lake, which however is unfortunately receding. Visited the hospital, sanatorium. Not well arranged. Additions are being made. Spoke to a number of the patients. Many of whom were soldiers. Said a few words to the men in parade and also at the station. Stopped at Elgin for two or three minutes and spoke from the car. At Harney there was a keen and enthusiastic crowd. Drove across the town while the train was being shunted and spoke from a handstand. Keen progressive spirit. At Sonne?? Which is about 2000 in population I found another very keen and enthusiastic community. There were also a good lot of boy scouts. Drove round the town and spoke in the public park. Interesting talk with Dr. Thornton on the Memmomite question. It is certainly very difficult but no new privileges ought to be given to them. Returned to Brandon at 4.20 and drove out on motors to Mc?? farm. Very nice old couple. They had a new stooking machine attached to the binder which seems very successful. I sat in the binder and did the round. Poor crop, but the machine works well. From there we went to the Experimental (Dominion??) farm. Most interesting. They have got some useful shorthorns and are doing good work with crops, vegetables, trees and livestock. Drove on to the Indian Residential School. Also very interesting and doing good work. Excellent farm. The ?? and Dr. Thornton came to dinner and afterward we went to the train. Then closed a very successful and interesting trip through Manitoba. The crops on the whole were better than expected and the spirit everywhere was as good as possible. War news continued good.

Saturday Aug 31 We arrived at Indian Head some time in the early morning but I did not wake up. The time changed to Mountain and we had an extra hour. Said goodbye to the P.M of Manitoba and gave him a pair of lurks?? Sr. R. Lake arrived at 10.15 and introduced me to the Mayor and some of the Indian Head people. There was one particularly nice old gentleman, McKay, who had had ?? on the experimental farm for a long time and to whom the greatest credit is due. Drove round the forestry and Experimental Farms, both well run and interesting. Quite a good show of Dairy Shorthorns and Cludes. Visited a market garden worked by a ?? lot of staff. Luncheon at the hotel Somewhat primitive, no speeches. Long drive across the prairie. Saw some wheat which was sown on June 4 and is now ready for cutting. The QU'Appelle Vally and Lakes are attractive. Strange contrast to the open prairie. Visited the Sanatorium and spoke to all the military patients. Lovely situation and good buildings which are very largely increased. Good work is being done there. Visited Fort Qu'Appelle. Interesting little place. A monument has been erected when ?? the Treaty of 1872 was signed. Unluckily rain came on and the Prairie roads got worse and worse.

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However we got to the town of Qu'Appelle after an eighteen mile drive in plenty of time. Received an address in the City Hall. Proceeding went all right. Got to Regina at 7.30. Found Lady ?? She is expecting and only shortly and is somewhat voluminous. Letter from Eve and Henderson. Not much news in them. Coleman of the CPR had a message that the ?? would be transported without charge. War news is excellent. We have advanced at different places.

Sunday September 1 Fine but colder. Church. Nice service and good sermon from the rector, Mr. Davidson. He and his wife came to luncheon. They used to be at Guelph and have recently come here. After luncheon visited St. Cloud's(?)Hospital and the Tuberculosis Hospital. Both well run but not large. Said a few words at the Tuberculosis hospital. C.P.R. ?? was quite good. Drove out to the Sprung ?? farm. They were brothers of Spruggs who came here in the early days. One was killed in France and the other is in England. The farm is nicer than most and they have made it more like a farm and planted trees. A Mr. Lawson manages it. Both he and his wife are very nice and the place seemed prosperous. After an excellent tea he drove me round the farm. Crops look well. Lot of duck about on a piece of water. The crop in the district looks well and the Lt. Gov. seemed agreeably satisfied. The P.M and Mrs. Martin and Mr and Mrs. Anglin and the Manager of Bank of Montreal came to dinner. Quite pleasant. Went on board the train.

Monday Sept. 2 Left Regina at 7.30 but got the newspapers before leaving. The news continues good. Arrived at Weyburn at 11.15. Met by Mayor and several gentlemen – after rather a long (but no speeches) luncheon where we had three sweets we set off for a drive. First visited a farm where some harvesting was going on. Interesting but the machine was not working well. Returned through the city and went to the Dominion Experimental Farm. Plots were growing for testing method of cultivation. Next we went to a farm where more threshing was in progress and where there was a new machine for loading the stooks in to a wagon. Seemed useful but I thought it scattered the grain a good deal. Next visited a farm which had gone back ?? ?? cultivation and was now under sheep. Seemed to be doing well. Called at a farm house where we had an excellent tea. Drove to the Collegiate school where an address was presented. Not well arranged as against everybody's address the mayor called on the Lt. Gov and the PM to speak and refused to make arrangements for the people to come and shake hands. After driving through the city we went on the train. The place is prosperous and the people here, although there is a district American atmosphere. Crops are good and practically all cut. Afraid there was quite a frost in the early morning, but they said it had done no harm. Some of the potatoes of which there are a lot in garden plots were a little touched. Said a few words at Yellowgrass and Milestones from the car but at the first place the train moved on while I was speaking. Lt. Gov and PM and Mayor Duggins came to dinner. Arrived Moose Jaw 9.00 Mayor and several other people were on the platform, also a small crowd. Went for a drive through the city. The Mayor gave satisfactory reports of the harvest. Afraid there is every indication of some frost. Mayor Duggins came and we had quite a fine game of bridge.

Tuesday Sept 3 Lovely day. News is excellent. ?? is the day we heard that Lees?? Had been taken with large number of prisoners. Started at 9.30. Inspected guard of honour of returned men, and drove out into the country. Crops were in excellent order and the ?? is good. Visited several farms and saw the stock which is good quality?? ?? The tour was well arranged. Luncheon at the Prairie Club. Before we returned I went to a school at a place called Taxford. Said a few words. We saw the new stoker and also ?? ?? After luncheon I met a number of gentlemen. They all seem keen and enthusiastic. Visited the hospital. VERY good indeed. I had seen it when I was here before. Moos Jaw is certainly a promising place. After a drive round the town we found the train and got back to Regina at 6.30. The frost had done some damage in the garden. Had my hair cut. Several people came to dinner and were quite interesting.

Wednesday Sept 4 News continues excellent. Left Regina at 8.30 and after a few hours journey through a nice country we got out at Loree?? Found the village children drawn up and asked for a holiday. Saw the Archbishop (RC) of Regina. Commissioner Perry R.N.W.M.P. and Mr. Graham who has charge of Indian reserves came with us. Visited one of the new generation's cottages. Everything bright and fresh and children well turned out. Land is well cultivated. Met a troop of Indian boy scouts. Looked smart and keen. Said a few words to them. After a short drive we arrived at an Indian Camp?? These were the real ???. Interesting, but dirty I said a few words which Mr. Graham translated and said I would give them a steer which seemed to please them. Bought some moccasins. Drove on to Labrell?? A well known R C

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School for children. Children. Received an address ?? by one of the children or rather she repeated by heart. Rather a remarkable feat. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. The place seems well arranged and is beautifully situated on Lake Qu'Appelle. The principal had only been there for a short time and was very nervous. Long drive through a pretty country which has been reserved for Indians. We arrived at a place where Jr. Graham is working out a scheme for greater production. Three engines were at work and at that place were making an extent of land four miles in length and one in width. After the ?? has been done the idea is get the Indians to do the seeding and harvest. Experiment deserves ?? The whole Indian questions appear to be well handled. Car in which Crowdy was traveling not down but he got to the train at Edamwad?? This is a small palce but German. Got back to Regina for dinner after a long and interesting but not difficult day we left for Saskatoon at 11.55. News in evening papers was good.

Sept 5 Thursday .Arrived Saskatoon early in the morning. Got the papers. News is quite good. Beautiful morning. At ten the Mayor and several other gentlemen arrived and after shaking hands with them we drove off to the university. The buildings looked very well and the stone with which the newer ones were built with is most effective. Saw some thrashing and cutting corn for a silo. Also saw some quite good horses. Drove round the farm and saw the experimental plots. Excellent work is being done. We saw a returned man who had lost his arm driving an engine with a ?? attached. He was getting over the ground at a good pace. Visited the forestry (Dominion) farm. The results of a few years are certainly remarkable. After an interesting drive through the country we had luncheon in the hotel. In the afternoon we had another drive round the country. The crops look well and I was told they had come on a lot in the last few weeks. Visited the Dominion elevator. An enormous structure 225 feet high and with a storage capacity of 9?? Tons, 3 million bushels. Got back to the hotel for tea. Hotel is fairly comfortable but rather stuffy. The Mayor gave a dinner. About twenty present. I had to make a speech which I am afraid was rather discursive. They certainly are a keen and intelligent lot. Met several of them at the dinner and had some interesting conversations. Turner, the man who lost both eyes in the war and who got into the Provincial Legislature was there. He is very cheerful and contented. Evening news seems very good.

Friday Sept 6 New continues good. Lovely morning. Got a bit of a walk before breakfast. The Mayor called for us at 9.45. and we went to see the War Veterans Club. Quite nice. Five or six of them were there as far as I can gather they have settled down quickly and a good number have gone to work. Went in to the City ?? plant – quite good and interesting. Next wen to the City Power home. Nother out of the ordinary. Left Saskatoon at 1055 and arrived Prince Albert at 2.40. After leaving the prairies the country became much more attractive. Excellent reception. Mayor met us at the station and introduced a number of people. Big crowd outside the City Hall. Mayor presented the address which was rather more enthusiastic than said things generally are in short hand. Met a number of people Great many from the old country and one lady came from Cartmiel?? And a big number knew Chatsworth. The city is the center of an old established district but suffered much during the boom?? And at present is in a most unsatisfactory financial state. Nevertheless it is a most attractive place and the scenery is beautiful. Went for a drive into the country and visited an excellent farm kept by Mr. Soga?? Godo herd of Herefords. Had a most comforting cup of tea. A little way beyond his farm there is a really wonderful view. Got back to the Station where I had a most enthusiastic send off. It is I think the most?? Place I have seen in the west, a considerable atmosphere of the old country. The Lt. Gov and Mr. Brown, Superintendent of the CNR came to dinner on the train. Reached Saskatoon at nine and drove off to the Bridge where a carnival was being held. I formally opened it. Pretty but peculiar entertainment. Thus ends my visit to Saskatchewan. It has been most interesting and useful. The people are certainly wonderful and the altruism?? And enthusiasm is unbounded.

Saturday Sept 7 Got back to Regina early and went to Govt. House for breakfast. News continued excellent. Went for a drive round the city with the Mayor. Visited Parliament buildings and a big oil plant belonging to the Imperial Oil Co. Went on to the RNWMP Inspected the squadron for Siberia?? And looked into the quarter and stables. The future of the force is certainly a difficult problem. Gave some toys to the Indian children with which they were very pleased an and links to the Lt. Gov. Cigarette case to Duffus and a General and Mrs. Clements. Left for Chicago at 2.40. Passed the border at Portal at 12.20 and put the clocks on an hour.

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Sunday Sept 8 Long day in the train. Country much the same as over the border. Farms seem bigger and carry more stock. Harvest much more forward. More corn is grown. Very hot.

Monday Sept 9 Arrive Chicago 9.15 Mr. C A Inge?? Was the first to appear and when we drew into the station there was quite a crowd. Met Mr. Koull?? Who introduced me to a number of people. Bafter being photographed we went to the hotel Blackstone. Quite unfortunate as the service for meals is bad. Saw the Press representation and had a short talk with them. Shortly after 4 we started off in motors. Much strange performance as we had an escort of three motore people on cycles. We ?? ?? through the streets and all the traffic was held up for us. Went to the Naval Training Station?? Really most remarkable. After looking round the buildings there was a review. It is wonderful what they do. Got back about 5 and dined at seven with the Chamber of Commerce. Very big dinner and I got a good ?? My speech was I am afraid rather frosy?: The tone here generally seem good among the leading men, but there is a lot of foreigners who are ?? relief on.??

Tuesday Sept 10 Comfortable night at the hotel. Mr. Inscile?? Called for us at 10.15. Drove through the exhibition which is interesting and well managed. He then took us through the city and showed us the Park system which is certainly very remarkable. Luncheon at the Chicago Club to meet prominent men. Had some ?? with Raveli who arrived in the morning. Formal opening of the exhibition. Rather cold, but proceedings went well and I had a good reception. Mr. S?? was Chairman. Tussell:: spoke. Great :: afterwards. Battle Trenches, Tanks etc. Visited hospital with ?? and left for home at 5. Most interesting ?? tour and the reception in Chicago was most cordial and friendly.

Wednesday Sept 11 All day in the train. New reports are satisfactory but compared to what has been very unlikely ?? were comparatively small as far as actual results were concerned. Half an hour late in leaving Toronto a lot more ???. Nice autumn day. Got back to Ottawa at 6.30. Henderson, Dicks, Mervyn are here. Sladen came to dinner. No special cars, but makes an accentuation of progress?? Charlie was here when I arrived. Walked round the garden with him and he's back to Ashbury. He seems quite to have settled down there.

Thursday Sept 12 Rain and wet. Our advance appears to have slowed but progress has been made in local fighting. Sladen and Henderson did not have?? Another interesting talk with the PM. He said Lord Jackson also has been advancing?? Court defences. Luncheon at the Clu. Orde came and we had a little talk about the Blue Sea property. Dr. Rolaston came to tea. Gave a clear and interesting account of his time overseas. Important ?? the evening papers. Americans?? Are making big advance at St Mihiel and up to date the ?? are satisfactory. Good walk in the evening. Wet.

Friday Sept 13 Left at 8.45 for Cartierville with Dick. Tommy and Mervyn and found Eve and Miss Saunders at Montreal and got to Elmwood for luncheon. Maud looks white but is in good spirits. The infant does not show any immediate signs of arriving but it is not expected to be long. The place is delightful. Run?? Till the late afternoon but Eve and I managed to get a walk. It is great this place in the circumstances. News is very good indeed. The French and Americans have wiped out the St. Michael?? Salient and captured a number of prisoners.

Saturday Sept 14 Wild and stormy but raid had cleared off. News continues good. Tried to walk?? But what with the smallness of the table and the lowness of the chair it is almost impossible. Race meeting and horse show at Blue Bonnet. Quite successful and pleasant. Walk with Eve in the evening.

Sunday Sept 15 Very hot and stuffy. Walked to church as the use of motors on Sundays is deprecated. Nice church and ?? new rector. Just came back from overseas. Yorkshireman. Quite nice. R?? and Forbes Angus came to luncheon. Mervyn went off on his "" expedition and Clive is duty.

Monday Sept 16 Not much military news but a big Peace offensive has been launched by the Austrians, but there does not appear to be anything which we could accept even as a basis. Fine but windy. Rain in the evening. Eve was rather stiff with neuritis and went to the hospital for some treatment. Blanche and Dorothy were coming back from the Cooks but the train was two hours late. I met them on the way to the station enroute for Toronto

Tuesday Sept 17. Arrived Toronto 8.30 and found Mrs Hendrie at Gov't House, Sir John and Ly?? Hendrie are in Georgian Bay. Loely morning. The Austrian peace offer is generally turned down. Not much actual

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war news but what there is on the right side. There appears to be a fresh advance by the French and Sicilians?? Red X ?? Dull and I found it difficult to keep awake. On the whole the proceedings were not unsatisfactory. Marshall looks ill. The reports from England were on the whole good. The ?? were rather aggressive. By management I met Mr. Massey and Sir J Ward all the ?? and gave them tea. Very glad to have had a chance of seeing them. They were pleased not ?? to England. Mrs. Case arrived hosting her and Mr and Mrs Graham Campbell came to dinner.

Wednesday Sept 18 Nice morning. The peace offer appears to be generally turned down. Preparations for big developments appear to be going on. Mary KS appeared in the morning. Red Cross morning and afternoon. Interesting. We got through some useful work. Walk in the evening. Lil wahnlyn?? And Mr. Osler came to dinner. Played bridge afterwards. Some heavy showers.

Thursday Sept 19 News very good. We have made a ?? ?? advance Macedonian news also good. Saw Commissioner Lamb of ?? ?? Army. Interesting and pleasant. Just came out from England. Attended meeting of General Squad of ?? of England. Archbishop in the ?? to address in ?? Very unfortunate?? Gathering. After looking in at the yacht club I went to the Orthopaedic hospital. Very sad to see so many men lamed for life, but they were wonderfully cheerful. Think the tone generally was better than of any hospital. I have been to the PM. Lady Hearst came to tea then also W. McBickford. ?? conf. Interesting. Also saw the M?? ???. Seemed in good working order. Tea with the officers. News is ?? performed in the ?? Good news in the evening papers. Wet evening. Left for Montreal after dinner.

Friday Sept 20 Got to Cartierville for ?? Mail services very well. Eve ?? has numbers. Lot of rain, but cleared in the afternoon. Maud and I got a walk. Went up to the "Town Hall". Maud at Hoopers. ??... ?? News continues good. The girls seem to have enjoyed their time in Montreal and went on today to Quebec.

Saturday Sept 21 Without anything of special note. The news generally continues good. Fox??, Tommy's servant, seems rather seedy. Attended to meet of the Foxhounds at Col Hoopers. Very few people out. Hounds were a very scratch lot. Played golf with Angus on a course at the dale?? De Jesus. The course is new and small but quite nice and prettily situated. Got a better tour and inspected??

Sunday Sept 22 Cold wind. Miss Saunders Tommy and I went to Church. Long sermon. Not much news in the Press notices. Palyed round the ?? golf course and took a walk.

Monday Sept 23 Very good news from Palestine. 15000 prisoners. Seems to have been quite a scrap?? And most successful. Not much from other quarters. Weather shows signs of improvement but is still showering though not so cold as yesterday. In the afternoon Miss Saunders, Tommy and I went over to the Paton place and had a game of golf. The Patons are a funny old couple. Very nice and have then made the place very attractive. Had a look round the garden, boat house etc. The golf course was rough, but none the less we had quite a good game. Maud showed some signs of beginning. News very good. The victory in Palestine seems ver complete.

Tuesday Sept 24 Maud well under weigh in the early morning but the baby did not arrive till about 12.30. Fine girl, 7.12. Maud had a hard time but seemed well in the evening. Great relief to get it all over. She would have liked a boy but that does not matter. Angus very happy. I heard the news at the Montreal Lab?? Where I went for a luncheon. The first of three which we are having. This one was quite successful. Atheltons, Barge, Casgrains, William Taylors and Holts. Walk with Eve in the evening. News good.

Wednesday Sept 25 Maud and baby well. Lovely morning. News keeps on very satisfactory. Played golf with Angus and had a good game. English mail and some interesting letters.

Thursday Sept 26 Real wet day. Left at 11 and drove to the Lower Canada College. Gave away ?? Excellent tone about the school and ?? mot looking bunch of boys. Luncheon at the club. Lady Gordon and the Mortimers and lay Davis, General and Mrs. Wilson Mr and Mrs Chipeers? And Mr and Mrs. Kelly. Very pleasant. Visited the Khaki Club and the soldiers Horse? Association. Both are doing excellent work. Eve went back to Cartierville and I stopped at the Ritz. Went to the oculist and had my glass arranged. The Montreal Club Committee entertained me at dinner. Said a few words. They are a fine and attractive lot of men. Played bridge afterwards.

Friday Sept 27, 1918 News very good. The French and Americans have made a big advance and the news from Macedonia continues most satisfactory. Wild stormy day. Went to the barracks and had a look

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round, Met General ?? Everything clear and in good order. Not many men about. Drove to the Angus - C.P.R. works and went for a walk through the shops. Most interesting. They are certainly wonderfully organized and run. Eve came in for luncheon. Shaughnessys, Merediths, Beardmores, Hosmers? And some others. In the afternoon we went to the Harvey Institute for orphans. Well managed and audited?? The children were singing and dancing and they were quite good. Maud and the baby are very well. Short walk in the evening.

Saturday Sept 28 Very stormy and wild. News keeps good. Bulgaria applied for an armistice which was refused. Wilson made a very involved speech. Left at 9.30 for Vickers and got there in good time. Launched the ship "War Faith". She just hung for a moment but then went well. Large crowd and considerable enthusiasm. Made an appeal for harder work. The Manager, Mr Lynch – son of capt'n Lynch, DTFA is managing director. He is rather inclined to complain but no doubt there is considerable unrest among the men. Found Sladen at the Club and also some papers which had been sent by special messenger from Ottawa. One of the French working papers on Montreal is to be suppressed. Sladen showed me a letter from the Duke of Connaught. Wrote more optimistically than he usually does. Said the Canadian corps was the most efficient in the British Army. On getting back to Elmwood heard that Larry was on his way to Ottawa. Told him to come on here. Planted a tree in the garden and took a walk with Eve. Heavy shower. Maud and the baby going on well, but she is having a little difficulty with the nursing. The nurse thinks it will come tonight.

Sunday Sept 29 Still wild and stormy with heavy showers. Went to Church with Tommy and read the lessons. Stayed for the second service. Maud and the baby very well. News in Press telegrams very good. The advance all along the line seems to be going well. Heard by telephone in the evening that Mervyn and Rody had got back to Quebec but had not got a moose. Mary seems rather seedy, but it is said that it is not Spanish Influenza. Played round the garden course and got a short walk.

Monday Sept. 30 News very good. Satisfactory progress at four points on the Western Front also in Macedonia. Day showed great improvement. Rather unlucky that we had settled not to motor, but I shall be able to get in one or two useful appointments in Montreal. Maud and the baby very well. Evie attended the Women's Canadian Club and I went to the Mens. Col Rickentosh? ADC was the guest and made a good speech. Excellent news. Bulgaria has accepted our terms. Appears to be official. Larry and Mervyn turned up after luncheon. Eve and I went to King Edward Hospital for tuberculosis. Good visitation. Left for Montreal (I think he must mean Quebec City) with Tommy and Larry. Arrived there at 10.30. Sir Lomer Gouin and the Mayor were on the platform. The children and Dick were at the opera. They all seem very well and are throwing off their colds. The Citadel seems just the same but it seems a long time since we were here. Rather a relief to get settled down.

Tuesday Oct 1 Cold. News continued good from all fronts. Got settled down a bit and tried to make some sort of programme for our time here. Colonel O'Meara on behalf of Gen Landry? The Cardinal and the Mayor all came to pay their respects. They all seemed calm and at their ease. The Cardinal seemed well, but crafty. Talked about the good news. Col. O'Meara said that the French were coming in pretty well and that once they had joined they settled down quite well. Luncheon party. Lady Le Blanc, Sir Louesvsky?? Bishop of Quebec and Mr. Williams, Pelletiers, Bivstalls, Jamiesons. Went off all right. Lady Le Blanc gave a poor account of the Lt. Gov. and I hoped I would be able to see him and she seemed pleased, but I am afraid he is very ill. Drove out to see a silver fox farm belonging to Holt Renfrews. Interesting. The price which they fetch are enormous. Children went to the opera and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Wednesday Oct 2 News continues good. The advance on the West Front continues and in Palestine Damascus is surrounded. The Bulgarian victory has had a considerable effect in Germany. Lovely morning, but clouded over later. Mr. Scott of the Board of Trade came to see and told me how things were going. He brought a Mr. Thomson with him. Most interesting and versatile man. He came to see about the Newfoundland Fisheries – was rather vague as to what was wanted but has left some paper with various schemes. Besides fish he knew a lot about the Balkans and had been a special correspondent in China and was there during the Boxer rebellion. Luncheon Taschereaus, Decarie, Mitchell, Lt. ?? and Mme Levigares? And the DeCostas. She is a daughter of the Le Blancs. Mme Taschereau was most pleasant and is quite nice. The Mayor is hopeless. The others were easy to get on with. A big British ship arrived in the early afternoon. Went to see the new bridge. Wonderful piece of work. Saw the Lt. Gov. He

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looked terribly changed since I last saw him but he talked well and his brain was quite clear. Had tea there. Walked back with Rody and Larry. The news in evening papers continues excellent.

Thursday Oct 3 News continues good. Better morning but weather does not look settled. Capt'n Brigman of the Sonégal came to see me. Pleasant and interesting. Got through some letters. Luncheon. Lady Price, Poeteus, Rhodes, "Ross" Scotts. Mrs Williams. Nice lot of people. Played golf. Did very badly. Levels are much improved (he means the barometer I think) and the scenery is beautiful. News continues good – Blanche and the ADCs went out to dinner with the Williams.

Friday Oct 4 News continues good. The German lines are being battered all along. Nice morning. Luncheon. Dale and Sticky? The Rector of Laval Amyote? Petrys, Mrs. Lasell, Capt'n Bryhies?? Mr. O'?? Marriott. Played golf but did even worse than yesterday. Very nice out there. News very good.

Saturday Oct 5 Very wild and rough. The girls settled - very wisely - to go by train and not motor to Montreal. News keeps good, An outgoing convoy is assembling just below. Really very interesting and fine night. The girls left by the 1.15 train with Tommy. Rody and I picked up Pelletier at the Club and went by special streetcar to a place some way behind Ste. Annes and had a duck shoot. Met Taschereau and few others there. Nice wild place and a lot of ducks about but they kept wide. There were also geese about. I got a duck and a snipe and got two others down but we could not get them. Rody got five and two snipes. It was really very nice to have a gun in ones hands again. I had not fired one off except once at clay pigeons for two years. Real wild night. High winds and snow.

Sunday Oct 6 Rather inclined to have a touch of gout so I stopped in bed till luncheon time. Real rough day – wind and sleet. Press telegrams are most interesting. The new German Chancellor is reported to have asked for an armistice and Austria and Turkey to be approaching Wilson. According to a late message, the Emperor has issued a proclamation to his army saying he had offered a peace to the enemies but it must be an honourable one. Major Petry? Came to tea and played bridge.

Monday Oct 7 Woke up with a sharp attack of gout. Very unfortunate. Lovely day. What we heard yesterday is fully confirmed. Germans have asked for peace ??? ??? here at the first blush regard it as trickery. Went to the Ursuline Convent. Seem to be? difficulty in walking about, but got there and home – children looked nice and did their music well. I spoke in English and French. Mary, Mr. Waller and the two girls came – spent the rest of the day quietly. It would have been a nice day for L? The parents were not away to the Seem had all brought his country??? In Ottawa and Montreal all meetings were stopped. Kept quiet all the afternoon.

Thursday Oct 8 ?? at home and in the states seems to be quite emphatic that the terms are impossible and that it is an only a German attempt to gain time. No notice seems to have taken in the battlefronts and the advance in France is being steadily confined (or confirmed?) Lovely day. Still rather stiff, but better than I was yesterday. The Bishop of Birmingham came to see me and what a very pleasant conversation. Wish I could have seen more of him. He was in uniform and fwas with him. the flue seems bad everywhere. Dick suggested that we should defer our departure for a week and sounds very good, although I would rather have like to have got back to Ottawa. Drive in the afternoon. The country was looking beautiful, but I am told the colours are not as good as sometimes. Mary, Rody, the two girls came with me. We went to see Mrs Dobell and Mrs Price – foot was better in the evening. It seemed clear from the evening papers that Wilson would flatly refuse to consider the German offer.

Wednesday Oct 9 Wilson reply appeared in the morning papers and seems quite satisfactory. The news from France also continues good. Lovely morning – but the glass is inclined to fall. Foot much better. Got off some letters for the English mail. A delightful naval officer Commander Warton who had arrived on Sunday in command of the Kildonan Castle came to see me. Real good type of English naval officer. Had an interesting conversation. Men's luncheon party. Interesting lot. News came in that Cambrai had been taken with 8000 prisoners. The Wilson reply from later information is generally approved of. We all went out to Acadian? ?? most quaint performance. When we arrived a canon was fired and the band mad a heroic effort to play the national anthem. I ????? Said two or three words in French and then in English. Adjutant ?? where a man and a woman sang. Doleful thing which I was told was an Indian hymn. There was then some dancing. Then? Went to the church. They have some beautiful vestments etc. Anne was very pleased with the whole thing and much excited. The men and children were in Indian clothes but

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somewhat incongruously mixed with modern garments. Anne and I were each presented with moccasins which were really quite nice.

Thursday Oct 10 News continues good. Wilson reply is generally approved of. Lovely day. My foot is better. Anne got rather a cold, but she does not seem amiss. Mrs. Scott of the Board of Trade brought a Mr. Kirkwood to see me. He has a project of building 30 wooden ships here for ?? transport. Sounds a good plan. >> went to see the Porteous' on their land. It is certainly most attractive. Anne could not come as she?? to have a cold. News very good. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came to dinner. Pleasant people. Played bridge afterwards. News in evening papers is very good again.

Friday Oct 11 Letter from Eve afraid Angus has got the flu at Washington. She gave a bad account of Montreal. Heavy rain in the morning. News continues good but some? Ships have been torpedoed. The First Haul Leicester among them. Anne cold better. Heard later in the day that Phyllis Hamilton may have been aboard the Leicester? (or Lenester, or Lester) Very sad if she had been killed. Rody cable to find out what he could. Nice drive across on the ?? side. We stuck in place but got through all right. Dick had had rather a bad account of the Lt. Gov. Not much news in the evening paper. Commander Wharton? Came to dinner. Disquieting telegram from Eve saying Angus had developed patch in the base of his lung. Very tiresome. She had had a telegram from Mr. Laughlin?

Saturday Oct 12 News continues good. Nothing from Cartierville in the morning. English mail some interesting letters. The telegram about Angus said little change. No extension of pneumonia. Temp 103.6, pulse good. General condition fair. Certainly dangerously ill. It might have been worse but still it is bad enough. Went to see the ?? testing station. Very interesting. Saw several guns fired. Went to the experimental farm at Cap Rouge. Quite interesting. A telegram message came from ?? about six giving a very bad account indeed of Angus. Afraid it is almost as bad as it could be. Spoke to Eve ?? the telephone. She had told Maud who was very brave. She is going off to Washington tonight. I shall go to Montreal tomorrow. It is indeed an awful tragedy.

Sunday Oct. 13. Dick and I left Quebec by special train a nine. At Three Rivers there was a telegram which was to a slight degree less bad than yesterdays. Got to Elmwood at 2. ?? as terribly nervous, but very brave. A bad telegram came about five and at six long distance telephone from General McLaughlan and Sir C. Gordon said all was over. Later a telegram came from Eve that she had got there in time and he knew her and asked after Maud and the baby. The nurse thought the doctor should come out before I told her. He came about eight and then I told her. She was wonderfully good and brave. Though she cried a good deal she was not hysterical or showed no sort of collapse. Mrs. Beardmore came out and was really most helpful and kind. Maud thinks she will be able to keep the baby going and the doctor and nurse are hopeful. Poor child it is pitiful to see her. She was always so full of life and now everything has gone. The other two girls are wonderfully helpful. It is a real tragedy. One can hardly think of other things, but there was every sort of rumour about that the Germans had accepted Wilson's terms, whatever that may mean.

Thursday Oct. 14 Maud did not sleep much, but she had a cry and that seemed to do her good. On the whole she seemed as well as could be expected. Mrs. Beardmore came out and stopped the night. Lot of telegrams and telephones all day. Everyone very kind. Rachel and Larry came from Quebec. Larry stopped in Montreal.

Tuesday Oct 15 Eve and Miss Saunders got back. She is dreadfully broken and very tired. But she and Maud were better after their first meeting. Maud luckily had had a good night. News is starling. Wilson's reply is ?? excellent. Walk in the afternoon with Dorothy and Rachel. Heard that Ashbury? Is to be broken up. I settled to go back to Quebec and take Charlie and Rachel and Larry. Number of telegrams still coming in. Maud got done?(or down?) and seems rather better. The baby was out in the pram for quite a long time. She seems very well and ?? I saw her ?? she looked plump and healthy.

Wednesday Oct 16 Afraid Maud did not have a good night. Poor child. It is pitiable to see her. Eve also is very overwrought. I left with Rachel and met Charlie and Larry at Bordeaux. Got to Quebec at 3.30. All well there. Mary is still in bed but says she is better. Bad account of the Lt. Gov. The end cannot be far off. The authorities say they are ?? the epidemic home but there are no indications from ?? as can be

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collected, but there is a sad lack of control. Walked round the fortifications. We are practically incarcerated here. News is very good. Heard a rumour that the Germans had capitulated.

Thursday Oct 17 News keeps good. Rather an accumulation of bags appeared during the day with a number of telegrams and letters. Certainly everyone is very kind. Sir J. Pope appeared. The Japanese mission arrived yesterday. They came to tea and were quite pleasant. Letter from Eve. Maud seems to have got through her day very well. Took the children out for a walk on the plains. The epidemic still seems to be raging hard. Henderson ??? at Ottawa. He seems to have had a laryngitis for some time and I am afraid he has bronchitis with it.

Friday Oct 18 lovely day and news excellent. Octend, Zeebrusee? Lille and other places occupied. Got through some letters for the English mail but am still much behind hand. Walk with the children in the afternoon. The Bishop came to see me in the evening and was really very nice. He is a delightful man. Dick got back. He says the funeral was very nice and everyone most kind. He had been to Elmwood and gave a good report. The evening news is really wonderful. The Germans appear to be in full retreat everywhere.

Saturday Oct 19 Lovely autumn day. The Lt. Gov died at midnight. Very sad though it had been long expected. Got through several letters. Went for a walk with Anne. We got to the "Our braves" monument. The news? were beautiful. News continues to be very good.

Sunday Oct 20 A really lovely morning. I went to the early service. Very nice. Not many people there. There ought to be no danger of infection. The Bishop took the service. He does it beautifully. Rain in the afternoon. A Mrs Kingston? And her son came to tea. She is a sister-in-law of Sir Nigel and is a remarkable old lady and is on her way home. Her son was ranching in Alberta and went back to the Navy for the war and has just come back to sell his property. He says he has got rid of it very well.

Monday Oct 21 Wild night. The German reply to Wilson will not I imagine satisfy our requirements. Important letter from Sladen enclosing note from P>M. with new appointments. Sir C. Fitzpatrick to be Lt. Gov – Lorne? Davies Chief Justice. Pelletier Judge of Supreme Court. Tellier Kings Bench and a new judge of Superior Court. Think on the whole they are good. Fitzpatrick's will cause much comment but in the present juncture he could do a lot of useful work here. Davies is old and in bad health, but he can only be for a short time. Dick represented me at the Lt. Gov's funeral. Took Rachel and Anne out in the motor. Went along Valcartier Road. Walked a bit but got caught in a heavy shower.

Tuesday Oct 22 English mails both outgoing and incoming. Got through a lot of letters. News good but not so pronounced as that of late. Lovely day. Letter from Eve. They seem to have been agitated over a letter of Dick's. He never meant to make a move this week, but I hope we shall get to Ottawa sometime next week. She also wants two ?? Played golf in the afternoon and got on rather better than usual. The German reply appears evasive and deceitful.

Wednesday Oct 23 News continues good. Both at home and in France ?? is very emphatic but the German reply is unfeasible? Important cable from Walter Long. Borden's reply also good. (This is probably the invitation for Borden to attend conference in London) Interesting English mail. Lovely day. A cold snap is prophesied. Swore Sir Charles Fitzpatrick in as Lt. Gov. Quite an interesting occasion. The Clerk who was sent down from the Privy Council made a sad mess of all that he had to do. Fitzpatrick's came to luncheon. Think they are quite enchanted at coming here as Lt. Govs. They will do well, although their appointment will be criticized. Played golf. Lovely evening.

Thursday Oct 24 Wilson published his reply. He is rude and sarcastic to the Germans, but says he will refer this correspondence to the governments of the countries with which his Gov't of U.S.A. is associated. . By that time he might drop the ponderous paraphrases and use the word Allies. The actual news indicates an advance on two wide fronts. Interesting letter from Sladen. Turkey has apparently made a move and this lead to something more definite. I inspected the Siberian contingent. The men are very raw and most of them have great ?? but they are a good lot physically and seem keen and intelligent. Sir Lomer Gouin came to see me. He in his cold impersonal way approved of Sir Charles appointment. He said Mr. Fitzpatrick was the best of the lot. He told me the flu was very bad in the country outback but the town reports were rather better. The loan? would be a great success here. The Cardinal also came. Quite pleasant. I thanked him for his sympathetic letter. Cannot ever get beyond generalities with him. Played

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golf with Rody. Got on rather better. According to latest press reports we have made a good advance and taken prisoners. The Presidents note is on the whole favourably received.

Friday Oct 25 Rather depressing letter from Eve. Poor Maud seems terribly low. News rather vague but we seem to be making steady advance and in evening papers the Italians are said to be moving. Wilson's note is on the whole well received, but there are some criticisms. Roosevelt takes the point about not calling us and the ?? Allies. Rody and I went hunting and got six snipes. Enjoyed it. Saw a lot of geese, ?? get a shot. Charlie and Bryan Birstale? Came with us. Very nice to have a ??? off a gun again. We evening.

Saturday Oct 26 Fighting seems to be very heavy. We have made advances on different fronts but the German resistance appears to be very stubborn. Muggy and wet but day looks like improving. Played golf with Rody and Larry. Got on rather better than usual. Heavy fighting reported in the evening papers but we seem to be advancing. German losses said to be very heavy.

Sunday Oct 27 Montreal Daily Star of last night states that Turkey is anxious to give in. Very heavy fighting on western front but progress is mentioned. Dark and gloomy day. No church. Even the early services are stopped. Eve worried about the Ottawa ?? Dick thought he had better to right off to Ottawa to see about it and left by the 1.15 train. Walk with the children on the plains. Foggy and damp. Press telegram had a lot of information. The Princess Sophia sank with all lives lost. Influenza seems bad in England. The advance continues. BF. Boyd Carpenter died yesterday. I only wrote to him a few days ago.

Monday Oct 28 Not much news. German reply is quite short and simply says the Government is a Govt of the people and that they are waiting for a reply from the Allies. Papers are on ?? of the Victory Loan. Influenza reports are still rather gloomy, but in places it seems to be working out. Damp and foggy in the morning. ?? got through letters. Mr. Perry? Editor of the Chronicle came to luncheon. Pleasant and capable and most interesting in his account of his tour of England with the journalists. He is giving me a copy of his book. Played golf with Rody and Larry. Got on rather better than usual. Charlie and Rachel came. Anne tried the Beastalk? pony, and seemed to like it although it ran away with her. She did not seem frightened.

Monday Oct 28 (this must be Tuesday, Oct 29) Papers full of news. Advances in several places. Italian offensive also is successful. Interesting and important letter from England. The PM and AJB are in France and the Supreme War Council is to meet today to discuss the terms. The opinion is decided growing stronger every day that they must be final and decisive. According to the Press Austria is at the end of their tether and have asked Wilson to arrange an armistice. The Turkish envoys ought to have reached London yesterday. In every way the situation is brighter. Got off some letters. A man named Owen brought me a tablecloth which he and his wife claim to have been used in the last occasion on which Mary Queen of Scots dined in Scotland. I should say that it is a fake. Anne rode the pony. Nice little beast but wants lots of exercise and no oats. She seemed quite happy on it. Lovely day and I suppose this is the real Indian summer at last. Rachel and Anne went to luncheon with the Bishop. Played golf. It was really lovely out there and quite hot. Evening papers say the Italians have had a considerable success and taken a lot of prisoners. The general impression overseas is that Austria is breaking up. Dick got back by the late train. He looked in at Elmwood and has a good report to give. He has made satisfactory arrangements about the ??

Wednesday Oct 30 Nothing really new in the morning papers. Loan going well. Wet and muggy. Telegram in the bag from the CO saying that Lloyd George had called Borden that if the Germans accepted terms of armistice he might have to start without delay. Heard in the morning that? ??? more influenza that Canadian Club luncheon had to be cancelled. I said I would send a letter to the Barstall? For circulating to the members. Found it no easy job to write it. My style of holding forth does not lend itself to being compressed into letters. Anne and I went for a walk on the plains and round the fortifications. Had a look at the pony. She is very pleased with it. The Barstalls have also lent us a coat and a sleigh for it. Not much in the evening papers.

Thursday Oct 31 The Italian advance is assuming big proportions. Not much news in the papers but there was a telegram in the bag which taken in congruity? with a telephone message from Ottawa which makes it ?? clear that Turkey has agreed to our terms. Wet and muggy. Saw Pelletier and thanked him for all that he had done for us. Gave him photographs of Eve and myself. Mr. Barstall came to luncheon. I gave him

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a letter which could be printed as I was unable to speak to the Canadian Club ??t o its being cancelled in consequence of the epidemic. I also gave him a cigarette case. Evening papers report the unconditional surrender of Turkey - ?? is great step.? Went to see Lady LeBlanc. She was very calm and collected but looked tired and ill. She hopes to move to Montreal soon. Preparations for our departure were going on all day.

Friday Nov. 1 We left Quebec about six in the morning. Comfortable night in the train and during journey. Got to Bordeaux at 11. Found Eve and Maud at the rest. Maud is really very good and brave. Baby doing well. Got to Ottawa at 3.30. Poor Maud. It is hard for her much as English mail her first time with a lot of very nice letters. People certainly are very kind. The news is wonderful. Turkey has accepted our terms for an armistice. Practically means unconditional surrender. The Austrian report appears to be becoming? a worse and worse rout. There is a report that a ?? for an armistice was made on the field. Lot of telegrams when I arrived. Details of Turkish ?? Very drastic. Also an interesting but rather involved coda about procedure with Germany and Austria. Talks with Henderson and Sladen. They did not have much news. Walked round the garden. Looks already quite ready for winter. Seems strange to be back here. Letters and ?? take some arrangement, but soon got settled down.

Saturday Nov. 2 Maud had a pretty good night. Baby seems well. Very busy day. Important telegrams at intervals. We appear to be pressing on in France and Belgium and the Austrians seems to be hopelessly ?? Received from CO ?? of allies terms for Austrian armistice. Very drastic. The PM has been called ?? and had an interesting conversation. He proposes to leave in a weeks time taking Foster and Sifton, also ?? and ?? Before going he will make some important changes in the Govt . Meighy?? And Parker? And Murphy?. Later in Sr. Amis? C? with ?? and White will remain in for the present and act as PM in his absence. Meighen will take the finance Dept. Crothers? (or others) will eventually go. The Govt. will hold together with a view of forming Union? Party and hope later on to get some members from Quebec, with a levy on ??That will not be possible. Then the Govt will be strengthened. He? Was very pleasant and interesting. The universities mission ?? and I gave them luncheon at the Chateau. Girls congenial but said few words. Shiply? Came up with afternoon and eve and had quite a good talk. The others came to tea. They are an interesting and distinguished body and I should ?? doing useful work. Cold and raw day. Managed to get a bit of a walk.

Sunday Nov 3 Sunday. Anniversary of Maud's wedding but she is really wonderfully brave and good. The baby is very well. Gray day but fine. Every look of winter already but luckily so far there has not been any snow. Owing to the uncertainty about the flu none of us went to Church. Walk in the evening. Afraid poor Maud had a very miserable day, but she is very good. With Anne's help I signed over seven hundred commissions. C.O cables and press news both good.

Monday Nov 4. Armistice settled between Allies and Austria. Now is only Germany left. Austrian rout growing rapidly. News from Western Front also very good. Really cannot be very far off now. Snow, but very wet and it does not look as if it would lie. Afraid Maud had a bad night. Just two years ago today that we left England. Swore Sisdome Davie ? in as Chief Justice. Quite an interesting little occasion. Saw Sir Charles Fitzpatrick at the office. He was pleased with the new Apostolic Delegate and thinks he will have a good experience here. He also wants Gomer Chafars" to eventually join the Govt. His next point was that there should be a Govt. House in Quebec which the Govn Gen could use. He did not say that he would use it himself but that is of course what he wants. Sir Charles Kingswell came next. He wants more recognition for his office and naval service in the way of honours, incidentally ?? more for himself. ?? was next. Interesting take on a number of subjects. Seemed tired and worried. Saw Colonel Bishop and Gen McDonerell? Like them both. In spite of what he has done Bishop is very genial and amusing. He and Mrs. Bishop came to luncheon. Victory Loan meeting in the open place in front of the station. I said a few words and introduced Bishop and McDowerell? Proceedings only lasted a quarter of an hour. Eve remained in bed all day – very good for her to get a rest. Lot of talk about plans. Called Dick to ask his advice. ADCs very and most anxious to do what they can to help. Went out for a walk with Maud and Anne. Heard late from the Press that we had broken through on a forty-mile front and taken 10,000 prisoners and 200 ??? and that the terms of armistice were stiffer for the Germans than for the Austrians. The victory has come at a very opportune moment and will strengthen the armistice.

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Tuesday Nov. 5 News is excellent. Lovely morning. Mervyn and Tommy went off to **Blue Sea**. The new Apostolic Delegate came to see me. He seemed keen and intelligent and I cannot but think that he will do useful work here. Got through some letters. Rode in the afternoon with Blanche, Rachel and Larry. Lovely evening. Evening papers report that the Allied terms are that the Germans are to get ??? It is also reported that ?? also were cognizant of atrocities are to be furnished. The Germans must be in a bad way if they will accept such proposals. It will show how thoroughly weak they are.

Wednesday Nov. 6 The advance in France and Belgium is going forward at a great pace. No more news on the reception of Allied note in Germany. Lovely morning. Chas. A Wood? Arrived. He is quite interesting and agreeable. Patriotic fund meeting. Interesting and useful. Got through quickly and made some good decisions. Rode with Blanche. Lovely evening but looks ??

Thursday Nov. 7 German envoys have reached Foch? Allied advance continues. Dark and damp. Miss Saunders and the two girls went off to **Blue Sea**. Very interesting conversation with PM. In the first place he has not been able to carry out the far reaching changes in the Cabinet he had proposed? But he has appointed Robertson as Minister of Labour? Hugh Clark goes to Militia? Department - instead of McCurdy? Who has resigned and Keefer goes to the External Affairs. He had settled not to have any honours, but with ask for two Privy Councillors, the New Chief Justice and Duff. He discussed a number of subjects and told him that probably the President would go over on the same ship as he is going on. Any Quantity of ?? all day, but it seems clear that Germany is in a bad way and revolution is breaking out. Dr?. Robertson came to tea. He leaves with the PM tomorrow.

Friday Nov. 8 It turns out that all the rumours of yesterday were a hoax. The German envoys are supposed to have searched the trench lines last night. In the meantime it seems ideally sure that the German navy is in a state of ?? The Allies are advancing fast all along the line. Better day. Saw the baby in her bath and she is certainly a fine little (or child) ?? was weighted today 9lbs 4 oz. Saw Meighen who brought Mayor Ashton? And Mrs. Black with him The two last named are going over to England to see about getting the men overseas practiced in agriculture. Said I would work to ?? I think they might make something at Buxton. Saw Sir George Foster and said goodbye to him and then had a talk with Pope. He did not have much to say of interest. Went with Charewood? To the experimental farm. He was quite interested. I saw the flax work which I had not yet seen. Seems useful and profitable. Ch? ?? made a good show. Eve and Maud also went there but independently of us. No definite news yet but there is a report that the fleet has ?? to ?? to us. Hardly seemed credible.

Saturday Nov. 9 1918 No further news. The former Emperor has apparently refused to abdicate. Dark and gray. Interesting talks with White and Shane Leslie?. Two very different people. The Fitzpatricks and Mr. Vaughan who was at one time PM of South Australia came to luncheon. No more definite news till this afternoon when the Press Censor sent up a message to say that the Emperor had abdicated. One more off his pack.? Left for **Blue Sea** with Rachel, Charlie, Larry. Mary had stuck herself in. (?) Stopped the night in the car. Quite comfortable. Got through a lot of letters.

Sunday Nov. 10 Bright morning but heavy cloud about. We left **Blue Sea** about nine and got to the place about 10. It really cannot be more than three miles. The house is certainly very nice although rather on a bigger scale than I expected. They have made good progress and it ought to be finished in about six weeks. We found the party there in great form and Charlie was very happy. Walked all round with him and down to the point. It is strange what a difference it makes having the trees bare. We had an excellent luncheon. Larry and I walked back and did in less than an hour. Got back at 9:30. All well. The telegrams make extraordinary reading. Revolution in Germany seems systematic and thorough? but so far without excesses or much bloodshed.

Monday Nov. 11, 1918 The armistice was signed early this morning and so ends the fighting. Great excitement. Bands, bells, hooters etc. started early. Glorious day for the news to come. It is also just two years since I was sworn in at Halifax. The time has gone like a flash. Great excitement all day. Meeting on Parliament Hill. Very big and enthusiastic crowds. Rowell presided. I said a few words. Rowell read the armistice terms which were received with enthusiasm. The Bishop of Ottawa, D. Rose? D. Herridge and Archbishop Gauthier? All took part in the service. Eve and I drove down Wellington Street and back by sparks. Had a good reception. Unluckily a very drunken man fell down and I am afraid the carriage

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wheel must have gone over his arm, but he was not much the worse. Service at St. Bartholomew's in the evening. Nice sermon and good congregation.

Thursday Nov. 12 papers very full of reports of reception of the news but not much in the way of anything substantially new. Really lovely day. Telegram from the King for publication arrived. A Capt'n Barnett? Came to see me. Had letters from various people. He is quite ?? from a wound. Seems a nice fellow and is coming to see his farm. He is going to be married in England and then hopes to come out here.

Thanksgiving service at the Cathedral. Big congregation. The Berdmore and Gen McLactalian arrived for christening. The little baby was christened at St. Bartholomew's. Poor Maud. It was hard time for her but she got through very well. The little thing was wearing a tartan belt. Her names are Anne Peace Arabella. She was very good and took much interest in all the proceedings. Walk with Eve and the General. He is certainly a nice man and gives a ?? account of the epidemic in America and in the transports?

Wednesday Nov. 13 Austrian emperor has gone and his various revolutions appear to be working out. Snow shower. Suppose we must soon ?? ?? of the winter. Lot of discussion about plans. The ADCs are vague and tiresome. Saw White and then Flavelle. Interesting conversations with both. Played golf with Rody in the afternoon and got on pretty well.

Thursday Nov 14. No very definite news but Germans seems to be going ahead with its revolution. Lloyd George has made a big speech but the efforts are meager. Tiresome morning. Plans still very vague. ADCs cannot make up their minds what they want. Gave D.S.O. to Captain Milles? Very nice intelligent ?? boy. Also saw S. Watkins. His nerves are much on edge and seems generally rattled? Later Doherty came to see me. He leaves for England tonight. Played golf with Dick and got on fairly well. Went to see the movie show in connection with the ?? Really quite good. Anne went to Dr. Courtney? Says her tonsils ought to be taken out. It is really very tiresome but the sooner it is done the better.

Friday Nov 15 The general election at home is fixed for December 14. It will be a relief to get it out of the way. Nice day. Got through some letters. Played golf with Rody in the afternoon. Eve came out to the course and got a walk with Blanche. The others also played golf. Maud went out in the pony? Cart with Anne and Rachel who drove. Maud looked rather more like her old self. Sent another telegram to Dick about ADCs

Saturday Nov 16 Lovely day. Nothing much in the papers. The terms of the armistice are getting much into effect. Got through a number of letters for the English mail. In the afternoon Eve and the children came with me to ? where we?? Flag. Quite a good little function and an excellent reception. Afterward I hoisted the flag on the Ottawa Post Office. They got the objective at noon. 11 millions, but they hope to make it up to 13 by night time. Short walk when we got back. The Germans attacked and sank one of their own crawlers? Which refused to surrender to the rebels. The Merediths arrived.

Sunday Nov 17 Mild and gray. Rain later. Church. Thanksgiving service. Quite nice. Babington Smith arrived. He is really very pleasant and interesting. Walk in the afternoon. The Jap Consul General and his wife came to tea.

Monday Nov. 18 Mild and muggy. Sir Vincent left by the early train. Little Anne had her tonsils removed; got through very well, but will of course be rather uncomfortable for a day or two. The doctor said that they were in a bad condition and much better out of the way. Saw the Mayor at the office and congratulated him on the way he had dealt with the epidemic. Also saw Doughty. He gave a memorandum which he had prepared on history teaching and ?? for the university mission. Eve, Blanche, Dorothy and Mervyn went off to Blue. I would have liked to have gone but did not like to leave Babington Smith. Drive in the evening. White, McLensen? McGrath, Thompson, the speaker. Quite pleasant.

Thursday Nov 19 Anne had rather a restless night but her throat is going n alright. Snow will does not ? like stopping as it is so wet. Unlucky for the expedition to Blue Sea. Babington Smith left. He was most pleasant and interesting. Walk in the afternoon. Very slushy and dirty. Snow does not look as if it has come to stay. The party returned from Blue Sea and had quite a good expedition in spite of the snow. Eve likes the house but thinks Keefer has been very extravagant.

Wednesday Nov 20 The ?? drove to the House of Parliament to personally receive the address and went without an escort. Very significant. Means a lot. Went to the movie show. My visit to Chicago and also the ?? to Windsor and my arrival here. They were quite good. Saw Taschereau at the office, but he did not have much to say. Rode with Dorothy and Rachel. Very muddy and sloppy. Dinner for the Provincial

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Prime Ministers and Federal Cabinet with one or two others. Oliver? Of BC could not come. Otherwise they were all present. Went off very well indeed. Tiresome letters from Sir Charles Fitzpatrick enclosing extracts from La Patrie about the non-representation of the French Canadians.

Thursday Nov 21 Lord and Lady Atholstan arrived and also Mr. Graham. Nice people. Luncheon at the Club for the Provincial Ministers attending the conference. Very interesting lot and all went well. I said a foreword to them. Walked round Rockcliffe with Lord Atholstan. The Evening reports that the ? biggest consignment of his person Keel surrendered.

Friday Nov. 22 Nice day. I was glad to see that the King and Queen and Prince of Wales were present when the Grand Fleet took over the German fleet. It must have been a wonderful sight. Saw Mr. Perry?(Percy) ? munitions? at the office and had an interesting talk with him. He thinks that men discharged from the munitions? works will have no difficulty in finding employment. Also saw Col. Desjardins. He has written a book in English on the same line as the French in which he gave me last year. Persuaded me to take fifty copies. Expect it will be a bit of a help to him. Also saw Pugsley. Lt Gov NB He seemed pleased that I am going to his province. The Atholstans left. Walk with Eve, Maud and Blanche in the afternoon. Church. The staff went to a farewell dinner at the Country Club.

Saturday Nov 23 Afraid Bob ?? has resigned away to the Welsh Church. Macados has also resigned in the USA government. ?? perplexing. English mail. Dick says he can get a young Hibbert? To come as ADC and Dick Ingalls? Has a telegram saying he wanted a coat? So I suppose he is coming. Very pessimistic letter from John? Walk with the girls in the afternoon. Saw Charlie who looks very fit and well.

Sunday Nov. 24 Cold and high wind. Looks like snow. Eve stopped in bed. Church. Interesting sermon by Mr. Brewen? On Sunday School work. Walk in the afternoon with the girls. Feels as if the snow is coming. Left for Toronto with Rody and Larry.

Monday Nov 25 Arrived Toronto punctually and got to the Govt House for breakfast. Sir John and Lady Hendrie very well, but Mr. Hendrie looked seedy after an attack of flu. Went to St. Andrews college which is being converted into a Military hospital. A number of men were there but they were all local. Close to some huts are being built for professors? connected with demobilization. Arrangements good. Went on to a shell shock treatment hospital. Most interesting. In addition to this cures of the genuine cases a great amount of work is being done to detect conscious and unconscious malingering. Colonel Marshall came to luncheon. Looked seedy but was in good spirits. Talk about Red Cross after luncheon went to Osgoode Hall (Law courts) Met three members of the Royal Canadian Society who wanted me to press on the Govt the necessity of further help for Scientific Research. Met the judges and sat for a time in Sir W. Murlock Court. Visited Knox College and had a look round. St Andrews college is there in their old buildings are now used as a hospital. Mr Kerr? Went to University le crang?? Met Sir R Mal??and had an interesting conversation with him. ?? Lady Hendrie asked me about the Council of Women. The feeling is very strong about Lady Aberdeen. Pleasant and interesting dinner in the evening. Talismans, Sir E. Walker, Mr. Justice Ferguson, J. Brall and Mrs Hanna. On the whole they were reassuring as to the outlook, except in regards high prices on labour.

Tuesday Nov 26 Nice morning. Presented medals to the next of kin and two returned men at the Parliament buildings. Sad ceremony. Red Cross Council. Interesting and useful discussion. Attendance is good. The ladies who were there came to luncheon. Went back to the meeting in the afternoon. Rather a repetition, but eventually a decision was reached to proceed. Sir R. Lake and Cols. Ryerson and Marshall and Maguires and Mardinals from Winnipeg cam to dinner. Left by night train.

Wednesday Nov 27 Arrived Ottawa in time for breakfast. Eve ? seems rather seedy. The Cook girls are here. Mr. and Mrs Jack Ross arrived. Went over to the Experimental Farm. Afraid Evie got rather chilled. Three young men came to dinner and afterward there was some dancing.

Thursday, Nov 28 Complete dearth of news. Fine and cold. Eve stopped in bed as she was still feeling really shaky. It looks as if she had had a touch of the flu. The Ross and Cooks left. Walk in the afternoon with Maud and Anne. Heavy rain in the evening. Executive Boy Scout meeting. Reported Sir Percy Sherwood resignation. Got through some useful work. Attended Dr. Beland? Lecture. Long but interesting. Blanche, Miss Saunders and Miss Walter came.

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Friday Nov 29 Wet and raw. Lucky it was rain and not snow. Interesting English mail. Belated letter from Eddy. Important calls from Macpherson about sale of D. H. Suppose it must go. It is sad and mortifying but expect it is for the best. Won't make much difference to me.

Saturday Nov 30 A little snow. Looks more like the real winter coming. Managed in spite of many interruptions to get letters off to Eddy, Macpherson. We were photographed as a group outside the front door. Walk with Eve, Maud and Dorothy. Heard definitely that the Aquitours? Would not start before the 8th so Eve and the others will not leave till Thursday. Hope we shall see them in Halifax.

Sunday Dec 1 Snow in the night. Looks like the real winter. Bright sun and blue sky. Eve and I with some of the children went to the Cathedral for Thanksgiving Service. Fair congregation. Bishop of Ottawa preached. Quite good but he always ? too long winded. Went out on snowshoes with the children who were on skis. There was hardly enough snow but it was a lovely afternoon and a fair sunset.

Monday Dec. 2 Left at 10 for the Maritime Province tour. Very sad leaving them all at Govt. House. It is quite a break afraid we have really been very happy there. Dick, Henderson, Larry and Irwin came with me. Cold and snowy, but train is warm and comfortable. Interesting mail which we found on the train. Telegram at Montreal for Eve saying that Dick had ?? was bringing his wife. It would be very awkward to have another married A.D.C. so she cabled to Dick to stop them if possible. It was rather stupid of Dick. Easy day in the train.

Tuesday Dec. 3 Arrived **Fredericton** at 9:45. Met by the Lt. Gov., Prime Minister, Mayor General, Members of the Govt and the corporation. After inspecting the Guard of Honour drove to City Hall where I received the Mayors address. Students of the Provincial ?? school and children of public schools were in the theatre ?? local Chambers. Said a few words and asked for a hospital. Visited military hospital, Gov. house is very ? in a central building and wings have been added. Excellent arrangements and the ?? Said a few words in the hall of the Vocational Training School. Visited the Cathedral. I met the Bishop and the Dean. The Cathedral is beautiful and the best church I have seen in Canada. Mayor gave a luncheon at the hotel. Drank the King's health. No other toasts. Went over a boots and shoe factory. Quite interesting. The University conferred a degree upon me. Quite an interesting function. Excellent tone but buildings and equipment are very out of date. Lovely situation and a fine view over the river. Got an hour's quiet in the car and then went to a dinner given by the Govt. Reception at the Parliament building and an address by the PM. I made rather a long reply and then they began to dance. Quite a successful day. Nice people but quiet. Arrangements worked well and altogether I think the visit went well.

Wednesday Dec. 4 Comfortable night in the train and drew into **St. John** sharp 9:45. The river is very beautiful and the surrounding country quite attractive. The Mayor met me at the station and introduced his council and city ?? Inspected the guard and drove to the Sugar Refinery where we saw all the ?? Interesting and the machinery seems very efficient and up to date. Visited a Diet Kitchen which is run by the local V.A.D.s and was organized by them to meet the distress caused by the epidemic. Quite admirable. Had a basin of soup which was excellent. Went to two schools, first St. Vincents (RC) Fine new building and not quite finished. The other was the City High Schools. Fine gathering. Presented my medal to the winner. At both places the flag was saluted. Asked for holidays. Drove to Red Cross Rooms. Met a Lady Tilley there who introduced the workers. Admirably organized throughout. A great specialty is made of the ?? rooms and it was interesting to see the bandages being made. Canadian Club luncheon. Keen and enthusiastic gathering. Visited McAvity's munition works. They are still making shells for the American Govt but will get cleared off at the end of the month. Well arranged and should be adapted for peace work without much trouble. Excellent arrangements for the women workers. Visited tuberculosis hospital. Number of returned men there. Modern and up to date. Lot of children as well as soldiers and their patients. Saw the reversing falls, but the tide was out. Very interesting and certainly an attractive spot. Tea with the Bazens. Big meeting in the theatre. Mainly women workers. After my speech I shook hands with all of them. Dinner at the ?? club. Had to make another speech. Then went on to the YWCA where I said a few words and also to the IODE who were upstairs. They then began dancing. Got back to the car about 10. The Mayor is pleasant and capable and the arrangements ?? were well thought out and carried through the term is excellent Without these busy many rich people there is no poverty and generally there

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is an air of prosperity. Pleasant and successful visit in spite of snowy weather.

Thursday Dec. 5 Started for **Moncton** and arrived there 9:30. Met by Mayor. Considerable crowd. Drove to the school. Received address and said a few words from the entrance. Presented to loan flags. Big collection of children in this building. Asked for a holiday and said a few words. Should have met everyone on the platform. Visited the hospital. Quite good but small. Went over a ?? factory. Most interesting. Went round City Hall. The tone everywhere was excellent, the place personally seems keen and progressive. Quite an enthusiastic send off. Arrived **Cape Tormentine** at 2.30. Special car ran us down to the ferry boat. It was all very interesting. The ferry took eleven cars across the harbour owing to the fire cartons against ?? is difficult to get out of. Capt'n Read who commands it is a son of the MP in the federal Parliament and has had a varied experience in Archangel and Petrograd. The boat is a long one – 3000 tons. Arrived **Borden** about four where I was met by the PM and Judge ?? The Mayor of Charlottetown and others. Spent ?? very slow and had to talk all the time. Considerable crowd and some confusion at the station. Drove in an open carriage to the Lt. Governors house. Government House is being used as a hospital and the present house was ?? ?? and quite simple. Might be much more convenient. Dinner. Bishop Leaving RC very pleasant and keen. Justices ?? ?? PM American Consul, the Mayor. ?? people and had some interesting conversations. Food good but too much and too long. I ?? ?? They certainly were most kind and friendly. Lt. Gov is a nice old man. His ?? Acts as hostess and seems a nice girl.

Friday Dec. 6 **Charlottetown**. Snowy but not cold. Heard that the Aquitania is to leave Halifax at 8 so we shall have to go on board early if we want to see them. Left government house 10.45 in sleighs. R?? address from Province. ?? at the parliament buildings followed by a reception. All went well. Nice people and excellent tone. The Parliament building is an old one and there is an interesting tablet to commemorate the meetings that lead up to confederation. Drove on to the experimental farm which seemed to be doing useful and practical work. Large gathering of school children. Well managed meeting. Children looked well and happy. Asked for a holiday. Visited two hospitals – General and RC. Both were well run though small. Went on to military convalescent home. The old Gov. House has been taken and adapted and a large annex built. Government House must have been a charming house. Well situated on the river. It seems a great pity to have taken it and I don't see how it can be put back again. The house seems well arranged. The matron was at B?? A young officer was there who had been at Metlock? He had been over to ?? and he seemed a lively young but said he had difficulty in getting souvenirs. However he managed to get us ? and what sounded like a chequer. Quite an easy day and managed to get a quiet time before dinner. Big banquet in the evening and quite enthusiastic. Did not get away till 12.45. Several speeches. ?? made a great oration.

Saturday Dec. 7. Left Charlottetown at 10 by special train and arrived **Summerside** at 12. The Lt. Gov and PM came with us. Good reception at the station and drove to the school where I received the Mayor's address. After replying and asking for a holiday I shook hands with all in the ?? children. Went over the hospital. Small but seems efficient. A small boy sang a song. Very long luncheon and far too much to eat. No regular speeches but I just said a word in reply to my health. Drove to a fat farm about a mile and a half. Bitterly cold wind. The farm was interesting. The ?? but at one time it was boomed much was ? and the over-speculation practically broke it down. Now it seems to be on a better financial basis. Left by special for Borden where I said goodbye to the Lt. Gov and the PM Gave sundry presents which were apparently really appreciated. The boat made a special trip for us and at ?? was level on the Cornwallis. The trip to the island was most successful. The people are keen and loyal and rightly fond of their province. While there's nothing like this big wealth there as elsewhere, there is no poverty and everybody there no sign of prosperity and contentment. I had interesting conversations with many people and feel that I know much more about the place. Young Murphy was on the train. I met him yesterday ?? told me he had been to Chatsworth. I cannot make out what it is that he has got hold of. He apparently got a chess man and a key. Left Cape Tormentine at eight and traveled through to **Halifax**.

Sunday Dec. 8 Got up at five thirty and the Admiral arrived at six. All the others got up but as there was only one motor only Henderson and I went. Got down to the Harbour where we found a tag? Waiting and

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went on board the Aquitania. Eve seemed very well and ?? although they had had a long and ?? journey. Very sad they are all going off. Saw Maud and Dorothy. Mervyn and Tommy were ill. The ship is to sail immediately. After saying goodbye arrived back to the train and I went to bed. A slight contretemps occurred about Church. A car came for me and he went off to the Church, but after the Service had begun it was clear we had come to the wrong one. I doubt that I lost much as the Church was the oldest ?? A service very nice indeed. I was to have gone to the Cathedral. However, it does not matter and the whole thing was treated as a joke about Govt House. Lt Gov in great form although seedy with bronchitis. Several people came to tea. Rather stiff and formal but I managed to get a word with a number of them. Went to the Presbyterian Church. Quite a nice service, but it only makes me appreciate our own all the more. Lt Gov was in great form. He is certainly most ?? but with a great fund of shrewd ??

Monday Dec. 9 Cold but bright. Drove round the devastated area. A great deal has already been done and the plans for the rebuilding seem sound and good. Look at some of the new houses which are being put up and went into one which was rebuilt on the site of the destroyed one. Seems very sensible and comfortable. Canadian Club luncheon. The Prime Minister presided. Good and enthusiastic attendance. Before the luncheon I went to the Parliament building where I received the Provincial address and held a reception. Also presented a medal to a Boy Scout. After luncheon went by a special ferry to Dartmouth. Most enthusiastic reception. Received Mayor's address and then drove to the American ??Station.. No British Naval Station could even have been in such a condition. Keen lot of officers but no ?? or arrangement. Looked in at some oil works. Big and modern but not quite finished. Went over the lunatic asylum. Very sad. No special features about this institution. The Lt Gov and Mrs ?? invited a number of people to tea. Pleasant and keen and certainly the tone of everything I have seen was very good. ?? dinner. Very interesting lot of people and managed to get some useful conversation with them. After giving sundry presents left for the train where I found an English mail.

Tuesday Dec. 10 Comfortable night on train. Left Halifax soon after eight and arrived at **Truro** about 10. Mr. McCurdy came with us. The Mayor met me at the station and introduced his council. Quite a good crowd. Address was presented at the Town Hall. Drove through the town to the Agricultural College. After saying a few words, went through the stock barns. Excellent all through. Prof Cummins is a very remarkable man and has done wonderful work. Drove into a glass? Which is used as a Park. Very pretty. Left at twelve after a most successful visit. The town is excellent and the general appearance of the town and people is prosperous. The Mayor had excellent arrangements. He seemed capable, pleasant and by profession is a doctor. Reached **New Glasgow** at 2:30. Mayor met us. Guard of Honour of returned men. Considerable enthusiasm. Meeting in theatre. I made rather a long speech in reply to the address. Popular reception. Went over the Nova Scotia Car works and the Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Co. Both large works and up to date. Employs 1000 in first co. and 1300 in second. Interesting but Red X workers said a few words. They were keen and appeared well organized. Had tea and met an old lady who had some pressed flowers from Chatsworth. Dinner in the evening. Rather long but the speeches for the most part were good and the general tone excellent as it was all through the place. Mr. S? and M. R came on the train.

Wednesday Dec. 11 Lot more snow. Drove into **Antigonish** at 9,14. Met by Mayor who introduced his Council. Proceeded to Celtic Hall in sleighs accompanied by pipers. Very good gathering. Asked for holiday. Went on to the two RC establishments, one for a necessity for men and the other a convent for girls. Very much the same as the other RC establishments. They have an absolutely paralyzing effect upon me. Left about noon and crossed the straits of Canso at 2. Fine views and interesting operation getting this train over. Arrived at **Sidney** in the evening and found an Ottawa mail, but no very striking news. The Mayor came at eight and introduced his Council. Public meeting at the theatre. Rather a difficult audience to meet and I am afraid I did not make a good speech. Disappointed as I particularly wished to do so. Interesting conversation with the Secretary of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.

Thursday Dec. 12 Nice morning. Morning papers were quite complimentary about my speech. Started at 9:30. Visited the academy. Good reception and well arranged. Asked for a holiday. Next visited the convent. Ordinary procedure on such occasion. The next was the Dominion Steel and Iron Co. works.

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Most interesting and well laid out although I did not see anything very new except the nail and screw making process. Met several Derbyshire people. Also saw some ?? which come from A? Works generally were well run and arranged and the officials seems a very competent lot. ?? at the works. Visited three hospitals in the afternoon. The City one was not big but very nice. The other two were private homes and used as veterinary hospitals. One belonged to Jack Ross. The other was a somewhat ? imitation of an English country house. Not many patients but those who were there were comfortable and contented. Tea at the YWVA rooms A number of ladies there. Left at 5.30. Interesting day and the place seems very prosperous and thriving and the tone good. No sign of Bolshevism. Left at 5.30

Friday Dec. 13. Travelled through the night. Found more snow when we woke up. Drove into **Springhill** at 10. Big crowd and decorations quite good. First had a big meeting for the children in the Methodist Church and then went to the Drill Hall. Good gathering. Popular reception. Visited hospital. Small but very nice and complete. Next we went to the works. The mine (coal) has been worked for a long time. Although there is nothing outstanding the plant seems efficient. Hit my head very hard against a door. Most satisfactory visit. People keen and enthusiastic. Mayor was a strong and capable man. He had been a miner and has ? his office as Mayor for ten years. The newspaper say that conditions in Montreal are very bad owing to the strike. Seems quite a state of anarchy. Arrived **Amherst** 2.30 Very good reception. Received address in the theatre and shook hands with everybody. Big gathering of children in Methodist Church. Asked for holiday. Looked into the International Camp. About 800 prisoners there. They were well lodged and their food excellent.- far too good for them. Visited hospital. Small but quite nice. Visited a machine factory and a car making shop also boot factory. Nothing remarkable about any of them, but there is a general impression of prosperity. The tone throughout was excellent and the Mayor pleasant. Left at 6 for Chatham and Newcastle – one of the most successful days of this trip.

Saturday Dec. 14 The Mayor met me at **Chatham** which we reached overnight at 9.45, I am the fourth S.C. whom he has met when holding this office. Keen and intelligent. He had arranged an excellent programme. Began with a visit to the country house for old people. Well arranged and the ? inmates here were happy and contented. Looked in at the High School. The pupils had all gone to the ? Building well arranged. ? Looked in at a foundry. It had been on shell work, but had knocked off. Big stacks of lumber everywhere, but the mill were not working in the winter. Looked round the municipal offices and went to the meeting at the Opera House. Excellent gathering. Lot of children who sang. The audience was keen and appreciative. After the address I shook hands with a great number of people. Presented my medal and the Lt. Gov's to the winners, both girls. Also handed Victory Loan flags to the head of different bodies. Visited the hospital which is run by the R.Cs Quite nice. We arrived rather before our time and I feel the Mother was very upset and cross. Deposited a wreath on a memorial at the College to the boys who had been killed. RC institution but they have done very well. After a most successful visit started off at 12.30 for **Newcastle**. Met by Mayor who introduced his Council. A guard of honour of returned men were at the platform. Drove to the school where the principal read a very long address. Public meeting in Opera House. Sticky audience. A township named Derby received a ? flag with eight crowns. That is the highest number I had heard of. Visited Wireless station. Interesting. Heard Berlin talking. The next was a convent school, much as usual Visited Hospital. Small but very nice indeed and all ? improvements. Very few patients. Ea with Rev Cross and said a few words. Place seems alright but quiet and the Mayor was keen and active. Snowy and wet. Montreal seems to be in the hands of strikers.

Sunday Dec. 15 Telegram from Eve saying that they had had a comfortable journey and were all well. Great relief. Went to church. Nice service and good sermon. Much milder but very dark and dirty. Left for home at 12. Montreal papers came in and the strike appears to be settled. Found a good many people at the station at **Campbelltown**. Stopped at Matapedia and drove out to Jim Fitzgerald's farm and gave him a photograph. He had gone lumbering and shut up his house but was at his fathers. The Club ice house? Had been burnt down about two months ago but was nearly rebuilt.

Monday Dec. 16 Left Matapedia in the early morning and reached **Rimouski** at 9.45. Not as much snow as there was further west. The Mayor met me at the station and introduced his council. Jan Landry was also there. Considerable crowd and keen and friendly. Drove round the town which looked prosperous. Big

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gathering at the college. Two addresses in French the? Which I read something in French and added a few words in English. Presented two V. Cross to relatives and then handed Victory ? flags to sundry mayors and others. Altogether it was quite a successful morning and now the tour is over. It has been quite satisfactory. Got an English mail and some interesting letters. After a long day in the train we got back to **Ottawa** a little after midnight. Seems? That arriving there with an empty house and a long winter in front. ? a few more letters.

Tuesday Dec. 17 Lovely day –20 degrees frosts but bright sun. Children seem well, but the house is terribly dull and quiet. Letter from Cockerell tendering his resignation. It is really a great relief. Saw Sir Thomas White who gave a pretty good account of things in general. Skated with the children. Telegram from Eve to say that Marten thought Charlie had better go up next half and he should go home with Florence. I think it is best and it was my opinion all the way along, although we shall miss him here. Irwin came up to stay here and fits in very well.

Wednesday Dec. 18 Lovely morning. Cold. No news in papers. Got through some letters. Opened a bazaar for the G.D.V.A.? Very small affair but glad I went. Sir John Aird came to tea and I handed him his letter patent? For his Knighthood. Got a bit of a walk after tea.

Thursday Dec. 19 Lovely day. Colder but bright. Complete absence of news. Sir F and Lady Barnard and Miss loewen arrived. Interesting conversation with Sir J. Flavelle, though rather disconcerting mainly as regards the United States. They are so bored by inflexible regulations and do not pay their bills and they have also fixed the price of week? And are keeping up the price of food. Skated in the afternoon. Anne came and helped me to sign papers. The Russell Blackburns, Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Rhodes came to dinner and played bridge. The children enjoyed the ball at Ashbury very much.

Friday Dec. 20 Another lovely day. Charlie got home. Sorry to leave. Skated in the afternoon. Dinner party. Invested Sir J Barnard and handed letter patent to Sir S. Burn and Sir H. Laporte. Dinner quite pleasant. Lt Charnwood arrived.

Saturday Dec. 21 Another lovely day. Interesting conversation with Charnwood. The Barnards and Blanche went out to luncheon ? country and in the afternoon the children went to a dressing up party at Miss Philpotts school. Got a walk in the afternoon. Sladens and McLennons came to dinner quite pleasant. Got some bridge afterwards.

Sunday Dec. 22 Rain. Very raw and damp. Most unusual sort of weather. Church. The Barnards left after luncheon. Got a walk up and down the sidewalk. Damp and raw but it was not as bad as it looked.

Monday Dec. 23. Better morning. Still very damp and slushy, but growing colder. Got through some letters and went out with Anne in the afternoon. Charnwood left. Managed to catch his train but half an hour before it left he was ? General Mrs and Miss Williams came to luncheon. Also Col and Mrs. Lorne Ross. Williams had been a prisoner in Germany. Gave a terrible account of all that he had gone through. Lecture at the Carnegie on General Photography by Colonel Cull. He had not much practice as a speaker but was extremely interesting and had a lot of very useful information as well as some excellent photographs. Said a few words. [Carnegie was the Ottawa library on Metcalfe and Laurier Ave]

Tuesday Dec. 24 Colder. Everyone very busy with Xmas arrangements. With Rachel and Anne I gave away the turkeys etc. to the employees and then went to the office where I gave presents to the usual people. Had some conversation with ? A Captn Robinson – Flying Corps. Came to the ? He had been a prisoner and had escaped. Really quite interesting. School children came to tea and everything went off well and the children seemed very happy. This is the third Xmas and the time has gone like a flash, but we sadly miss Eve and the others. The Goov N. Bands played after dinner. At last we have got some snow.

Xmas Day Went to the early service. Good congregation and nice service. Lot of snow must have fallen in the night and every appearance of more. Church. Good congregation. Bishop preached. Children very happy with their presents. Blanche is doing very well and has made many engagements for Xmas trees etc. Walk in the afternoon. Hendersons and Sladens came to dinner. Anne came down and quite enjoyed it.

Thursday Dec. 26 Rather inclined to be gouty. Nice day. Charlie very low at going. Saw him off at the station. It was really hard. He went with the Spring Rices and ? Brewan. Skated with the girls. Lovely evening but much colder. Hockey match. It is really a wonderful game and on the whole was clean and fair. Blanche had rather a headache and did not come. The rest of us went to the Hendersons.

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Friday Dec. 27 Cold —4 degrees below zero Hoar frost. Telegram from ? that they had arrived alright at New York and were sailing at noon. Wilson had a great reception in London. Interesting conversation with White. He is certainly much more forthcoming than Borden is. He now thinks Parliament will meet about the middle of Feb. Some children came up to skate and stayed to tea. Blanche went to a Xmas tree at a Convent. Every appearance of snow.

Saturday Dec. 28. Telegram from the Duke of Connaught announcing the engagement of Princess Patricia to Commander Ramsay. Sounds very suitable. Rather inclined to snow but nice day otherwise. Several people came up to skate and stopped for tea. Most of them skate very well. The girls quite enjoyed it. The news of the Election shows pretty clearly that Lloyd George will have a very big majority. Went to the play. Quite good. It was a novel sensation for me to be at the play again and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

According to latest returns Lloyd George must have a majority over all opponents of over 230

Sunday Dec. 29 Really perfect day. Bright sun and quite still. Church. Lady Borden and Sir Thomas came to luncheon. They thought a Dominion present to Princess Patricia would be very popular and had me to cable accordingly. Telegram from Kerry that White had got in. Very disappointing. The figures on White 10752 Kerry 8592 Very small poll. Afraid the seat has been muddled away. No news from Eddy.

Monday Dec. 30 No more election news than what we had last night. It is certainly a great victory for Lloyd George. Cold but fine. The girls left for Montreal by the early train. Walk in the afternoon.

Wonderful Evening. Mr srain? Came to dinner and had an interesting talk Dined with the Hendersons. Pleasant party and played bridge but lost. Sat up very late.

Thursday Dec 31 No news from Eddy. Really rather tiresome. Heavy fall of snow. No English mails yet and no news of my ADC and what is worse no use of Eddy's election. Went out on snow shoes with Dick and Anne on skis. Very nice, but cold wind. Every appearance of more snow. Sladens came to dinner and played bridge. Saw the New Year in.

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New Years Day 1919 The year certainly opens better than last and I trust it will end so. Levee. 570 (or 70) attended. Not many Ministers about as a lot have taken a holiday. Went out with Anne in the afternoon. Very nice. Blanche got back from Montreal and said they had had a great time there. Rachel is stopping till tomorrow.

Thursday Jan 2. Letter from Evie, dated Dec. 12 and written from the ship. They had a good journey but most of them appear to have been ill. Went to the picture show for the St. John's ambulance. Not very good, but it may stimulate interest. Captn Capenter of the Vendreire? Arrived. Very nice man. Mrs. St. Newby? A friend of Rachel's also came. The Pugsleys came to luncheon. Skated. Captn Carpenter came too and skated very well. Interesting and pleasant. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Montreal. Good game but Ottawa had the upper hand throughout. Rachel got back and seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Friday Jan 3 Telegram from Eve saying that Eddy was bottom of the pool and that Fortescu was coming and was on his way. Nice bright morning with some nice snow. Also a letter by the second post from Eve written on the 15th. They seem to have settled down pretty well. Letter from Mother in the evening dated 18th. Skated in the afternoon. Sir II Lever, General Montrose and General Corey came to tea. The General is chief of the staff at Salonika. He is going back there at ? He was interesting and was on the first destroyer to go through the Dardanelles. Lever was also most interesting but rather apprehensive as to his future especially the next few months. We all went to Captn Carpenter Centre. It was I think one of the best speeches I ever heard. Keen and appreciative audience. I said a few words at the end. Looked in for a short time to a ball at the Chateau. Very successful affair. The servants had their dance here and one our return we looked in. They were somewhat ? and stately.

Saturday Jan 4 More snow in the night, but a lovely morning. Interesting letters from England. Canadian Club luncheon. Lt. Beverley Robinson was the speaker and told us of his experience as a prisoner in Germany. Interesting and useful. Skating party. Very successful. Lovely afternoon and a lot of people came. Afraid Peggy and Gaven Henderson have got the flu. Very tiresome. Main dinner. White, Ladner, Calder, Maclean, Gwatkin, Kempish, Lt. Walker (of ?O Lt. Beverley Robinson, Colonel Cull, Sir H. Egan, Wm. Bishop, Capt Carpenter. Very successful.

Sunday Jan 5 Cold, but lovely morning. Church. Afraid Gaven and Peggy both are seedy. Went out with Anne and Dick. She on skis and we on snowshoes. Dick had a telephone message from Mrs. Beardsmore saying that her husband was better but giving a very creat? Of Ballantine? Dick went with Carpenter to his lecture but I am afraid this arrangements were shocking to whoever is responsible ought to be thoroughly ashamed. Several of the slides were damaged and some destroyed.

Monday Jan 6 Lovely bright morning, but very cold 22 degrees below. Captn Carpenter left for Montreal. Telegram from Florence saying "All flourishing. George Fortescue arrived after a very long and tiresome journey. I am afraid there will be another batch of complaints about the treatment of the troops on board. They also had their dependants with them. Harry Taplett brought a team of Ashbury boys to play against the house and won by ten goals to one. The boys came to tea afterwards and seemed very pleased with themselves and everything else. They all seem to like Charlie and are sorry he has gone. Rachel and Nes? Went to the McLennans and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Tuesday Jan 7 Lot more snow but less cold. The Mayor of Ottawa was re-elected by a big majority. Tiresome conversation with lot Gooderham and Mr. Harmmons over boy scouts. They will not hit it off with Brown who is very different. Afraid we shall have a business meeting next week. Also saw Rowell and told him about the Carpenter business. I am afraid there have been some misunderstandings but I hope it is cleared up now. Ski party at the Country Club. Very successful, about fifty turned up. After tea they danced. Dinner in the evening. Went off well, but I am afraid I did not get the round of the ladies.

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Wednesday Jan 8 Milder. No news in papers. Disappointed at not getting an English mail. Walk with Blanche in the afternoon. Mess. Strawbridge left in the afternoon. Rachel went to a party at the Bishops house. Anne to the McLennans. Dinner party of thirty. Went off very well.

Thursday Jan 9 Snow but quite mild. Sir A Pearson arrived but stopped on the train. Came up later with his son who seems a nice boy. He is Captn of the Eton XI. Pearson was interesting. Captn Baker who is organising the work for the ? here, Mr. Wood and another man came to luncheon. Skated for a short time. Two French officers came to see me to say goodbye. They had been here before. Meeting of the ? of the Patriotic Fund. Really interesting. The women who are coming out here married to Canadian soldiers make quite a serious problem. Sir H. Drayton came to tea and had a talk with Pearson. Quite a good meeting at the Chateau and Pearson made a most interesting and appealing speech. He took the line that blindness was not an affliction, but only a lack of one sense. Young Pearson came to stay here.

Friday Jan 10. More snow. Does not seem so cold but the thermometer was down to 20 degrees below. Went out snowshoeing with Anne and Rody. It was really very nice. The others went to a movie show. Two Miss Cooks and a brother and Les? Ross arrived for luncheon. The dinner was most successful and went off admirably. They all seemed very happy. Lot of very pretty girls, well turned out.

Saturday Jan 11 Bright but very cold. Children none the worse for last night. New English mail? Arrived. Milner goes to CO. Think we shall be able to get on all right with him. Otherwise it is not anything very startling or sensational. Mr. Baker arrived by the noon train. He was to have stopped here till tomorrow but owing to his having to go to a funeral in Washington on Monday, he went back by the afternoon train. He made a good speech to the Canadian Club. Excellent audience. Skating party. Not many came. The cold kept a lot of people away, but there was a good deal of skating. A few ministers came to dinner. The remnant of what would have been a dinner for Baker.

Sunday Jan 12 Bright and cold. Church. A Synan? Preached. Poor stuff. Sir J Aiken came to luncheon. Went on to snowshoes with the others on skis. Very nice and lovely afternoon. Cinematograph show in the back room as a rehearsal for the children tomorrow. Some were excellent.

Monday Jan 13 Not so cold. Afraid Sir W. Peterson has had a stroke. English mail. Rather depressing letter from Eve, but explained a good deal by one which brought written earlier arrived by the afternoon post. Fot through very well and ? down rather long. I think we have got the Grey or a better firebag? Anne's children's party was a great success. They were thoroughly happy and about a keen Harry Lauder. Quite a good entertainment although I do not understand his ?? following which he has. Had very serious telegram from the CO on Russia, Conditions there must be quite appalling.

Tuesday Jan 14 Milder. Definitely settled that Parliament is to meet on the 20th Feb. Afraid it will seriously cut into our spring plans. Short walk in the morning. Really lovely day. Did not put on a great coat. Went to the Ottawa Winter Fair. Very good exhibition. Rachel and Blanche came too. Sent a cable to Eve about Blanche and ADC. Hope we may get Edward Greene. Big Dinner. Went off all right.

Wednesday Jan 15 Started at 10 for **Blue Sea**. ? girls, Miss Saunders, Larry and Dick. Got to the station at one and drove by the road as the local people said the ice would not hold? When we got there we found that the workmen were still in the house and living in the shack. The girls made arrangements to live in the new house and made themselves comfortable. A very nice foreman, Smelt by name from London England, made them very comfortable. Sanding things were left behind but they seemed to be very happy. They made an excellent tea. The views were really lovely and the house will I think be quite nice. I am afraid it is just a bit on the pretentious side, but it will tone down in time. It is certainly a very attractive spot.

Thursday, Jan 16. Comfortable night in the train. Saw the CPR man in charge of the line – Mr. Spencer – quite interesting. Larry and I went over to the camp. Found the all well and in good spirits. Went out on snow shoes and then had an excellent luncheon. Dick arrived later. He walked across from the Belcourt place and got on all right, although there was no sun it was a delightful day and quite mild. Afraid there are rather awkward perils arising at the Peace Conference. Alan Keefer came up by the evening train and stayed in the car.

Friday Jan 17 Mild but snowy. Drove over to the house with Keefer. Smelt and Larry went in the wagon. Had a good look round. Children and Miss Saunders were very busy and quite enjoyed themselves. I walked back partly on snowshoes and partly on my moccasins. Rough walk, but I thoroughly enjoyed it.

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Keefer was rather seedy but got better by the time we got to **Ottawa**. Quite mild there and raining. Hoped to have found a mail but there was none. No news.

Saturday Jan 18 Quite mild and some snow. Doubtful about skating. Afraid the Sladens had a very anxious time about Gilbert last night but is better this morning. A good English letters came in. The Argentania? Is to start on Feb 1 and we think it is best for Blanche and Miss Saunders to go then. Shall make it ? duller here. Interesting letters especially from Eve by the second post. Skating party. In spite of the mild weather the ice was excellent and the party went well. Hubbards came back

Sunday Jan 19 Really lovely day. Mild and bright sun. Church. Instead of the sermon I said a few words on behalf of the Clergy Superannuation Fund. Skated in the afternoon. It was really very nice. Heard though the Press that Prince John had died at Sandringham. Very sad, but it will really be a good thing.

Monday Jan 20. A full statement appeared in the Press about Prince John saying he was liable to fits. I do not suppose there will be any general mourning. The Peace Conference seems to have opened satisfactorily. Heard from Sandhurst in reply to a telegram from me that the Kings commands their should be no official parties for a week. Put everybody off and settled not to go to Toronto. Long talk with White mainly about honours. They do not want to have any at all except military ones. Also saw Sir Joseph Pope. Skated in the afternoon. Boblaw? Brought Finlay up to tea. He is also in the same sort of job but has come from Siberia. Interesting. Also said he was at Reptor? And knew Boller? well as his people lived at Leeds. Dined with the Hendersons. Very pleasant, we sat up very late.

Tuesday Jan 21 Lovely mild day. Strict orders from CO that I am not to attend any public function for a week. Skated and took a bit of a walk. English mail. Some very interesting letters especially from Evie. She appears to have got some ADCs but I wish they would make haste and come. Excellent letter from Charlie.

Wednesday Jan 22 Rachel's birthday. Gave her some little presents. Pity we could not have the skating carnival as we had intended, but it had to be put off owing to the death of Prince John. Went with Rachel to see the naval pictures. They are quite excellent and most interesting. Anne returned from Quebec and says she has had a good time. Mr Robson? Who is working on the repatriation Board came to luncheon. Very interesting. Mr. Braddorn, Trade Commissioner from Australia came to tea and we had a long and interesting conversation. Quite a ? shower, but cleared off later. Went for a walk. Roads very slippery. Peggy and Gaven came to dinner.

Thursday Jan 23 Dark muggy day. Curious development at **Peace Conference**. They have settled to call Russian representatives to a conference on an island in the sea of Marmara. It is all very perplexing. Set in to rain and went on all day. Got a walk but the going was bad.

Friday Jan 24 Much colder. Very little news. Blanche and Rachel went to the Minto rink and had a good skating there. Walk with Anne. Quite nice. Message from Henderson that Taft was coming back to Ottawa tomorrow morning. Asked him to breakfast. Walk to the Intercession Service. Hardly any one there.

Saturday Jan 25. A really lovely day. Bright but much colder. Mr Taft who had been speaking at Pembroke came to breakfast. He was in really good form and we had quite an interesting conversation. Skated and got a bit of a walk. Several children came up to skate and stopped to tea. Wonderful sunset. The Erwins came to dinner played bridge. Nice couple.

Sunday Jan 26 Dull and gray. Not so cold but fine. Church. Got an English mail. Long letter from Eve but it really does not throw much light on ADCs Left for **Quebec** in the afternoon. Dinner at the Club. Montreal. Gen Wilson, Senalen, Smeaton White Beatty Milne Sir F Williams Taylor and his son. Very pleasant.

Monday Jan 27 Comfortable journey. Arrived Quebec in the morning and left the car at 8.30. Mayor Pelletier met us at the station. Drove to Spencerwood. Fitzpatrick's very well and have made the house very nice. Another tooth came out but think the plate will remain in for my time here. but it will take it all it can do. Drove up to the Citadel. ? conditions as attractive as ever. The snow is very deep all round. There was a big fall last week. Luncheon at the Parliament buildings. About 15 or 20 there. No speeches. Got in some useful conversations. Visited Tuberculosis Hospital. New Looks very good, although I saw no new features. Men's dinner in the evening. Interesting.

Tuesday Jan 28. Lovely day. Went for a drive with Lady Fitzpatrick. The views were beautiful. Canadian Club luncheon. Good audience. I made a long speech but entirely in English. People seemed pleased. Went to the Discharge Depot. It is a difficult and interesting job. Said a few words to some of the men. Attended

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a meeting of IODE. Quite a representation ? Said a few words. Big Dinner with some quite pleasant and interesting people. Left by midnight train. Afraid the news from Russia is very bad and there appears to be a lot of unrest at home.

Wednesday Jan 29 Comfortable night. Some more snow but the train was keeping on good time. Got back **(Ottawa)** at 12.30. Great rush. Lot of papers and mail. Blanche and Miss Saunders left. It is hard to think of their going. Luckily Rachel and Anne are still here and there is above all Dick. Without him life would be quite impossible. The ADCs are worse than useless. Went to the Photographs again. Walter made a good speech and I said a few words. Big dinner party. Went all right but I did not know the women and got rather involved. Several more letters from England. ? one from Ld Lansdowne about the W. Derbyshire election. Also arranged to see that Charlie is not to go to Eton but to go to Eastbourne.

Thursday Jan 30. Mild with occasional snow showers. Lot of tiresome news in papers. Colonies are said to be kept under League of Nations, but that is not clear. It is also said that an American syndicate has acquired all our aeroplane plant at Toronto. If that is true it will be very unpopular. Cannot say how much we miss Blanche and Miss Saunders. Went to Graham the dentist. On the whole he was more reassuring than I expected. Went out with Anne on snow shoes, but there was hardly enough snow and what there was was soft and wet. Big dinner. Went very well, but again I was quite confused with the women.

Friday Jan 31. Lovely morning but much colder. More snow in the night. The Press reports of conference proceedings are very vague. Saw Sir J. Flavelle and Sir T White, both were interesting. Went to the Imperial Theatre with the children and saw the Canada at Mons film. Quite good. Cold wind and looks like more snow.

Saturday Feb 1 Nice day but cold. No news. Dentist. He thinks he will have to pull out some teeth. Seems a pity to lose what few we were. Got a few letters off for England. Wish we could get another mail. Skating party was not successful. Lot of skaters and others. About five hundred all told. Professor Osborn of Winnipeg came to dinner. He has been speaking on the ethical? education in different places and seem satisfied with the progress. Said I would give my patronage to the movement.

Sunday Feb 2 Lovely morning Constemas. The old tradition about the bear seeing his shadow points to another six weeks winter. Church. Stayed for second service. Brewer preached an interesting sermon on the Jews. Skated in the afternoon. Really very nice. Afraid Hubbard has got a nasty cold.

Monday Feb 3 Another lovely day. Practically no news in papers. Dentist. He pulled out two of the loose teeth and did not hurt at all, but my mouth feels terribly empty. Letter from Blanche posted at Monkton. They seem alright so far except the restaurant car broke down. ?? plenty of food on the car. Some People came up to skate. They are very good and the new professional also came. Both Rachel and Anne are coming on fast. Big dinner. Went off well.

Tuesday Feb 4 Nice day. Mild and gray. No news. Went to the office and saw Cockrane. He is very broken by the death of his son and is going away to Florida with his wife. Also saw Sir Joseph Pope. Billy Allan came to luncheon. Nice old man. In the afternoon went with Hubbard, Dick and George to Eddys works. Very interesting. Nice big English mails with a lot of really interesting letters. Big dinner. Went alright.

Wednesday Feb 5 More snow in the night and morning but nice feeling day. Tiresome letter from Woolcombe? Jarvis? Henderson had told him that Charlie had failed in his entrance exams. It is very unfortunate and only shows the fault of ?? chatter. Dentist. Removed another tooth and wanted to take another but I resisted. Peggy's birthday party at the country club. Dick Anne and I motored to the golf Club and walked across. Went out in a sleigh. Very good going. Lot of snow coming down.

Thursday Feb 6 Lovely day. Colder. Interesting letter from Eve. She is getting on well with the ADCs but Henderson as he ought to have done had never notified the W.O. that the ADCs had left. Dentist. He is getting on with the new constructions. Several people came up to skate and Rachel is making good progress. Mr. Graham?? Of Indian reserves and his wife came to luncheon. Sir George McLaren Brown came to see me.. He was quite interesting. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Toronto by three goals to one.

Friday Feb 7 Nice day. Strikes in London look better. Perhaps these unauthorized break also may be the means of getting off a lot of trouble. Went to the dentist with Anne. He is making good progress with my apparatus. Saw White who gave me a draft of speech from the Throne. Heavy lot of legislation, but think it is a good speech. Hubbard left. Skated. Owing to some mistake (??) came up, but she gave me a good lesson and I think I really improved a bit. Anne certainly got on. Rachel went with Lang? To the M? club,

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somewhat I am afraid to ?? annoyance. Dick went to old Reid's funeral. Perfectly lovely afternoon and the ice was excellent. Hubbard left but hopes to return at the end of next week.

Saturday Feb 8 Telegram from Blanche saying they had arrived at Glasgow and had excellent journey. Lovely morning. Skating party. 550 present and a lot of skaters. Most successful. Sir C Gunning arrived. Charming man. Sladens, Henderons and Blackburnes dined here and played bridge.

Sunday Feb 9 Lovely morning. Church. General McLachton arrived. Quite interesting. Skated in the afternoon but the ice was rather rough. Short walk after tea. Lovely sunset. General Ashteon and Gwatkin and Burrell and Newcombe came to dinner. Very pleasant.

Monday Feb 10 Another glorious day but colder. 2 degrees below zero but sun was quite strong. Strikes at home seem to be waning. No news otherwise. Left for **Montreal** by Grand Trunk. Gunning came with us. Arrived punctually and found Sir Vincent Meredith at the station. Dick was at the hotel. Dinner at the club. Bishop of Montreal and an American bishop and Ld Althostan, Vincent Meredith, Grant Hall, Dr. Shepherd, Hubbard, Waller and Talbot. ?? very tiresome, especially the American. Opened the celebration of photographs. They look very well indeed in the gallery. Good attendance. Went back to the Club and played bridge with Hall and Clarke. Good game but lost.

Tuesday Feb 11. The same lovely weather but colder. Got back to **Ottawa** at 12. Rather inclined to have a touch of gout in the knee. Interesting English mail. Engineer ?? meeting. Luncheon at the Chateau. Good gathering. I said a few words and good speeches both Mayor and Secretary of the Business Council of Engineers. A few people came to skate but I could not do anything owing to my knee. Big dinner. Went off alright. My knee however was rather stiff.

Wednesday Feb 12. Another lovely day. Knee much better. King's speech at home is unusually interesting and striking. Big social reforms are clearly indicated. Dentist. Interesting talk with White about the speech. Sir J. Flavelle and Colonel Owen came to luncheon. Owen is a vet and came to look after horse which is ill. He says it is down? To his pneumonia. Interesting and pleasant man. Children had some people to skate and got on well. Startling report in evening papers that PM is to be the new ambassador at Washington. We had heard nothing about it. McLachlin left in the evening after dinner.

Thursday Feb 13. Really delightful day. Quite mild and warm. Interesting letters from home. BJ is engaged to be married to Lady Moyes? Dawson Davies? Eve said he was very happy. Skated and looked at the curling match. Final for the match between the Rideau Club and the Outremont? Rideau won and I presented the cup. Proceedings went well. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Montreal easily but good game. Dick went to Montreal for Andrew Allan funeral.

Friday Feb 14. Very bad report of aO? Rosenberg? Afraid it looks as bad as possible Heavy snowfall, but I expect it will do good. Dentist filled me up and I think the apparatus is really going to be a success. Feels a little awkward but I successfully get through three weeks with it today. Larry had a party at the Country Club which was really very successfully. The snow had improved the snowshoeing. The agreement drawn up by the Peace Conference was published and is quite a good document.

Saturday Feb 15 Quite mild. Some new snow in the night, but glass was rising so I hope it will be alright for skating. President Wilson has apparently left Paris for New York. Skating party. Very successful, lot of skaters and a lovely afternoon. Mr. Gib and Commander Morris? Came to dinner and played bridge. Very pleasant evening.

Sunday Feb 16 Colder but fine. Church. Went out on snowshoes with the children on skis. Lovely afternoon. Fitzgerald ? of the Ministers and Board and now of the B.B.DC. came to tea. Most interesting. Hubbard left by night train for Toronto. Heard quite late that Sir Wilfrid had had a stroke in the morning. Although there is said to be no immediate danger I should think it would be very doubtful if he could live for long. It will be the passing of a great figure.

Monday Feb 17. Accounts of Sir Wilfred are very bad and there appear to be no hope. Talked personally. Saw Lady Pope and Mrs. Vidal and Senator ? and the secretary. They said the end might come at any moment. Bad account of Lady Lawson. Dentist. He made one or two slight adjustments which were really an improvement. Saw Sir T. White. He told me Govt would offer state funeral and after reading the speech both houses would adjourn on Thursday. He quite agreed about canceling dinner and reception. I postponed

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going to Montreal. One or two people came to skate with the children. Got a bit of a walk. Lovely evening. Heard in the early afternoon that Sir Wilfred had passed away. It is a real loss.

Tuesday Feb 18. Newspapers full of accounts of Sir Wilfrid. Most of the articles and expressions are in good taste. Funeral which is to be a state one is to be here on Saturday. There is also to be a lying in state in the Senate. Rather inclined to be gouty so kept pretty quiet. Afraid Dick is rather seedy. He had a fall out snowshoeing on Sunday and seems to have hurt himself a good deal.

Wednesday Feb 19. My foot was decidedly better. Afraid Dick is quite laid up with water on the knee. No news, but an English mail came in with some interesting letters. Got a bit of a walk in the afternoon. Hubbard came up for dinner and left for Vancouver by the night train. He was pleased with his trip to Toronto.

Thursday Feb 20 Clemenceau was shot at yesterday in Paris and although he was hit he does not seem to be bad. Another really lovely day. Opening of Parliament. Good attendance of both house and the ceremony passed off quite well. The speech was long but I think I got through it alright. At six I was down again to the Museum. Sir Wilfred's body had been moved there and I placed a wreath at the good of the coffin. There was a glass lid and he looked rather ?? in full uniform. Most of the Cabinet were there and several other Senators and members. Col Oliver? (Owen?) came for the night. Telegram from Davidson? That he was in Montreal.

Friday Feb 21. Dull and grey. Looks like snow. Spoke to Charlie Dunsmore on the telephone. He is coming tonight and will go on to Toronto with me. Skated with Anne in the afternoon. Rachel went down to the rink. Afraid Miss Walter was rather annoyed. The arrangements for the funeral are being completed. It will be a long business. Charlie Dunsmore arrived. He looks ill and rather unsettled.

Saturday Feb 22. Nice day. Sir Wilfred's funeral. On the way to the Museum it knocked over a small boy but he was none the worse. The funeral was well arranged but very long. Left at 9.40 and did not get back till two. Good addresses from Archbishop Matthew and Father Burke. The attendance everywhere was very large. Rachel had the two Bangs? And J.R. Booth up to skate and practiced the combined figures. Seemed to get on very well. Left for **Toronto** after dinner. Dunsmore? Came with us. Sladen and George were on duty. Several Toronto people in the train who had been to the funeral. Sir W. Murdock? Sir John Ealor? On the train. They came to the car and brought some Americans who were with them. Played bridge on ? with Dunsmore, Sladen and Mulock?

Sunday Feb 23 Quite mild and damp. No snow on grass. Got to Govt House for breakfast. Lady Hardie has got a cold and was not down. Went to Canon Lodges church. Nice service. In the afternoon went to the art museum. The Ottawa pictures are there. Quite an interesting collection. The museum is being built on to the Goldarm? Smiths house, which is a nice old fashioned place and quite historical. Col. Marchall, Mr Jarvis (navy league) and a Col. Osborne who has been a prisoner in Germany came to dinner.

Monday Feb 24 Lovely day. Quiet spring like. Visited the new orthopedic hospital. It is not quite finished but is a wonderful institution and very well equipped. Terribly sad to see so many cases of amputation and in many cases double one. Meeting of Toronto Branch of Victorian Order of Nurses. Quite a successful gathering. Said a few words. The order certainly seems in a strong and vigorous condition. Walked home with George and felt much better for it. I did not find a great coat, but it was quite warm. Great relief not to have to put on rubbers. Attended dinner given by the Govt to General Pan? And his mission. Quite a pleasant and successful gathering. General Pan is very nice but can't speak English

Tuesday Feb 25. Colder and gray. Rain later. Red Cross. Long meeting and discursive but got through some useful work. The Toronto feeling is getting still more marked against the West. ?? given by the Canadian Club and the Empire Club to the French Mission. General Pan? And Dr. Siefgried both made good speeches. The Provincial Parliament was opened but I did not see anything of it. State dinner. A somewhat ponderous affair but I managed to talk to several interesting men.

Wednesday Feb 26 Colder but ?? Presentation of medals at Prov Parliament buildings. Very few people there. Gave three medals and a CB. Went over to the Hart House. The actual work for the wounded has closed down, but the training still going on. Went all over the building. It is certainly a splendid effort and very promising. Went on to Red X. Vincent Massey was speaking when I arrived and was explaining ? of the Representative? Committee that all of his Committee ? the Red X should ? of the School Lesson work in connection with the returned men and their families. On the whole the Society was not unfavourably

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disposed. Luncheon at the Victoria Colleges. Rather a formidable collection of diviners? Lawyes and students, but a most interesting gathering. Got through my speech but was rather an effort. Looked in at the library. Small but well arranged. Went o to the hospital. Met the governing body and went over a good deal. Saw the labs. The same delightful nurse was there. Sad a few words to the nurses and had tea. Went on to a home with has recently been established for the blind. Excellent work is being done. Above a dozen totally blind were there. Had some more tea. Went to Sir E. Oslers and had quite an interesting talk. In the evening we went to a great gathering in the Armouries which had been arranged by General Farr? For the returned men. Really most successful. I said a few words and General Pan? Spoke before a crowd of 5000 people present. Had something to eat and there were Papers? Songs, band and Members Line Chorus. The idea which is Farr's is certainly excellent and he deserves great credit. Long but interesting and I think useful day.

Thursday Feb 27 Colder but bright. Various statement in the papers on the prospects of the Session ?in Ottawa. Interesting mail. Drove out to the Hunt Club with Sir John. Quite nice. Lakes came to luncheon. Red X annual meeting rather too long, but ? formal resolutions to amend charter. Looked in at a concert after dinner and went to the train. Comfortable journey.

Friday Feb 28 Arrived Ottawa for breakfast. Fine but cold. Children all well and Dick is better. Canadian Club luncheon for General Pan and his mission but the General was unable to come as he was seedy. Siegfried made a good speech. Annual meeting of the St. Johns Ambulance. Good attendance and the report was most satisfactory. Big main dinner for the French mission. Went off very well.

Saturday March 1. Wild stormy night but better in the morning. Think it will be alright for the skating party. Saw Mr. Powell at the office and signed some documents which Macpherson had sent out. Also saw Sir T. White. His is most anxious to get the PM back without delay and he thinks he may come by the end of the month. Some of the performers came up to skate and rehearse for the evening. They are certainly wonderful. Skating party was a great success. The weather was perfectd, not too cold and the wind had dropped. The lighting was most effectdive and the skating excellent although the ice was on the soft side. Rachel got through her part very well. Both she and Anne looked quite nice and skated a lot. The French Mission cam up and seemed very pleased. Over 800 people came.

Sunday March 2 Lovely day. Rachel and Anne none the worse for the party. I had cramps in the morning. I suppose it is due to standing about so long on the ice. Chuch. Brewer preached an interesting sermon on the Church of England and her position. He wanted greater actdivity as a church. Stayed for the second service. Lovely afternoon. Skated for a few minutes but the ice was soft and I was stiff so I did not stay long and went for a walk.

Monday March 3 Lovely morning. Quite spring like. Got some letters off for the English mail. Hugh Molyneux and Harry Cator arrived. They both seem quite chqrmng and a great improvement on the other boys. Investiture – Sir R Lake and Sir Douglas were knighted and I gave the CMS? To Blout. I am afraid his wife is ding. Lady Lake and Lady Hagen came to luncheon. Did some skating and got a walk. Saw the firs crow. Col. Wood came to tea and I had a talk with him about D.H. A New Yourk syndicate is after it. Dinner party. The two boys brought a letter? from Eve but all plans are much involved. Dinner went off well. Mrs. Walton, Rachel and Larry went to the hockey match which was ?? Ottawa. The two new ADCs are most ?

Tuesday March 4 Dull but mild. Members luncheon. Quite a useful talk with them. I am sure thy are excellent b? Mimss Barrows came up to skate but it was very sloppy and soft. The two new ADCs are most promising. Our neighbour ? who appeared in a uniform which he describes as Russian but which looked very like a German's has written a very foolish explanateion about it in reply to some criticisms which are said to have been made. Dinner party. Paired off alright but rather sticky afternoon. Rachel and the two new ADCs went out to a dinner at Lady Kinsmills.

Ash Wednesday Lot of rain in the night but ther was snow in the morning. Went to Church. Rachel and the boys seem to have enjoyed the dance last night. Colonel Peck ? his wife. General Macdougall and his wife came to luncheon. Peck is juset back and took his seat at the HofC yesterday. Went out with him, Harery and George. They skied and I was in snowshoes. Really very nice.

Thuirsdays March 6 Left Ottawa 8.45 with Henderson, Harry and George for Montreal. Lovely morning but down to zero. Sun is quite hot. Got out at St. Anne and went all over the hostpital. Quite nice and a good

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tone. Tremendous array of generals and officers. Said a few words to the men at the dinner and also after a luncheon. Hospital is not quite finished but the men seemed happy and contented. Got to Montreal about 3.30. Went to tea with the Merediths. Presented a medal to a Mr. Kavanaugh for his brother who had been killed. Saw five young men who want to make a Club to be called the Albatross for flying men. They seem alright and have got some grand vice Presidents such as Beatty and Carruthers. They want me to be President. Think I can, but I must have some more information first. Meeting at the Windsor for the organisation of an army and Veteran Association. A Mr. Tupper came from Winnipeg. Rather sticky and dull and poor attendance. Made a poor speech myself but there was very little to say. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick came.

Friday March 7. Cold but bright and fine. Said goodbye to General Pan. Visited General Hostepiatl and had a good look round. Right down in the slum quarters and is doing good work. It is quite old, an old building but is up to date in equipment. Visited Knights of Columbus but RC institution. Expect it is doing useful work. Had some luncheon at the Club. Henderson rather tiresome but the other two do alright. Visited the university settlement. Should say it is doing excellent work. Went on to the Institute for the Blind. There again the work was good. Tea with the Huntley Drummonds. Three other ladies were there, one of whom knew Eddy and Linda in Paris. Mercury? Institute Dinner. Very long a bit lot of speeches, but most of them were interesting.

Saturday March 8 Lovely day. Got back to Ottawa at 12.30. Afraid there has been some very serious trouble at one of the Canadian camps in England. Over twenty people killed and a lot injured but we had had no official details. Several people came to skate. Very nice. Attended a performance given by Amateurs for the friends of Y.W.V.A. They gave the ? and did it admirably. Pereira in the office was responsible and deserves the greatest credit.

Sunday March 9 Heavy snow and wind but not cold. Anne and I managed to get to Church but at the gate the snow was well over our knees. Children and staff went out on skis and I snowshoed. Rally delightful although the snow was rather heavy.

Monday March 10 Fine and bright, but the snow fall was the heaviest of the winter. Quite a job getting it cleared. I did some shoveling in the afternoon and got very stiff. Interesting letters from Eve and others. In the evening I went to a picture show given by the Irdwood? All was pictures. They were some of the best I have seen. The lecture might have been better.

Tuesday March 11 Fine and milder. Interesting talk with White over the Military riots at home and the Railway situation here. Members luncheon. Rather tedious. Got a walk in the afternoon and evening. Burrell came up and played bridge. The school room lady went to the ice slide.

Wednesday March 12. Delightful day. Mild and fine? Clouded over later. Members luncheon. One came who was not invited. Some others did not answer and some came who were not asked. Short walk in the afternoon. Scratch hockey match in the evening. No real go in it and the ice was very sticky.

Thursday March 13 Lovely day 4 degrees below in the morning but hot sun later on. Saw Sir Joseph Pope and Mr. Draper at the office. They were both interesting. Draper was overseer with Sir Robert Borden. On the whole he takes a rather more cheerful view than others generally entertained here as to the outcome of labour unrest at home. Got a good walk in the afternoon. Lovely evening, but every sign of hard frost.

Friday March 14 Another lovely day but cold. 10 degrees below during the night. Got a walk in the afternoon. Every appearance of another cold night. A Mr Beale came to luncheon. He is the new Trade Commissioner at Will[eg]. Seemed a capable and interesting man. General Inghielon/ of the Italian attaché at Washington came to stay. Interesting and pleasant. Talks English perfectly.

Saturday March 15 Another lovely day. Cold but bright. Boy Scout meeting. Formal and dull. Poor attendance. The General spoke at the Canadian Club luncheon. Good speech but rather too long. Very outspoken about the Jugoslavs. Got a walk in the afternoon. Anne stopped in bed as she has rather a cold. Got a few people to dinner to meet the General.

Sunday March 16. Damp and looks like rain. Went to Church. The path was absolutely a sheet of ice but we managed to get there without any catastrophe. The Italian Vice Consul came to luncheon. The General went off to a meeting of Italians and had a good gathering. Rachel and Dick went to all Saints and heard Mrs. Parkinson sing a solo in the anthem. Her father, who is a gun maker in Alverstan? Had written to me about her. The McLennans came to tea and brought two Americans with them. Nice and interesting people.

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On going back to my room I found a telegram from Eve saying Blance was engaged to Ivan? Cobbold? And that they were delighted. Uite unexpected but great news. Nothing can be too good for Blanche and I do hpe she will be happy. Everyone who knows him says that he is delightful. I did not know how to work off my feelings so I walked up and down the sidewalk which is only place where there is no ice and also telephoned to various people. They were all very nice and I think that they genuinely liked Blance.

Monday March 17 St. patrick's day Decided thaw. Damp and muggy. Rain later. The Italian General left and Mr Nathan? Arrived. Rachel competed in the Minto Club and did quite well. I went down about five and saw her. The other skaters were wonderful. Dinner. Quite plesant. Went back to the rink afterwards and gave the ?? Rachedl did not win her class but she did very creditably.

Thursday March 18 Colder and wet in the afternoon. Nathan left. Interesting and plesant man. Got a walk in the evening. Slushy and damp but on the whole the thaw is going well. Dinner. Mostly MPs but quite pleasant. They were mostly western people. Had a mosts interesting talk with Reid. He is a keen and intelligent observer. Thinks the session will last through June.

Wednesday March 19 Lovely day. Debate in the address concluded last night. The atmosphere grew more heated. Princess Patricias arrived. Great reception and the regiment looked smart and keen. We were kept waiting on the oof of the porch of the Chateau Laurier for over an hour and then I had to fight my way through the criwd to where Traymen? Paraded. Said a few words and was introduced to the officers. ? the offices where I saw Lemieux and Doughty. Lemieux wanted to know about the Roumanian Prince who came here. He if I remember alright thought him as important. He is engaged to Lemieuxs neice and they want more information about him. He also wants a military cross for his son who was killed. Members ?? quite useful.and pleasant. Left for Blue Sea with Dick, Hugh, Harvy Georgege. Rachel and Anne. Lovely evening. Not very snow up at Blue sea.

Thursday March 20 Left the track soon after 9 in sleighs and got to New Lismore in good time. Really lovely day. The house is pretty much furnished. Still looks new and garish, but I hope it will be very nice. Luncheon there. Smith the contractdor, Crisl? And Sherwell? Came. Got out for dinner. Cecil Lowther Arrived. Very good form. Had some people to meet him.

Friday March 21 Lovely morning. Colder later. The colonels several officeres of Princess Patricias came to luncheon. Got a walk in the afternoon. Rather slushy. Telegram from Eve suggestion the thirtieth of April for the wedding. Seems quite convenient.

Saturday March 22 Cold in the night but hot and fine in he day. The weather is really delightful. Canaedian Club luncheon. The colonel and officers oth e Princess Patricias were there and had a great welcome. The Colonel said a few words. The speaker was a D. Henton? Who had done a great deal of work with the National Service work in the USA. He spoke on Democracy and Bolshevism. Made a good speech but introduced his much padding of an conversant? And Blasphemous nature? Spoiled his speech by doing so. Went with Anne to see the ice going over the Rideau falls. Fine sight. Went out in th evening. Wonderful sundet. Looks like frost.

Sunday March 23 Lovely day again. Cold in the night, but bright and hot sun. Snow going nicely. Church. Brewan? Preached an interesting sermon on the organization of the C of England and pointed out how truly democratic it was. A few letters from home. Eve and Dorothy write from Chatsworth. Afraid there is a good deal of trouble there. Maud went from London. Cecil Lowther left by the night train.

Monday March 24 A really lovely day. Snow is going fast. Got a good walk with Anne in the afternoon. We went round Mackay Lake. Ver nice but rather slushy. Depressing letters from Eve about Chatsworth and a most gloomy one from St. John on things in general I cannot but think they are both unreasonably rattled.

Tuesday March 25 Nice day again. The strike news from England looks easier. Telegram from Eve from Lismore saying approve vaccination. Charlie middle fourth. Dorothy German measles. Bad luck for Dorothy. Getting laid up just when they get to Ireland. Charlies place not bad.considering all things. Interesting conversation with White. He told me that there might be an important Tariff debate this afternoon. Also saw Admiral Kinsmill. Talk with him about possible ships for a Maritime Province Tour, but did not settle anyting. Members luncheon, but only four appeared. Went out to see the Hogs Back. There is a lot of water coming down and it is really a great sight. Dr. Gibson vaccinated the two girls. Poor little Anne was very nervous, but was very good and did not mind when once he had started.

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Wednesday March 26 Nice sort fresh morning. Snow going fast. The debate in the House yesterday on Tariffs ought to have the effect of clearing the air. Several very interesting letters. Nice walk with Anne in the afternoon. Mr Dafoe, Winnipeg Free Press came to luncheon. Quite interesting as he was just back from the Peace Conference. Dinner party. Quite successful and pleasant.

Thursday March 27 Wet and muggy but the rain is washing the snow away. Saw Major Foote of Eastbourne. He came here on purpose to see me with reference to the College. I promised him a subscription and also to help as far as I could by intending? The lease. Seems a pleasant and keen man. Took him in to the luncheon at the Club with MPs. Good number came and were quite interesting. They vary very much in their estimate of the length of the session. Walk with Anne. Very wet but the snow is going fast. Ld Shaughnessy arrived. Very well and as usually very pleasant and interesting.

Friday March 28 Quite a heavy fall of snow. Very tiresome. The H of Commons last night turned down the Daylight Saving bill. Think it very narrow and owing to its adoption in the state there will be much confusion here. The Railways way they mean to introduce it and several of the cities will probably adopt it. White and Carvell? Came to luncheon. Ld Shaughnessy left in the afternoon. Got a to mile walk on the side walk. Very disagreeable weather.

Saturday March 29 Stormy and snow. Very unpleasant weather. The confusion over Daylight Saving is very bad. Attended Women's Canadian Club and spoke for rather more than twenty minutes. Rather a long and dull affair. An American actress Mrs. Arthur also said a few words. She seemed a pleasant sort of woman. Got a short walk in the evening. Weather still very wild and unsettled.

Sunday March 30 Cold but fine. Church. The Sladens came to luncheon and brought S. Barbe their boy who has just got back. Nice boy but stammers dreadfully. Got a bit of a walk in the afternoon. Cold wind but the snow was gradually whisting. Mr. Gill came to dinner.

Monday March 31 More snow in the night but not so cold. The Mayor has issued an appeal to have the Daylight Saving Bill put into effect. It seems doubtful what action will be taken by the Government. Got off several letters walk in the afternoon with Rachel and Anne. Cold wind and I think I have started a cold in the head. Fra Maynell unexpectedly appeared. He is on a Cdn mission visiting the continent in Red X work, but I could not make out what exactly it was. Seems very fit and well. Delightful to see him again, although he was unable to stop the night. The clocks were changed at dinner here so we should get the advantage of the Daylight Saving.

Tuesday April 1 Started the new Daylight Saving with zero temperature. Cold wind but fine. Our clocks were altered at night and everything was quite normal in the morning. Members luncheon. Quite an interesting lot and only one got wrong with the hour. There is still considerable confusion. Got a walk with Anne. Cold wind and every sign of more snow. A nice English mail came in. Very happy letter from Blanche. Also from Ivan. They certainly both write as if they were really happy. Went to a lecture by Mr. Gibbs, the war correspondent. Disappointing. Thin and unconvincing. Saw in some English papers that came in that Nettie? Lindenderry was dead. She had rather outlived her time but will be a loss.

Wednesday April 2 Lovely morning, but still cold. Bright sun. Some nice interesting letters, especially from Eve and Cobbold. He seems inclined to be very generous about settlements. Good walk with Anne. Burrells Judge Anglin came to dinner and played bridge. The ADCs all went to the Country Club for a farewell dinner to Larry.

Thursday April 3 Nice day and much milder. Some more very interesting letters. Saw White and had an interesting talk with him. He was very annoyed with Senator Robertson who had let out the Govt Labour scheme and ? the knowledge of his colleagues. Members luncheon. The double time and was very tiresome. Two arrived very late in consequence. The children called for me and we went over the American Bowl both? Works. Very interesting. Dinner rather tedious. The French do not make things easier. Dick took Rachel and a party to a concert and they danced when they got back home.

Friday April 4. Milder. News all round seems depressing. Mr. Glassco? The secretary of Mr. Gill brought me up the formal announcement of his resignation of Sir William Peterson a Principal and the appointment of Sir Archibald? Geddes. Interesting man. He stopped to luncheon. Walk with Anne. Rachel went to the Arena and said she had a good skating.

Saturday March 5 [he means April 5] Milder. Snow going well. Anne and I found the first crocuses in book on the bank below my room. Mrs Harrington, Victorian Order of Nurses came to luncheon. She had

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just got back from the west and gave a most excellent account of the work of the Order but says there are conditions there which are quite dreadful. Went out to the Experimental Farm. Took Anne and Dick besides George Fortescu who was in waiting. Nothing out of doors yet. Stock looked well. Fripp and Macpherson came to dinner and played bridge.

Sunday April 6 Dull and mild. Church. Walk with Anne in the evening. ? very nice after a wet afternoon. Hendersons came to dinner. Larry left by the night train. Think he is sorry to leave but I am sure it is best that he should do so.

Monday April 7 Foggy. Very full and interesting mail. Afraid people at home are very much disgruntled. Walk with Anne and in the evening I knocked a golf ball about.

Tuesday April 8 Lovely morning. A few more letters came in. Afraid from what Dick says every one is very rattled. General Snobank? And his wife came to luncheon. Quite interesting Picked up stone? And felt all the better for some exercise.

Wednesday April 9 A really lovely spring day. Patriotic Fund meeting. Well attended and every province was represented. We decided to keep on for a year but not to extend the scope of the work. Think it is quite the right decision. In any case?, there was nothing but to approve. Picked up stones. Went to see the "Better Ole" Really quite excellent as a play and very true to the Bairnsfalter? Cartoons.

Thursday April 10 Raw and wet, but it will wash the remnants of the snow away. Saw White but he was rattled and worried. Heard in the evening that his estimates were coming in and that may have accounted for his state of mind. Departure? Of bishop and leading Divines of the D? notdion? Came to see me and wanted me to be Honourary Chairman of the movement to which a big share? Of money. Said that I would. Members luncheon. Quite an interesting lot. Walk with Anne. Very wet and damp. Dinner went off alright.

Friday April 11 Very wet and muggy. Macmillan arrived. Seems a nice boy. The Vincent masseys and Josiah Wood came to luncheon. Interesting talk with Massey over the new suggested associatdion of Red Cross and VON and St. Johns. Papers are full of the Quebec referendum. As far as I can make out on a 50% poll there was a large majority in favour of light wines and beers. The Bishop of Ottawa came to tea and we had a long and interesting talk. Unluckily I never got a walk. Tiresome account from Smith and Keefer about Blue Sea. They are charging percentages on everything. Dined with the Hendersons, Mr? Rhodes, Mrs Crowdie and Dick. Played bridge and won. Sat up very late.

Saturday April 12 Very wild and rather colder. Opening of the golf season. Quite a good number of people appeared and everything was very cheery. No formal proceedings. I played six holes with Dick and Macpherson and got on quite as well as I could expect. I wish I could hit the ball con? Very good getting out there again. Dined with the Sladens. Gills, and Blackmores? were there. Quite pleasant.

Sunday April 13 Wet and muggy. The Egans? Came to luncheon. They had just got back from California and looked very well and were in good spirits. Got a good walk in the afternoon, in spite of more or less constant rain. Cleared up in the evening.

Monday April 14 Lovely morning. The Peace Conference is really at last making progress. Interesting letters from Eve and Eddy. Saw White and gave him GD?? Letter about Fitzpatrick and also one which Sladen had received from Mathew?. White had a cold. Played golf with Macmillan. He plays quite well and is much better than I am. Very jolly on the course. Lovely evening. Macmillan is certainly a great acquisition.

Tuesday April 15. Another lovely day. Tiresome debate on titles [honours] last night in the House. Gov't got out by appointing a Committee. Hope this subject will now be left alone. Went over the new Parliament buildings. We were a large party. All the ADCs, Lady Violet, Mrs. Walton and their children., Carvelle Pearson showed us over. The building has come on a lot and will I think be good. The inside is better than the outside, but the amount of room and space occupied is astounding. General Maurice came to luncheon. He was pleasant and interesting. Played golf with Harold and Harry. Lovely out there and we had a good game. I wish I could do better.

Wednesday April 16 Wild and rough with snow and sleet. Disappointing weather. Mr and Mrs Hope Sampson who brought a letter from Willie Bridgeman came to luncheon. Quite nice and interesting people. Took the children over the mint. They were keen and interested. Rain and snow all day but got a short walk in the evening.

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Thursday April 17 Very cold and damp. Cecil Lowther returned in the morning. Seems to have had a successful trip. Lloyd George's speech in HofC is well called over and seems to have been a great success. Got a walk in the afternoon and went out after tea with Anne. Good.

Friday April 18 Great improvement in the weather. Really much better day. There appear to be a serious row between Lloyd George and Northcliffe. Telegram from Jack Cator asking me to prevent Harry doing anything foolish. Very awkward. Had a talk with Henderson and Lady Violet. They do not think it has gone very far, but did not know. Dick had a telephone message from Montreal that poor little Geordie Beardman died yesterday. I am afraid it will be a terrible blow to them. Went for a walk with Harry. He is absolutely right and though he was at one attracted by the girl it is all over and there is nothing in it. He certainly is a most attractive boy.

Saturday March 19 [he means April] Lovely morning. Letter from Eve. Everything seems going on well. Took the children and the four ADCs out for a drive and got to a place called Greely. I wanted to cross over the Rideau river and go home but the road got very rough and bad so we came back the same way. Dick has got a real streaming cold in the head.

Easter Sunday We all went to the Early service. Very nice a a large congregation. Weather unsettled but improved later. Nice service at the usual morning church. Some interesting letters arrived. Walk with the children.

Monday April 21 Lovely morning. Got through some letters. In the afternoon went to a The Danseant at the Chateau Laurier in aid of the Humane Society. Took Rachel and Anne. Had tea there and watched the dancing for a bit. Really quite amusing and of its sort the function was quite successful. Walk with Anne and Hugh in the evening. Lovely sunset. Went to the Priates of Penzance by the Civil Service M? Society. Not a very great performance.

Tuesday April 22 lovely day. There appear to be still further delays over the Paris Conference. It is really very tiresome. Office. Saw Colonel Apreckles? Wilson. He is collecting trophies and wants to get some responsible organization here. Seems a keen and intelligent man but I am told his reputation is not very high. Played golf with Dick. It was really delightful out there and we had a good game. Lot of people there. Went to the Pantest? Choir Concert. It was really very good.

Wednesday April 23 St. Georges Day Lovely day. Saw White and Mendbarn? Bothe interesting. White spoke confidently of getting on with the work of the session. Played golf with Dick but did very badly. Interesting English mail. Went to a lecture by Stefasson the Arctic Explorer. Rather long but very interesting and excellent photographs.

Thursday April 24 Wet. Glass falling fast. Serious hitch at Paris over the Italian muddle. They are all very tiresome. Got a walk in the evening. Very interesting mail. Dinner. Went off alright.

Friday April 25 Very cold with sleet and showers. Afraid it will cut the bulbs and leaves. Stefasson the explorer came to luncheon and was very interesting. Walk with Anne. Most unpleasant afternoon. Cold and sleet showers. Angus Macdonnell came to tea. Hope we shall get him to stay here somehow. He was in great form.

Saturday April 26 Ground quite white with snow but the day improved. The Cunningham Greenes Arrived. Seem nice people. The Italian muddle is no better. Long wrangle in the house last night over the Railway bill. Walk in the afternoon. Galtere? Sladens and Col Biggar came to dinner.

Sunday April 27 Really lovely day. He snow pretty well disappeared in the morning. Church. Bishop of Ottawa preached. He and Mr Roper came to luncheon afterward. In the afternoon we went out to the Hogsback and to the Experimental Farm. The Greenes are certainly interested and appreciative. They all are very pleasant.

Monday April 28 Showering and raw. League of Nations report was published in the papers. Rather monotonous and platitudinous. Meeting at noon in connection with the Red Cross St. Johns and VON unification. The Red X Exectuvie had turned it down but ti will have to be laid before the Committee at the next meeting. Sir George Burns, Sir M. Ames? Col Marshall and aide D gioroun? Cook, Massey and Mr Harmington? Were there. Interesitng and useful discussion. They stopped for luncheon. Walk with Anne in the afternoon. Dinner party for the Greenes. Went off very well and I think the Greenes were pleased. Countess and della Faske? Cem to stop the night.

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Tuesday April 29 Better day but cold. The League of Nations draft was accepted yesterday by the conference and I hope it may lead to more rapid progress. The Greenes and Cte della Faske? Left. Interesting conversation with Calder and Robertson. Played golf with Dick. I got on rather better. Interesting rumour in evening papers that Asquith had been offered the Embassy in Washington.. Somehow I do not think that it would quite do.

Wednesday April 30 Blanches wedding day. Sure she will be very happy. Warmer but rather unsettled. Italian position looks black. Most interesting conversation Colonel Biggar who has just returned from the Paris Cofnerence. On the whole he seems to think that the progress has was as good as could be reasonably expected. Member luncheon. Quite interesting. The two Cook girls and Captn Strokes arrived. He is Irish and has many characteristic traits. Got a good walk in the evening. Quite lovely by the river. Dinner of 74 all told for Blanches wedding. Mostly boys and girls. Danced afterwards. Really a most successful entertainment and I think everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Thursday May 1 Nice morning, but clouded over later on. Annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Well attended. Mrs. Harringtons? Report was interesting and Mr. Knid? Fro Alberta made an excellent speech although quite irrelevant to the VON They came up to tea afterwards. Rachel went to Montreal with the Cooks. Got a walk in the evening. Mild but wet.

Friday May 2 Left by the morning train with Hugh, Macmillan and Henderson. Got to **Montreal** sharp on time. Canadian Club luncheon. Mayor Kilpatrick was the chief speaker on the YMCA. He made a good speech and as usual the audience was excellent. I said a few words. Saw Sir C. Fitzpatrick at the hotel. He said everything was alright in Quebec. He was going to Ottawa. Rachel came in and seems very settled. Went to Westmount. Very good reception. Mayor presented an address and so did General Smart on behalf of the boy Scouts and after my reply I formally opened the Exhibition which was excellent and well arranged. Eat a parcoln? And maple “ which was cooked by the boys. The place is quite English and keen and enthusiastic. In the evening went to the YMCA a lot of boys were having supper. I did not know what I was supposed to do so I just said a few casual words. Went round the ?? It is certainly a wonderful movement and the equipment and arrangements are honourable?? Dinner at the Club. Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Vincente Meredith, Sir H. Holt, Sir Percy Gerouard, Huntley Drummond, Forbes, Angus, Jones, Reford and Owen. Henderson and Dick. Very pleasant evening. Interesting conversation especially with Girouard and Jones. Played bridge and won.

Saturday May 3 Much better day but a certain amount of wind. Went up the the hospital and saw Sir W. Petersen. Very much altered by his stroke but he was able to talk. Went round the soldiers wards. Afraid Dick is giving a good deal of trouble. Luncheon at the Mount Royal Club with the Committee of the ? club and afterwards went to the new house, which has just been furnished. Quite an interesting little function. The club house is excellent and well arranged. Macmillan and Hugh stopped at Montreal. Henderson came back with me. Found a young flying office on his way to Ottawa. He came to tea and was interesting. Dined on the train and went to the theatre direct. Mrs Elliott is Lord and Lady negy? Good house. Quite full. No news at home.

Sunday May 4 1919 Went to the Early Service. Left at 9 for Gracefield which we reached at 12. Henderson, Harry and George came. Long drive to **lake**. The road was very bad. It is only fourteen miles but we took four hours. Lovely place, situated between the two lakes. Mr. Waldo?(Walsh?) met us and made us very comfortable. The Club is excellent in its arrangements. Fished in the evening. George got one trout and the rest of us did nothing. Cold shower about 7.

Monday May 5 Much better day, but cold wind. Fished all day. Harry got fifteen. Goerdie and Henderson each got three and I got two. The lake is certainly quite delightful.

Tuesday May 6 Eddy's birthday. It seems only yesterday that he was born. Fished this morning. Henderson and I each got two and George one. Left about 11 and took four hours again to do the drive. Got to Ottawa at 6.10. Most glorious day. Our trip was most successful and interesting. English mail. Some interesting letters but very ? Dick seems very seedy and will not be back here till Thursday. Cannot say how inconvenient it is without him. Especially as owing to his ?? I have to go off to the Country Club for dinner. Very tiresome and I have a lot of work on hand and am leaving early on Thursday for Niagara. The staff gave me a dinner at the Country Club. Quite nice and pleasant and had some interesting bridge. Rachel came. Afraid we were rather late and on our return went to the Servants dance. I dance the lancers?

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With Mrs Strong and got very heated. Soon after I got back from our trip a troop of girl guides arrived and Rachel presented a play(?) to them. She was very shy and all she said was "Here you are, ? is very heavy" Letter from Dick. Afraid he is very seedy and uncomfortable and will have to stop in Montreal till Thursday.

Wednesday May 6 (7th) Lot of papers and letters. Wet morning. Saw a Professor Balbound at the office. He is Professor of French at Toronto University and is speaking all through Canada for the French Gov. He is interesting and keen. Saw seven Mennonite Bishops. They wanted to be allowed to go on as they were, but I could only refer them to Ministers. Most interesting conversation with White. He is afraid there will be serious trouble with the budget. He is confident he can carry it through the house, but there will be disaffections and probably Crerar and Carvell will resign. Mr. Girler? Mrs Poltsa, Mr. Windham who are here to look round for openings for women workers came to luncheon. They are interesting and keen. Opened a new Club house for the blind. Very small but nice. Satisfactory little function. A Dr. Riley who said he knew Ld Lansdowne came to tea but was unfortunately drunk.. Dinner party. Went off very well. Quite a nice lot of people. Received a copy of Peace terms. Very drastic.

Thursday May 7 (8th) Left Ottawa 8.30. Rachel, Anne, Hugh and George?? The train. Got a walk in Toronto and arrived **Niagara** at 5.30? Found the motor alright at the station. Hotel clean and comfortable. Anne was rather tired but seemed better when she got to bed.

Friday May 9 Unsettled weather, but the day improved. Walked up to the falls and went through the Toronto Electric Power House. The falls were very fine and certainly inspire me every time I see them. Also went to see the greenhouses of the Gardens. Wonderful show of Caleolanas. Dr. Grant came to see me after luncheon. Afraid he has been very worried about his wife but he thinks she has turned the corner. Went for the round trip. Really delightful. Children keen and appreciative. Rachel and the ADCs went over the Aerial ? and also went up the Brock Monument. The day was grey but the blossoms were showing. Got back for tea and we went out in the motor ? the children were ?

Saturday May 10 Real uncompromising wet day. Dr. Grant came down and suggested that we should go over the shredded wheat factory so we went off there. Unluckily work leaves off early on Saturdays and so we could not see the actual manufacture but we had a good look round the plant. It is wonderful how everything is laid out to attract the public and advertise the products. Went on to the Ontario Power House. One power house and plant is much like another but they are always interesting. Unfortunate our having such a real bad day. Walk in the evening. Hugh went to a dinner at the new Club on the other side and seems to have enjoyed himself.

Sunday May 11 Another wet day. Church. Nice service. In the afternoon we all went out of the "Maid of the Mist" One certainly gets an idea of the height of the falls which one does not get elsewhere. We then drove round to the Island and Rachel, Hugh and George went down to the cave of the winds and seem to have quite enjoyed it. Anne and I watched them from the top and they walked round the island. We all went to tea with Dr. Grant. Mrs. Grant is better. Took a short drive along the Welland road. Very wet evening. No sign of clearing although the glass was stationery.

Monday May 12 Still raining, but day improved. Left Niagara soon after 10 before leaving I had a few words with the Mayor who seemed in excellent spirits. We started alright in the car, but found a lot of difficulty in getting the immediate neighbourhood of Niagara as the roads are badly cup up by the traffic in connection with the new Works. After getting clear the road somewhat improved. Nice drive. Arrived the laterinner? The blossoms was out and looked beautiful. Got to **Hamilton** at 1.40 and had luncheon at the Royal Connaught. Motored on to **Toronto**. Splendid road and lovely drive. Arrived Govt House 5.30. Found the Hendries?s and lot of others. Neither of the Hendries are well and both seem rather on edge. Quiet evening as no one was at dinner except those in the house.

Tuesday May 13 Lovely morning. Red Cross morning and afternoon. Interesting. Sir John Gibson was very unyielding over the proposed amalgamation but we got the resolution passed by the Executive ?? and so at last we have got more time. Presentation of medals at five. Went off alright. A few people came to dinner and played bridge. English mail. Nice letters from Evie.

Wednesday May 14 Lovely day. Motored to Caledon Club. 41 miles. Nice drive and a delightful place when we got there. The fishing is tame. They are grounds with artificially raised ? Not a good afternoon as

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it was ? but I managed to get three. Altogether it was a most successful exhibition. Lady Hendires car had a series of punctures on the way home and they were very late.

Thursday May 15 Got back to **Ottawa** after quite a successful expedition. Comfortable journey. A very interesting mail was waiting for me. Nice accounts of the wedding. Busy day and managed to get letters etc straightened out. Afraid there is a very critical state in **Winnipeg with a general strike** on. Did some spade work in the garden and felt all the better for it.

Friday May 16 Lovely day. Warm. The **Winnipeg strike** looks serious. There seems to be definite news that the PM is starting back on Saturday week. Saw White. He is expecting the PM and very glad he is returning. Took a grave view of the **Winnipeg strike** but thought it would have to run its course. Played golf with Macmillan. Quite a good game. Telegram that the Olympic docked at 2.40 and that Evie and the others were coming by special and would be here about midnight tomorrow. Rain in the evening. Dined at the cottage and played bridge. Won. Sat up very late.

Saturday May 17 Wet and unsettled. Very happy letter from Blanche. Henderson Macmillan and Harry went off fishing. Heard that Eve had left Halifax at 9.15 but would not get here till tomorrow morning. Got a walk in the afternoon and evening and also managed to get a few letters done.

Sunday May 18 Eve and the others arrived early and were in the siding when we went down to meet them. Eve is very fit and well and does not seem at all tired. Very glad to have them back again. Blanche E seems very pleased at coming. Dorothy has rather a cold.. Haddington looks a nice boy. Church. Senator and Mrs. Robertson came to luncheon. He was interesting about the **strike** but was hopeful it would settle in a week or so. He also said that Council? Had heard that the PofW was coming. It is disgraceful that I should not have been told. It will be an awkward time if he comes in August but we must make the best of it. Walk in the afternoon.

Monday May 19 Nice day but not settled. The flying man left Nfland, but the morning papers had no news of his arrival. Various reports came in later that he had come down near the Irish Coast, but the latest was that he had not been picked up. Saw White at the office. It is true that on Saturday a cable arrived from Sir Robert saying he had had an audience with King and PofW asking him if the PofW could come here in August. In his absence the Council had cabled approving and saying he could lay the foundation stone of the new Tower on Sept 1. Very doubtful if it is wise for him to come here with the country in tense condition, but otherwise it could be managed although it would be tiresome. Long talk with Sir J Pope and Sladen. Nothing can be done till the PM returns and by that time we can tell a bit more where we are. Eve and the others went to Minto and liked it very much. Play in the evening. Cyril Maude. Quite admirable and most amusing. The girls went to a farewell party of Hugh's at the Country Club.

Tuesday May 20 Afraid there is no news of Hawker. There has been a whole crop of various reports but I imagine there is no foundation. Interesting English mail. Henderson and the two others did very well fishing in Milleurs Lake. Dark cold day with rain in the evening. Telegram from Milner forwarding message from the Govt the PofW would come here in August. Unfortunate but we must make the best of it. Managed with White to make an announcement in the House and I could (would) also do so at the meeting of the Royal Society. The Society came up to tea here and made quite a pleasant gathering. Eve, Blanche and I with George went to the meeting. Lemieux delivered his Presidential address in French. There were bits I could not follow but it was quite excellent. I said a few words.

Wednesday May 21 Wet and muggy. The Baden Powells arrived. They are both rather tiresome. Boy Scout rally. The boys had tea in the Racquet Court and the Ball room and the Committee in the Blue room. The boys went on to the Cricket ground and after we had inspected them they marched past and the generals and I too said a few words. Most interesting and successful affair. Dinner in the evening quite nice. White, Egans, Bishop of Ottawa and Mrs Keefer? And Mr (Mrs?) Meighen. The news from **Winnipeg** seems rather better. White was hopeful.

Thursday May 22 Muggy and unsettled. The girls, Miss Saunders, Harry and Hugh went to Blue Sea. General Connes? And Boy Scouts met at Town Hall. Small attendance but useful and interesting conversation. Got through some letters in the afternoon and had a walk. Meeting in the Collegiate Institute. Sir R and Lady B.P. both spoke well and the meeting was quite a success. The **Winnipeg** news is more favourable.

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Friday May 23 Unsettled but glass is rising. Last night the HofC adopted the report of the Committee on honours. Think it is unfortunate but the whole business has been badly bungled. Talk with Admiral Kingsmill about the Hochelaga. It seems to have been delayed by strikes. Senator Murphy brought back the things which his son had looted from Chatsworth. Left for **Blue Sea** about seven by special with Blanche, Eve and Haddington?. Got there about ten, went out for a short walk but the roads were very bad.

Saturday May 24 Wet early but day improved and was really beautiful in the afternoon. As the ? were not at the lake we walked down with them?? Cheerful and happy. Had a good look round. The home certainly is very nice and looks much better. The lake was looking beautiful. The children and ADCs bathed but it was too cold. Did a good deal of gardening and also went out on the lake and tried a little fishing. Saw some big fish rise but could not get any. A man fishing with a troll got some big grey trout. Most successful expedition. Got back to **Ottawa** at eleven. The situation in **Winnipeg** does not look any better and there may be sympathetic strikes elsewhere. Govt appears to have taken strong action over the mail and said they must be delivered.

Sunday May 25 Damp and muggy. Spent the whole morning in trying to get a few words ready for this afternoon. Cathedral at 3. Nice service. Brown (Brewer?) preached. Service was the Songs of England and St. Georges Society. As there was a good deal of ? Mr Spain. We went for a drive along Riversway and got back to the Parlilament ? meeting. Quite a successful function. Burell and I were the speakers. While we were in Church there was a heavy downpour but ? it was fine for the open air meeting.

Monday May 26 Lovely day but heavy thunder shower in the early afternoon. The Prime Minister got back and had a great welcome. He came up here about 12 and seems in good spirits. He looks rather tired. Very interesting about the conference. Did not have much to add about the PofW visit. Played golf in the afternoon with Macmillan. Eve and Blanche came out.

Tuesday May 27 Nice day. The **strike in the West is spreading**. Saw Sir E. Kemp at the office. He did not have much to say. Also saw Gwatkin. He seemed easy in his mind as far as military conditions in the west were concerned. Members luncheon. Quite pleasant. Played golf. Very nice. Lot of people out. The party from Blue Sea returned and seemed very pleased with themselves. Christopher Turnous and his wife came to dinner. Nice people and interesting.

Wednesday May 28 Lovely day. Nothing very definite about the **strikes**, but the position seems no worse. A big party set off to Montreal Parliamentary luncheon. A good number there. Interesting. Walk with Anne in the evening. Mosquitoes very bad. Dinner for the Bordens went all right.

Thursday May 29 Lovely day. Went to a social Muggre? Conference at the request of Rowell. Very representative and authoritative body. Said a few words of ? and greeting. Rowell made a good speech and the Dean of Montreal ?? Doctor each made useful contributions on the whole the meeting seemed to be useful and effective. Evie, Blanche and Dick went off to Montreal. I went with those who were left for a motor drive. Went along the Aylmer road and had tea and I went to see a farmer whom I had met last years. Quite nice. Morres and hi?? Came to dinner and played bridge.

Friday May 30 Afraid there appear to be every **prospect of a Toronto strike**. The news from the west is no worse and if anything a trifle better. Patriotic Fund meeting. After a full and interesting we settled to apply to Parliament for an amending Act to enable the Fund itself to administer it for the wives and dependents of those who had served. Saw **Meighen at the office. He said the strike was broken in Winnipeg** but would last for some time owing to the sympathetic strikes elsewhere. The citizens were adamant and wanted to see it through. Captn Johnstone, RNVR came to luncheon. He was on the Gd Trunk? at the outbreak of war and joined the Navy. He was a commander of a ? which had its stern blown off but he got back to harbour and was given the DSO. Interesting man. The party got back from ? and seem to have enjoyed themselves. Walk with Anne in the evening. Theatre Miss Anglin, sister of the Judge. Not a very first rate performance. Evie and her lot got back from Montreal and did not seem at all tired.

Saturday May 31. My birthday. 51. Anne gave me a dictionary. **Strike news from Winnipeg looks better** and Toronto is quiet so far. Nice day. Quite a fresh breeze which may help to blow the mosquitoes away. The Goldmans arrived. Nice people. Anne very pleased with the two little boys. ? party for the Horticultural Society. Quite successful. The staff gave me a case for sandwiches and thermos.

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Sunday June 1 Lovely day. Church. English mail, but nothing very interesting. Motored to beach. Quite a successful expedition. The Goldmans little boys are most attractive.

Monday June 2 Hot. **Strike news** generally is much better and apparently the movement is broken and it seems remains to be thoroughly uprooted. The Goldmans went to luncheon at the Country Club and the Eddy's works. In the evening we went to the Experimental Farm. The plot looked well. Interesting conversations with Arhcibald and Saunders. Theatre in the evening. Miss? Barrymore.

Tuesday June 3 Very hot and glass moving so the day ought to hold up for the garden party. The debate in the HofC last night on the strikes ? did not produce much novelty, but let off some steam. Interesting conversation with the PM. On the whole, he was fairly confident that the strike would be dealt with. He is afraid Crerar means to resign. He will be a servant less in every sense. Garden Party. Went off well. Lot of people. Heat was very great, but we were very lively (lucky?) and not having a storm. The Goldmans left after dinner.

Wednesday June 4 Very not but little more breeze. On the whole the strike news looks better. In the afternoon I did some hoeing. After tea we went to Meach Lake. Ligili ?? and his brother came also. By way of being ? celebrations. Fireworks and lanterns. They were all very cheerful. I trust nothing was set on fire. The mosquitoes were very bad. Got a few of the big batch of Commissions signed with Anne's help.

Thursday June 5 Hot. Apparently Germany and Austria have refused to sign the treaty but the ? appear to think the ?? will be cleared up. Nothing much about the strikes. George Fortescue left. Now he has gone we are all very sorry. Evie, Dorothy Geordies and Macmillan went off to the sea. In the evening Blanche, Rachel, Anne Harry and I went for a drive round Britannia and back by the Merivale Road. Quite nice. Lilitgen and C. Hope came to stay.

Friday June 6 White made his budget statement yesterday. He has received several of his duties, advance others and comp? Himself with a rise in income tax. ?? ?? Thunder in the afternoon. Went out in the motor and tried to go over by Gatineau but all roads were unpassible (impossible?) Jack Morgan who had come up to see White came to luncheon. Also, White and F. Williams Taylor. White much pleased with the reception of his budget. Jack was in good form and confident except about taxation.

Saturday June 7 Thunder in the night with rain. Nice and fresh in the morning, but ? The rain has freshened everything up. No particular strike developments but various indications of unrest. Labour men are beginning to disavow ? the victim. Interesting conversation with PM. He was most cheerful about the strike and thought we had better not send anything to England in regard to the PofW visit. He was pleased with Budget reception. Said he wanted to resign himself but I don't think he really meant it. Picnic along the Montreal road. Rather cold but quite nice. Roads in bad order. Pringle and Dillon came to dinner and played bridge. Pringle was rather seedy and went home. Morris came and took his place.

Whitsunday, June 8 Went to the early service. Rather windy but nice and fresh. Went to the eleven o'clock service. With Anne's help finished signing the Commissions. Walk in the evening. Saw in the English papers that BJ's engagement had been broken off. Very unfortunate.

Monday June 9 Heavy showers. Cooler. **Strike news** seems to have taken an unfavourable turn. Did some hoeing in the garden.

Tuesday June 10 report last night that the government were about to ?? against the **strike leaders**. Nice day. Saw Col Bannantyne (Barrantyne?). He said he would see what he could about getting us into the Hochelaga Members luncheon. Only three came but Sir Sam Hughes was one. He is certainly an odd man but he must have had a stoke. A French General also came. Saw the PM. He was lost and depressed. He had wired for Sir George Foster to come back as Lady foster is very far from well. Sir Hardman Lever? Was also in the Club. He gave a brighter account of things at home. The staff and children went to the Circus. The party got back from **Blue Sea** and seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Went to the GWVA pageant. Really a most creditable performance, especially on the part of the children. Quite a fair house.

Wednesday June 11 Lovely morning. Afraid there has been **some trouble in Winnipeg** and one man has been damaged ?? It so happened he had a C and will probably stir up considerable sympathy. Busy getting ready for trip. General Thatcher came to luncheon. He has done very well at the front and is now going to take command at Halifax. Went to see Senator Edwards. Found him in bed. He will have to lie up for some time as his heart is weak. On the way back I met Godson Gorden? Walking with Henderson and had an

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interesting conversation with him about the west. Left for **Oshawa** by special. Evie, Blanche, Dorothy and Rachel and 3 ADCs and Dick. Nice cool night to start with.

Thursday June 12 Comfortable night in the train and drew into **Oshawa** at 10.15. Met the Mayor, council and a few others at the station and drove off to the ? Iron Co. Very primitive and old fashioned. Next went to General Motor Works run by the McLaughlins. There were interesting and up to date. Big?? ?? the high school and inspected Cadets. Next was the hospital. Not big but very up to date. Nice motor ? with the McLaughlins. Nice people. Very rich. Big ?? from in old grounds. Lot of people to luncheon. Said a few words. Turned the first sod of an Anglican Church. Nice little ceremony. Looked in Bethune College but did not stay long. Asked for a holiday. Public reception in park. Children sang and I inspected Veterans. Mayor presented his address and I replied but was quite impossible to be heard as children talked all the time. Planted a tree and tried a public reception but people were to shy too come up. Wound up on laying wreaths on Veterans graves. Lovely day and interesting. Place keen and progressive. Children went to McLaughlins to ? after we went up to dinner. They are nice people He is keen on fishing. Quite a pleasant evening and successful finish to a useful day. Drew out for the night about twenty mile. Lovely night with the moon shining on the lake. Eve did not seem tired and I think the others liked the day.

Friday June 13 After a comfortable night drew into **Port Hope** at 10. Met by Mayor and others. Drove to the Town Hall. All very well arranged. Veterans, Cadets, School children. Received addresses from the Mayor and one addressed to Evie from the IODE. Reception was more or less of a success but too many children swarmed all over the place. Drove round the town? Visited hospital. Small but quite nice. Very few patients. Had to get through a lot of time there, but managed to get at the cool room in the nurses house. Visited Trinity College. Met by Cadets. Dr. Orchard made a little speech to which I replied and then inspected cadets. The building be v were good. Lovely situation and the general appearance of school quite satisfactory. Luncheon with the boys. As I was leaving asked for a holiday. Port Hope has not come on at all for many years but the people seemed nice. Came in to **Coburg**. Met by Mayor at the station. Inspected the Guard of Honour. Drove to the School where all the children were assembled. Sang well but too long. Afraid our having to stand in the sun made it very tiring for Evie. Proceeded to town Hall. Received address from Town and Counties of Northumberland and Durham. Very good and entries???? Popular reception. Well organized. Visited the ? Institute and asked for holiday. Visited military Hospital. The old Victoria university has been utilized. Many mental cases. Very sad, but was told that over 50 % are completely cured. ? and details excellent. Keen and capable staff. Drove round the residential quarter and lot of rich Americans have built wonderful houses and gardens. I suppose it is very good for the place, but I must say there is something rather disgusting. Visited hospital and had tea there. Hospital quite excellent. Presented diplomas. Opened YWCA rooms and made a fairly outspoken speech to them. Evie rather upset. I am sure it is more nerves than anything and she thinks the mere fact of two places in a day is tiring. I do not know how we could have worked the day out if we had not done two places. We would not get away and it would have meant an extra day on the tour.

Saturday June 14 nice day but really hot. Arrived **Belleville** 10.30. Met mayor and a few others at the station and drove to the ? in front of the Ca? Horn? Shady and really very effective spot. Mayor presented address after my reply I presented some medals and inspected boy scouts and shook hands with a number of people. All admirably arranged. One of the best I have seen. Drove to Queen Alexandra School. Children sang. I presented portrait of Queen Alexandra. Thought both proceedings went well. Eve went back to train and was driven out to the Ontario School for the deaf. Luncheon with the principal. Excellent institution. Saw some of the training work. Very interesting. I certainly could not so the sums they set for pupils. After inspecting the buildings I said a few words on the way back looked in the Agnes Home? The little brewer girl gave a bouquet. Found Eve at the hospital. After going through it we went back to the train and started back up the Rideau Lakes where we spent the night. Nice place on the whole in spite of the heat. Most successful day. English mail. Some interesting letters. No ? news of ? but the telegrams Henderson sent are rather more reassuring. Children went bathing and I took out a trout rod with an old salmon fly and got two bass, one quite a fair fish about 3 1/2 lb. Nice quiet place for the night.

Sunday June 15 Another hot day. Drew into **Kingston** where we found the Mayor and one or two members of the Corporation with Nickle, MP. The military were late which was rather unfortunate. Went to the Cathedral. The cadets and a lot of old boys were there and a larger congregation. Nice service but rather

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long. Bishop Bidwell presented a good but on the long side. Had a hard bat at Nickle over honours. Luncheon with Gen and Mrs. Perreau? Very nice there and I went ? with the Mayor, Nickle and one or two others. Distant thunder and I hope it may become cooler. Dined with General Ms. Lallians? Quite pleasant but rather hot.

Monday June 16 Another hot day. Left on siding and got safely to **Kingston** at 10. Proceeded at once to the Military Hospital. Said a few words to the VAD detachment and went round the hospital. Very complete and efficient. They will soon be moving as the university wants the place back. Lot of serious cases but the general tone was quite good. I had some stuff squirted into my ears as they were badly blocked up. Proceeded to the RMC inspected the Cadets. They are very smart and keen and splendidly set up. Laid the Foundation Stone of the new building. Afraid my speech was on the long side but by the time I had finished we were only in the place for 40 minutes. (20 minutes ?) Building promised to be quite good. Gymnastic display. Rather long but good. Eve gave Prizes. Luncheon at the College. Dr. Edwards, MP for the County made rather a long speech. After a photograph we went round various departments and the Schools. I went to a doctor in the tone? who syringed my ears and I felt better. Got back a? the ride going on the ?day school. Boys did very well. Number of people came to tea and brought a most successful day to an end. The School is as good as ever and the mine one sees of it the more one likes it. The girls went off to a picnic. Eve had a meeting of the VON on the car. Canadian Club dinner at the Frontenac Club. Quite a successful gathering in spite of the heat. The gathering was quite representative and I think approved of my speech. Nice rain at night.

Tuesday Sept 17 (he means June) In spite of last night rain it is still very hot. Embarked on Mr Fulford Yacht at **Kingston**. Started off down the river through the Thousand Islands with Yacht which Mr Fulford lent us. Most delightful trip in every way. Perfect weather, lovely..... comfortable boat Got to **Gananoque** at 9:30 (not sure of time.) the Mayor and ? were on the wharf and after the formal introductions we proceeded to the Town Hall escorted by G.W.V.A, some of whom have returned Found the ? ? ? with singing and the band. The Mayor presented his address. The heat was really terrific and the whole ceremony took place on some stone steps with the sun blazing down. I suggested that after meeting the people on the platform we have the rest of the reception under a tree which we did. Inspected boy scouts, Quite good lots. Drove around the town and then to the yacht. Quite a satisfactory visit and the tone is excellent. Embarked again on the yacht. Saw some more of the big American houses. They are really outrageous. Arrive **Brockville** 3:15. Met by the Mayor and Counciller. Drove in a carriage round the industrial part of the town to the Court house. Excellent pageant by the children after which Mayor presented an address and there was another from the brigades of the United Counties. Visted the RC and the General Hospital. Both good but the General was the best. Drive past a school ? a big school but it did not look up to much. Asked for a holiday. Drove round to Provincial Hospital for the Insane. Wonderful situation on river. Went into the ?? rooms but did not stop. Looked in on the old people House. Built by the Fulford family. Quite delightful but much too good for the purpose. After a short tour to the train and went to the Fulford house and on to the yacht. ?round and had dinner. Most delightful. Altogether quite a good day. Reception everywhere most satisfactory. Train very hot after the yacht.

Wednesday June 18 Very hot again. **Drastic steps have been taken in Winnipeg by arresting many leaders.** Blanche, Geordie and I went with Mr. Hardy to see his farm and herd of Holsteins. Most interesting. One herd. Saw all round. The own brother of the \$106,000 calf was there. The other went to the Fulfords. Telegram that Gen Salisbury was coming out as Chief of the Staff with the PofW. Odd appointment but delightful position. Arrived **Cornwall** in the afternoon after a hot journey. Met by Mayor who introduced his committee. Inspected Cadet corps and proceeded to public park where the children sang and Mayor presented his address. After my reply an Indian address was presented to which I briefly replied. Drove to the Lacrosse groubn. Placed this bale for a motel between Cornwall and an Indian town. Quite an interesting game. Strange interlude in the game. When I was formally appointed Chief to the tribe. I was made to follow round while they danced. Tea at a public park followed by a reception visited two hospitals at both of which I received addresses. The RC was very bad and the sisters a unpleasing looking lot. The General Hospital was good but we were hurried. The visit was rather spoiled by the Mayor who was over officious and would not listen to anything. There was an evident lack of cohesion. Stopped in the night at **Coteau Junction**. Rather beter ??? well baked

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June 19 Thursday. Hot but nice breeze. Quiet morning at **Coteau Junction**. After luncheon drew into **Valleyfield**. Lovely crossing (by bridge) over the river. Excellent reception. Mayor presented his address at a platform in the station. I read a few words in French and supplemented it in English. Inspected War Veterans and went to the ? factory preceded by a band. The factory was large and well equipped and showed every sign of prosperity. From there we went to the Gault Institute. Purely Protestant. Is it really an English School. Children looked well and happy. Asked for a holiday. Boy Scouts rather smart and keen. Visited Town Hall and invested a tablet to the an who were killed. We then got into the hands (or lands) of the Bishop who in spite of being very old was most energetic and rushed about all over the place. Owing to our having had to drive so slowly there was not much time. But it was entirely their own fault that they had frittered so much away. We saw the orphanage. Archbishop house, girls school or college. Whenever I could I asked for a holiday. Altogether it was a most successful visit. This brought a very successful tour to satisfactory conclusion. I am sure it did good in spite of the heat it was very easy. I left with Dick in the Canada. **The rest started off for Ottawa.** Dick left at Montreal. Harvey joined p Henderson came with Sladen. Apparently there was rather an important letter in a bag? Which we ought to have to today but which did not turn up. Left for the ? Very nice to think of getting some fishing but it seems only yesterday that Tommy and I were starting off by the same tour for the Restigouche. Henderson did not have much news.

Friday June 20. after a bumpy and dusty journey we arrived at **Matapedia**. Met Mr. Baker on the platform and walked across to the club. The fishing so far has been bad and the prospects are not bright. Came on to Cascapedia, but the train was an hour late. Mr. Shelder (or Sheldon) met us at the stations and we drove by motor to the ClubHouse. New Dereen. Not at all a bad road. Lovely place. Only one of the members there. Two more are up the river. The river is quite perfect. Went out about five and stopped there till ten. I got five and Harry four. He was simply bubbling over with joy. Delightful water to fish and there seemed a lot about and they took fairly well in spite of the bright sun and clear water. It is pity this feeling? was given up. Flies were the only objections and there were none up at the house. The Club is very comfortable and the members very pleasant but noticeably elderly.

Saturday June 21. slight shower in the morning and a lot of wind later. Harry and I walked up the river for a mile and waited for our canoe there. Beautiful scenery and the best fishing water I have ever seen. We each got six fish. Mine averaged just under 26. The biggest was 33. Harry's average was probably rather higher. Fished right on into the dark. The more one sees of this place the more attractive it is. Both the members are pleasant (and the?) Van Allan is very greedy and much upset about the prohibition.

Sunday June 22 Lovely day but I would rather have seen rain. Arranged letters etc. in the morning. In the afternoon Harry and I went up the river. Sk/? With one of the men. It was really quite beautiful.

Wonderfully clean water and a series of waterfalls. Mr Haynes arrived from up the river.

Monday June 23 Cold night but lovely day. Fished to Ledge. Unlucky in one was as one fish broke me and I lost four others. However I got two in the morning Haynes left and Kean arrived Got two more in the evening Lot of fish moving. Harry got three and the others (here) one each. Rather like a weather change.

Tuesday June 24 Weather looks settled for fine again. Went up to Middle Camp. Harry and I walked to Milestone about three miles, then got into the canoes for about two miles and walked the remaining three. Nice place. Very bright and hot. Harry got four and I got two. Lot of fish about but they would not take well. The camp is well situated on a nice bit of the river. Got a lot of letters and an English mail. Interesting letters.

Wednesday June 25 Lovely day for everything except fishing Very hot. Not a cloud in the sky. Blazing sun and an east wind blowing off the river. In spite of all that we each got three. Mysterious telegram from Sladen partly in cipher about some arriving on Saturday at Ottawa.

Thursday June 26 No sign of change. Hear the fishing below was very bad yesterday. Left Middle Camp about 10 and walked most of the way. Very odd and close. Fished in the evening. Very few fish about. Harry got one and I lost one. Telegram from Dick saying some President was arriving I cannot be expected to always ready at a moment's notice for any stray visitors who may happen to appear. River quite lovely. Signs of change of weather but cleared off again in the evening.

Friday June 27. Real good rain for some hours. After considerable delay we got underway for Lazy Bogan. Started in the canoes and then walked for about three miles and after another trip in canoes we walked to

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the Indian falls. Lost time as we thought we were in front of the canoe but they were ahead. Had luncheon and went on to the Camp by canoe. Most attractive place. No regular camp, but tents and a cool house etc. I went up the river and in three hours fishing I got eight averaging over 23 pounds. I got most at the junction of the two rivers. It is almost poaching as they come so quick, Harry got five below the Camp. The fishing is odd as it is really the spawning beds but we certainly had great sport.

Saturday June 28 Very comfortable night and not at all cold in the tents. We each made up our dozen. After luncheon we came over the river to the main? Camp. Delightful trip. The river was muddy? and dirty and they have done very little below. The river ought to be good when it clears. De Forest who was up above when we arrived had come down. Kean was at the Middle Camp but the rest were all stopping at New Derreen. As far as I can make out there is no startling news.

Sunday June 29 Lovely day. Very calm and peaceful. Some interesting conversation with the three Americans. Walk with Harry in the afternoon. We went down the river and saw two of the fishing camps and at Woodman farms we had an interesting talk with the fisherman, Hanson. He gave me two flies of his own tying.

Monday June 30 Shower in the night but rather thundery. Managed to get four fish and had several rises. Harry got three. Van Alan and De Forest went up the river.

Tuesday July 1 Fished at Orison's pool camp. Unpromising day but as the men say here we broke the skunk and I got a fish at 10.(5h?) Harry also got one. Mr. Haynes came back and brought a guest, Mr. Hollens? He was formerly a member of the Club. Think he is rather a snob.

Wednesday July 2 Nice morning. Very sad we have to be leaving. Started from the Club about 11:45 by canoe and went to the railway bridge. On the way down we looked in at Lorne Cottage. Really very nice. Lovely trip down the river. At the bridge, we found a car and went for a drive to New Richmond. Saw Stanley House. It is certainly a most attractive spot. We were an hour and a half late in the station and kept the train waiting for half an hour at Matapedia.

Thursday July 3 Quite warm. Henderson got to the train during the night. Left Montreal at 10 by the new CNR route. Intereting and much more attractive than the other tracks. Henderson very ? about the Pof w visit found a large amount of paper and some rather tiresome ? Saw PM. He was tired and depressed. ? shall sta here with hi hen. Rachel, Miss walter and ? appears They all seem well at Blue Sea.

Friday July 4 Hot. Little rain in th evening. Got through a certain amount of rearrangement. The Keans arrived in the afternoon. I took them on to the Experimental Farm. Ver difficult to make plans for the autumn. Hottest day of the year so far.

Saturday July 5 Rather cooler and one or two showers. Got through some papers and wet to the office. Swore Guthrie in as PC saw a Mr. Blacklock who had been out by the Mission to Seamen to Cork into some matter which haver arisen here. Asked him to come to dinner. Seems a nice sort of old gentleman but thinking narrows in spite of being a Radical. Got a walk in the evening. Heavy cold in this heat. The Keans went to Blue Sea with Dick who cam back in the evening.

Sunday July 6. My cold is rather better. Thanksgiving service in the Cathedral. Very few people there. The Bishop preached. Got on with my letters to PofW ?? Got a short walk in the evening. Sir John and Lady Wilmot? Came to dinner. ? were to the coast. Intersting.

Monday July 7 Lovely day. Got on with letters. Saw Sir J Pope. He seems to me to be growing rather feeble. McMaster, MP for Chentsey (eng) came to see me for a few minutes. Quite interesting. The Mussegs came to luncheon. He was quite interesting on the Conference. Mr and Miss came to as well as a Private Secretary. Prorogation of Parliament. Went off as well as could be expected in the present circumstances. Walk in the evening.

Tuesday July 8 Lovely morning. Left for **Blue Sea** by the am train with Rachel, Geordie and Harry. Arrived at the wharf New Lismore at 12:30. Found Dorothy, Miss Saunders and Macmillan who were going on to Maniwaki. ? and Diana were there also and came back with us. Found Evie, Blanche and the Keans. All seems very well and cheerful. The house is really very nice and is quite getting order. Did various jobs. Made hay, cleared brushes etc. the boathouse is getting on but the boats are in a bad way. Taking all in all the place seems to be quite a success. Flass ? evning.

Wednesday July 9 Nice mostly but looks like a change. House very comfortable and a little big as I expected. Did some more clearing in the evening. Hot dry wind and every sign of thunder.

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Thursday July 10 Thunderstorm between one and two, but did not do much to clear this air. The other hut was removed and a start was made with putting it on the top of the boathouse. One or two showers in the afternoon and evening. Did some more clearing. The new boathouse made a considerable progress.

Friday July 11 Quite wild and a few showers but the weather is improving. There was heavy rain set in in the afternoon. Did some more clearing.

Saturday July 12 Lovely day and quite hot. Cold in my head distinctly worse. They managed to get a few bass. Bathed and felt none the worse. Walk in the evening.

Sunday July 13 Waves on. Cold still rather heavy. Church. Quite a good congregation and a nice service. Quiet afternoon. ?? Came back to Ottawa with the Kean, Dorothy Rachel Anne Diana and Miss Saunders. Ottawa seems ??

Monday July 14 Busy morning. With Sladen and (perhaps the PM) most interesting talk with Mr ? He sketched out various proposals for contributing to govt and also various ideas for the autumn. Lady Borden had been rather seedy but he hopes to get her away for a trip down the St. Lawrence. Talk with Setppans about the Hochelaga. Gave up Maritime Provinces and shall go for a trip down the river. Walk in the evening PD Ross came to play bridge.

Tuesday July 15. Wet and muggy but good for the crops. Cable from Maud to say that Charlie sails first boat after 25th. That is better than I expected. The new Military Attache at Washington, General Bellcho? And met Mr Col Thorne and Capt Pelham arrived. Natia also came to luncheon and as usual was very interesting. Saw Robertson who ? at the office. Robertson took a more hopeful view of the general situation. Interview with ? was really quite affecting. I am very sorry his is leaving. ? storms in the afternoon. Went out for a walk with Bellal and got drenched. On ? ? boys unexpectedly appeared. Suggested a ? to go up to Blue Sea as he wants to see Harry. A chaplain Montgomery also appeared. He had been at the Cagradia? Hospital at Eastbrne. Altogether a very varied afternoon. Dinner mainly Generals. Quite pleasant and useful.

Wednesday July 16 Lot of rain in the night but nice fresh morning. Got through a good deal of work. In the afternoon I took the General and the other two to the Experimental Farm. Think they were quite interested.

Thursday July 17 Lovely morning. Telegram from chambers to say that Dick had (several unreadable lines) The General and his staff left. Cook girls came and went to Blue Sea with us. Saw the PM but he did not have much to talk me. Went up to Blue Sea by the afternoon train. Evie very worried about Dick and the reformers / p at Quebec. They are both very troublesome.

Friday July 18 Hot and fine but expect a new thunderstorm will work up. Saw by a time that had just come that Lord Ryleigh was dead. He was a great figure and will be much missed. A number of people came to tea. Quite a successful afternoon. ??? Evie very upset over some things Cator told her about the history of Govt House. He exaggerated quite dreadfully.

Saturday July 19 Hot and stuffy. Talk with Croll? On various matters mainly Quebec upholstery. Cut down some bushes in the evening. Children went to a dance at the Scotts.

Sunday July 20. ? Church. Quite a nice service. for some ?? Some of the others went fishing and got a few bass.

Monday July 21. Glass indicated to fall and weather ?? to be changing. Heavy shower in the afternoon. Did some more chopping and went for a walk.

Thursday July 22 Evie the ?? Rachel, Harry, Harold went by the morning train. Weather still rather heavy and ?? but glass is steady. Blanche, Geordie and I went out fishing and got nine bass, six of them were quite good ones.

Wednesday July 23 Rather a tiresome letter from Sladen saying Hochelaga would not be ready to leave Montreal till Aug 3. Telegraphed to ask if we could embark on the 2nd at Quebec. Lovely day. Walked up to the top of Mount Roger. Wonderful feeling but it ?? rising out of the lake. Lovely view. Expected Miss Saunders and Anne but they did not turn up.

Thursday July 24 Very heavy thunderstorm in the early morning but cleared up and was a lovely day. Went up to Cedar Lake and got a few on the creek. We managed to get three in a ?? Really nice trip. Anne and Miss Saunders got back by the late morning train. The motor boat has at last been ? Interesting mail and several letters from ?

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Friday July 25 Beautiful bright day and a fresh wind. Eve and Harold got back by the morning train. The journey to Quebec seems to have been quite a success but the Lt Governor and his people seem inclined to hang a number of last minute proposals regarding the visit of the P.of W. ?? had a most curious interview at Spencerwood. Miss Saunders, Anne, ?? and I went fishing in Cameron Bay but only got one. On starting back from there something came off the engine. I paddled the boat to Mr. (Mrs.?) White's house and they towed us home. These engines are a resolute nuisance.

Saturday July 26 Dorothy and Harold got up early to go to Mt. Jacques to see the sunrise. Afraid it would not be clear. The Delco engine came to grief and so we have neither light or water. Wired to Ottawa for a man They arrived by the evening train. Fished but we only got one.

Sunday July 27 Few drops of rain and the weather looks unsettled. Church. Nice service. As the day went on the wind got hotter and hotter and in the evening there was a lot of lightening and a few drops of rain, but no big storm.

Monday July 28 Got packed up ready for going back. Nice fresh morning. Bathed. Left by the 12.30 train and went to Maniwacki. Had a look round. Seems a thriving go-ahead sort of place. Bought some rubbishy little things for Dorothy for her birthday and left them at the cut on her way back. G?? was with me and was very low on leaving Blue Sea. **Got back to Ottawa** in the evening. Found only two London paper and no mail. It is really very tiresome, but there is another big batch of Commissions. Nice and fresh at Ottawa and rather a relief to get back. Got through a good many letters.

Tuesday July 29 Nice fresh day. Still no English mail or papers. The PM was busy all day and could not see me. Stevens and a Mr. Stones who is ?? for the Malay States came to luncheon. Stones was interesting but gloomy as to Prospects in England. Settled up some details with Stevens about the tour. Sir George Perley came up afterwards and I had an interesting talk with him. Henderson got back. Very tiresome about the PofW tour. McKenzie King came to dinner. He is just back from England and as usual was interesting. A mistake had occurred as I wanted D. Robertson to come too, but somehow the telephone got on to D. Robinson. On the whole very lucky mistake as he is Postmaster General of Newfoundland and turned out to be pleasant and interesting. Rather lucky to get him. Did some hoeing in the afternoon.

Wednesday July 30 Lovely day. Still no letters. Henderson gets more and more irritating over PofW. Most interesting talk with PM who hopes to see Drayton ??? that he will take over White's place. He made no progress with his overtures with the French. Arranged that Parliament is to meet Sept 2. That will probably suit us quite well. Did some more hoeing. Eve and the rest got back from Blue Sea. Tried to get the Quebec ?? straightened out but found it rather difficult.

Thursday July 31 Lovely day. Hot. See that a big mail left Liverpool in the Adriatic? So we may hear some news soon. Long and rather unsatisfactory talk with Pope? Over dinner and arrangements etc. but did not make much progress. E came to luncheon and so did Lady Parley. Got through some signings and after tea did some hoeing. Miss Saunders got back from Blue Sea. But she is terribly upset as Sion has disappeared.

Friday August 1 Nice shower in the night and looks pleasant days. The labour unrest in England is very bad and news is most disquieting. Dr. Robertson came to luncheon as usual he was interesting. Tiresome message from the P Offers of 800,000 withdrawn for DH and Macpherson cabled to ask if they would accept 750,000. disappointing but best to accept inevitable. [Eve left for Quebec]

Saturday Aug 2. No more news of strike in England. Really lovely day. Bright clear and cool. All the others except Geordie started off last night for Quebec. I hope to get away this afternoon. Saw Sir Robert. He informed me about the Govt changes. Drayton for White and Tolmie for Agriculture. Swore Sir Henry [Drayton] in. I think he will do well although this appointment is crabbed but that is of course inevitable. Has a nice with White. Shall miss him a good deal. He seemed relieved to be out of office. Some uncertainty about swearing Tolmie in so called to Sir Louis Davies to come back. Geordie and I left at 5 and got to Montreal. Took a long walk and got to **Quebec** in the early morning.

Sunday Aug 3 Dick was at the station and we left soon after eight and went straight to the yacht. Quite a nice boat but unfinished and the reforms were not completed. Sir C. Fitzpatrick came to breakfast and I had a long talk with him. He wants me to see Gouin at **Murray Bay**. Got under weigh at 19.30 but made very slow progress. The stokers were rather the worse for some drink they had got in Quebec. Lovely trip down the river but we lost and only got to Murray Bay at 6 and then there was a long delay as the motor boat

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would not start. Henderson and Sir Lomer came out and we went on shore. Went up to Sir Lomer house and saw Lady Gouin. It is a delightful place. Had a long talk with Sir Lomer although nothing definite is likely to happen for some time I think he is now favorably disposed to come or to suggest to some of his colleagues to do so. Dinner with the Hendersons. Very nice house When the motor was being hoisted up the post came out The ship is certainly very unsteady and the crew green, but the officers are keen and pleasant. A good deal more time ought to have been given to the preparations on this trip.

Monday Aug 4 Got to **Tadoussac** about six. Lovely day. The place looks delightful but I was rather bothered by not receiving any instructions from anybody. Blanche, the girls and Geordie landed and joined Lady Price who was very kind but we settled to go on up to **Haha Bay – St. Alphonse**. Anne managed to tumble in but did not seem frightened. Got under weigh at 12.30 and reached **Ha! Ha! Bay** at 6:30. The river is wonderful and very fine. Luckily we had a lovely afternoon. Found the manager of the pulp mill who had provided cars. Shook hands with the Mayor and went to call on the Priest and afterwards went over the mill which has been put up during the war. The English government had allowed the machinery to be sent out and the mill was modern and efficient. The cut foot is very large. On the whole I think we managed very well and saw a good many people. They were friendly and civil. The ship is getting a bit more into shape.

Tuesday Aug 5 Perfect day. At the various motors arrived and we went off to see the Bishop. He is elderly but more human than most of his sort and has quite a house of herbous? Went into the convent and hospital. Eve went round it but after I had shaken hands with all the people I could see I left to go over Price's Mill. Purely mechanical pulp work, but very modern and efficient. After drive round the turn? returned to the yacht for luncheon. The Bishop came onboard for a short time and we then drove off to **Jonquiere**. Lovely views and interesting country. Big farms but nothing out of the way in cultivation. Went over another mill of Prices. Saw the actual paper being made. I should say it is the most efficient I have yet seen. After tea we went across by boat, rowing, to the other side and had a bit of a walk. On the whole quite a good day but it was a pity that better arrangements had not been made for our coming. The growth in these places during the last few years must have been quite abnormal and none of the people I usually see seem to know anything much about it.

Wednesday Aug 6 Started by train at 7.30 for **Lake St. John**. We all went except Harold and Anne. First time I have traveled in anything except our own cars and I have no wish to repeat the experience. Interesting journey. Dubuc and Harmsworth came with us. On the way up we talked about steel rails and on my asking how long they had been down one of the railway men got down at the station and said they were related? by the BHSC in 1887. ?? find any one in an out of the way part of the world. Got out at **Chanbury** and drove about two miles to a mill of Dubucs. Lovely situation with a big waterfall ideal for its free ? Seemed most prosperous. A lot of houses are being built for the employees. Had luncheon at the Cures house but he was away, Went on for a drive through the country and went to two villages. Found the Mayor and after some conversation he came on with us. Got terribly jolted about and shaken but it was very interesting. The country is thickly populated and well cultivated. Interesting experience. Went to a convent where I said a few words in English. The foundress was present. Keen witcheyed old lady. Got back to the yacht at seven. Gave presents to the two men who had been with us. Preparations all ready to start at 12.30. Pity these people did not know we were coming but on the whole the Saguenay trip has been most successful.

Thursday aug 7 Arrived **Tadoussac** early. Mysterious wireless from Dick saying Charlie's ship arrived Monday and suggested sending him to Campbellton. We wired back saying he was to go by first train to Riviere du Loup. No answer all day but in the evening it occurred to Harold that arrived was misprint for arrives and refers to next Monday. So we doubt another to be an explanation. It is all very confusing and difficult. The Bishop of Quebec and Sir William Price came on board and later on we landed. Met Sir W and Lady Price. Call to see the Mayor and the Cure saw the old chapel also Dufferin House. Luncheon with the Prices. Called on the Bishop went to the Prices other house where Rachel and Gendle bathed. I went to see the salmon pool when the fish are kept for the hatching. Lady Price and a lot of children and Mrs Williams came to tea. Heavy thunderstorm in the evening. Wireless forwarding cable from McPherson saying Devonshire House was sold for 750,000 pound. Very sad but must make the best of it and think we shall not regret it Shall miss the old house more than I can say.

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Friday Aug 8 Started early from Tadoussac and got to **Rimouski** about noon when we had hoped to get water but it was too rough to get in so we stayed outside all day. From various wireless messages we gathered that Charlie was on board the Metagama and ought to arrive here some time before Monday. We also heard that the mails addressed to Godbout and St Michalas were still at Quebec and according to our instructions were being sent to Gaspé. Evie stayed in bed all day. She did not succumb but Blanche did. It was really quite rough. Sladen cabled that MacKenzie King was elected leader of the Liberal coalition by thirty eight majority. He ought to do very well

Saturday Aug 9 Rather calmer but some doubt in the early morning if we could get into the wharf. However we managed to do so and got there quite comfortably. Met a gentleman who brought a cable from Maud forwarded from Ottawa saying Charlie had left on the 3:00 on board the Metagama. Cannot understand how it has been delayed so long. Short walk before luncheon. In the afternoon we went for a quite a good way into the country. It was really very nice. Heard that the Metagama ought to get here by tomorrow night but later a cable came by wireless that he could not get in till Tuesday morning We had a long discussion and decided to let him land here (Rimouski) and that we should go on to Gaspé, coal there and go on to Campbellton.

Sunday Aug 10 Spent most of the morning trying to get through to Quebec by telephone but could not get the Citadel. Settled that Harold should wait for Charlie and bring him to Campbellton We left at 1.30. Lovely afternoon and sea quite calm. Made good progress. Cable from Metagama that she would reach Salter POint at 8 am on Tuesday, so they might get to Campbellton before we do.

Monday Aug 11 Got up at seven and found we were just going into **Gaspé Bay**. Lovely morning and beautiful scenery. Got up on the wharf about 10. The representation of the Mayor who was at Ottawa for the Liberal Convention came on board. Nice man. Later on he brought several other leading men and we had quite a nice talk. Very nice people and all English. Went for a walk with Eve, Blanche and Anne. The country and the views are delightful. At last the mail bags appeared, a few English letters, but not many some from Maud and Blanche had been brought out by Miss Schofield, the new governess. From all accounts she seems delightful. Afraid Maud is not very well and this operation may be necessary. In the afternoon we went for a delightful expedition to the **St John river**. Canoes had been widened? and we fished but this river had too low and clear. We saw some fish and 2 rose once but they would not take. I got t? and Anne one. The country is certainly lovely and the people nice and friendly. About the nicest place I have seen on the side of the country for a holiday place. Lot of men went to the war and think the English are in a majority. Heard the Metagama was making good progress.

Tuesday Aug 12 Lovely day. Saw acting Mayor. Said goodbye and gave him a ? case. **Left Gaspé** a few minutes after noon and made good progress. The views along the coast were good and interesting. The pilot who came on board at Gaspé was not much to look at but was exceptionally well informed and knowledgable. He told me a lot about the country. He also said he was at school with Bonar Law. A sunset we clearly saw sun dogs which are generally considered a sign of bad weather but indications front in the same direction and the pilot said there was almost generally an August gale.

Wednesday aug 13 Arrived **Cambellton** early in the morning after a comfortable passage. Fine morning. The girls went to meet Charlie and brought him onboard at 8.30. He has grown and looks well. The Mayor came on board and we had an interesting conversation We all went up to the **Restigouche** by motor. Lovely drive. At the Club we found Alfie Alison [Anson?] and a most dreadful old man Wrecks, his brother in law. Mr. Baker was very kind had got three canoes. I took Charley and Anne in the morning. Bad day for fishing, hot and thundery but I managed to get a grilse of 3 lbs and a salmon twelve pounds. Geordie and I stopped at the Club for dinner and did not get back till midnight. The others got back earlier. English mails and a large assortment of papers arrived.

Thursday Aug 14 Left by train for St John 10.40. Found the PM and Henderson on the train. The PM and the Mayor of Campbellton and his daughter came to luncheon. Sir Robert was interesting but I had no private conversation with him. Met the Lt. Governor at **Rothesay** and as we had arrived early we stopped the night with him. Quite a? ? His wife and daughter in law are beyond any description. Play a most tiresome game of bridge. The PM of the province and Mrs Foster came in after dinner. Quite nice people.

Friday Aug 15. Left Rothesay about 9.30 with the Lt Gov and got to the wharf in plenty of time to meet the Prince of Wales. He landed sharp at 11 and had an excellent reception. He was rather nervous but did quite

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admirably. After inspecting the guard and hearing the children sing he went for a drive round this town and received addresses. I returned to the car and met him at luncheon. His speech was excellent and was well received. Garden party at Rothesay. In spite of the rain it was rather a tiresome function especially the dancing, but that was ?? All the arrangements were good and went well. Dined on board the *Dauntless* very pleasant and interesting. Had a nice conversation with the PofW. Went back to the train.

Saturday Aug 16. Comfortable night on the train which left early. Quiet uneventful day reaching **Campbellton** at 7. All well at yacht but Eve has settled to go back to Quebec by train with Blanche, Dorothy and Macmillan. They went on the train after dinner.

Sunday aug 17. After a slight delay caused by the boiler tubes very blocked with weed, we left Cambellton at 9.40 dropped the pilot at **Dalhousie** at 11 and made good progress. Sea smooth and lovely day. Charlie rather off his food, but otherwise all well.

Monday aug 18 After a comfortable night we were well on the river by morning. Ought to reach Quebec in good time tomorrow. Picked up the pilot at **Father Point**? He said there had been fog for four days but it was clearing off. He brought Saturday papers but there was no news. Shortly afterwards we passed the Matagami and signaled to her to thank the captain for all that he had done for Charlie and got his reply. Clouds about a certain amount of haze, but nothing to matter and it if gets no worse we ought to be in between 10 and 1 tomorrow

Tuesday Aug 19 Got into a fog between 11 and 12 but it did not seriously delay us. Nice morning. Arrived at the wharf [**Quebec**] sometime about 10.45. Dick and Harold were there. Considerable preparations for the visit. Drove up to the Citadel and found everybody well. The place looks clean and nice on the whole there was less confusion than I expected but some disappointment that the PofW drive on Saturday has been put off. Played golf with Dorothy, Harry, Macmillan, Game much better than last year. Very nice out there.

Wed Aug 20 Wet morning but cleared later. Busy getting on with arrangements. Play golf in the afternoon.

Thursday Aug 21 1919 Sir L Gouin came to see me. Arranged with him regarding visits to Three Rivers and Sorell. A message arrived saying the Renown was in a fog and it was uncertain if they could get up today. However we heard later that they were coming. Weather fine but looks as if there may be thunder. Arrangements fairly advanced. The Prince of Wales arrived. The ships looked beautiful coming up the river. H.R.H. landed at six. I met h him at the King's Wharf and after I had presented Lt. Gov, PM, Cardinal and a few others. He inspected the Guard of Honour we drove off the Citadel. Good reception and the city looked its best. HRH seems well but is in rather a nervous state, but he will settle down all right. He does not want to take Henderson and Pope on and he may make difficulties in other directions, but I think he will find when once he is in the train that they will not interfere. He seems to make all the arrangements himself. Big dinner. Went off very well. The fireworks also were a great success.

Afterwards part of the staff went with HRH to a dance at the Burstalls. The girls went too and seem to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Heavy thunderstorm n the night but luckily it did not come on till late.

Friday August 22 Thundery. Everyone seems to be settling down but I am afraid Henderson does not hit it off with Halsey. Press reports on yesterday's proceedings are quite satisfactory. HRH went to the Parliament buildings for the presentation of addresses. Eve and the girls went. I heard afterward that he had done admirably and the impression which he has created is most favourable. We all had luncheon on the Renown. Everything went well. HRH landed at three for his other functions and the Captain showed us round the ship. She is certainly a wonder and one felt very proud of the navy. Blanche and I went to the Wharf where the militia had landed. There were a number of soldiers and a great many dependents. The organization is really wonderfully good and the workers deserve the greatest credit. Red X, IODE, Patriotic Fund, Salvation Army Churches all seem to be working well with the Federal Authorities. I was very interested and pleased with what I saw. HRH dined at the Garrison Club. Reception here (Citadel) in the evening. Turned into a dance. I think it was a great success and went well, but frequent? balls would speedily bring my tenure of office to a close. HRH seemed to enjoy himself.

Saturday Aug 23 Weather improved. Rather sleepy after yesterdays proceedings. HRH went to the Ursulines. Eve went with him. He then went to some other functions and afterward to the Golf Club. Press reports very favourable of yesterday's proceedings. Tried to get on with the Western tour. Drove to the Chaudiere Falls. Not much water coming over but they are very fine and the country looked beautiful.

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Dinner and party at Spencerwood. Event? extremely well done and everything went well. Great success. The house and gardens were illuminated and the Dragon came up opposite. Fine effect.

Sunday Aug 24 After a cloudy morning the day come out well. We all went to the Cathedral. Nice service but the Deans Sermon was too long. Lot of people. Lt Shaughnessy and Beatty came to luncheon and also the Captain of the ships HRH left about 2.30. The visit in every way was a great success and the impression he has created is most favourable. We went on board the *Hochelaga* and left immediately up the river. Nice but one or two showers. Wild looking sunset. Anchored about ten miles below **Three Rivers**.

Monday Aug 25 Got to **Three Rivers** at 10. Mayor and a considerable crowd on the wharf and quite a good reception. Drove to the Town Hall and after my reply we shook hands with all and sundry. Drove round the city but did not go to any works. Seems a thriving prosperous place. After a few moments in the boat, left by train for **Grand Mere**. Unluckily a heavy shower came on. Mr (orMrs) Wilson who does the Forestry part of the Laurentide Company came up with us and was most interesting. At the station we found the Mayor. Drove to the Town Hall and received the address. Got rather wet. Went to the golf Links where we had a table less luncheon. The Company made the Club for the use of the Company? And the relations between employers and employees is most satisfactory. A lot of Montreal business is in this concern. We then went over to the ? and power plant. Very interesting and thoroughly well organized. After we drove through the town we left. It was certainly a most interesting visit. Stopped at **Shawinigan Falls**. Saw the Carbide Works and then the Aluminium. All most interesting. The Falls are fine but the water was low. Interesting country. Returned to **Three Rivers** where we found the mayor etc. and I turned the first sod of a new pulp mill. Embarked and started up the river. Long but most interesting and useful day.

Tuesday Aug 26 Arrived at **Sorel** sharp at ten. Excellent reception the whole population must have turned out. Met by the mayor who is Irish. Returned men and a band. Drove to a stand in a park where the address was presented. Shook hands with a good many of the people. Drove round the City. Went to the RC Cathedral and to the Anglican Church which is said to be one of the oldest in Canada and where the Duke of Kent used to go. We also saw his home. A slight hitch occurred as the Mayor thought we could get our ship alongside the shipyard but it was impossible, so we went in a little boat. Nothing to do when we got there. The place was?? Good send off when we got under weigh. Altogether most satisfactory morning. The tone throughout was good and enthusiastic - especially moved by a boy who always managed in front of us. One charged a pistol. Passed the Madeleines and Vestives? Monument and had a good look at them. Gave presents to the officers. Reached Montreal shortly before five. Dick and Lady Meredith were on the wharf. Said a few words of goodbye to the crowd and went to the train at the Windsor Station. Had a few words with Vincent Meredith, He did not appear unduly depressed with the fall in exchange. Also this Grant Hall and had a little talk about a Western tour. Got to **Ottawa** at 9:30. Long talk with Sladen. He was inclined to be argumentative and captious. There are apparently further changes of the PofW arrangements as he is going to Montreal from here.

Wednesday Aug 27 Tiresome day. Lot of fussing going on. Very interesting conversation with the PM. Mentioned the arrangement for the PofW tour and told him he did not want Pope or Burrell. Think he will concur. Got on with arrangements for our tour to the west and managed to get a short walk. HRH reception in Toronto must have been wonderful.

Thursday Aug 28 Weather improving. Eve and the girls went to the arrival of HRH [Ottawa] and proceedings went well. He arrived on time about 12.15. Tired but in good spirits and delighted with Toronto. Heard that General Botha died last night. He will be a very great loss. Talk first with Forge? and then Halsey. As far as I can make they would like a representative of the Govt but are doubtful who. Sir Robert had some conversation with them later. I gather suggested Col. Biggar. They evidently do not want Henderson. Garden party. Went off very well and HRH played up well. Afternoon held up well but there was a shower just after we had gone indoors. Rather a relief that he is not going to Blue Sea. The weather is unsettled ad it will give him time to get a good rest.

Friday Aug 29 Weather steadily improving. The Country Club last night seemed to have been a great success. Had to tell Henderson that HRH does not want him. He was very disappointed. Went with HRH to the Government luncheon. Good representative attendance. HRH spoke quite admirably. The Prime

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Minister and Mackenzie King also spoke and both did well. HRH went to a popular reception at the City Hall. Everything went very well there according to what I was told. I did some hoeing. Lovely evening. Big official dinner followed by reception which turned into a dance. In spite of being somewhat unconventional the evening was quite a success and went very well.

Saturday Aug 30 Yesterday was Charlie's birthday and today Annes. Afraid we cannot give them much of a day but they seem very happy. They came from Blue Sea yesterday. Some of HRH went off fishing and he played golf. The popular reception yesterday was a wonderful success. Went out with Blanche and the children to Lake Magregor. Very nice. Eve remained in bed all day. Small dance after dinner. Several couples came on.

Sunday Aug. 31 Nice morning. Eve better. Church. The Bishop of Ottawa preached. Quite excellent. A lot of people came and on the whole behaved well. HRH went to see Ladies Laurier and Borden and then went to luncheon at the Country Club where he spent the afternoon. After Church we all went to see the train. Mr Calder showed us over. It is certainly very magnificent but rather overdone and even some comfort has been sacrificed. The CPR photographers came up here and did various pictures of the children and myself. Sladen seems rather seedy and in the afternoon went to see the doctor who said he was on the verge of a breakdown and must have a complete rest. Difficult to understand what it is but I hope his is not huffy about anything. Rather inconvenient for me but Crowdy came in and said he could manage anything here. After tea got a short walk. In the evening we drove down to the City and saw the demonstrations which are really quite good.

Monday Sept. 1 Nice day, but a fearful lot of fussing going on. Unluckily Dr. Garrow Says Dick ought to go into hospital for treatment. He must do whatever the doctor advice and try to make the job complete. We shall be able to manage the tour all right but I wish he could have come. Left with the Prince of Wales at 10.45 in the open carriage with four horses and postilions escort for Parliament buildings. Enthusiastic reception all the way and most successful function. HRH spoke first in connection with the building the ? and after inspecting the Veterans and giving medals he said a few words and then in every way it was a most successful function and his speeches were adorable(?) Mr. And Mrs. Harris and Miss Kirkoff came to luncheon. Opening of Parliament. I went with the escort and open carriage. Quite a good attendance and all went well. HRH went to Hall and then played golf. He left after dinner. Seemed very pleased with his visit. In fact everything went well. Henderson went on in front. He is sulky and rude but it is the best way out of this job. They have now settled to come back to Canada after the USA. I am sure they are right and put things into the right perspective. Letter from Sladen. Think he is really ill and there is no trouble behind it.

Tuesday Sept. 2 Nice morning. Eve and a large detachment left for Blue Sea. In spite of interruptions I managed to get on with a certain amount of work. Professor Barker of Leeds University came to luncheon. Had quite an interesting conversation and took him to the Experimental Farm in the evening. Blanche came with us. Rhodes came to dinner and we played bridge. Everything is rather a rush but it will soon clear.

Wednesday Sept 3 Lovely day. Interesting English mail. Patriotic fund meeting. Sen H. Ames resigned owing to his appointment to the Secretariat of the Peace conference. He was most friendly and nice. Saw PM for a few minutes. He sent a strong telegram saying that the PofW should leave from a Canadian port. Managed to get a few letters off. Left for **Blue Sea**. Lovely evening. Great pity we cannot be there a little more.

Thursday Sept 4. Nice fresh morning. Rather windy. Had a nice walk with Charlie. He certainly is very keen about lots of things, but not the things which he finds at school. I expect after a bit he will settle down at Eton. Left by afternoon train. Eve Geordie, Harold. Very sad to **leave Blue Sea**. It was really looking lovely. No news at Ottawa

Friday Sept 5 Really lovely day. Got everything ready for our departure. Rather a crime having to go to Montreal tomorrow. Col Peek came to luncheon. He knows BC well and gave us some useful hints. Sladen came to see me. He looks better and is proposing to go off on Monday. Got things settled up as well as I could. Good walk in the evening. Lovely sunset.

Saturday Sept 6 Wet morning. Hope the weather has not really broken. Left for **Montreal** by the morning train. Lady Meredith met us at the station and we went to luncheon there. I had some conversations with Price of the CPR. He has been very good about our trips. Eve and I also had a talk with Col Young on Red X work in Siberia. Conditions there are appalling and he thinks we ought to do a good deal. Interesting and

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pleasant man. The unveiling of the Cartier Memorial was spoilt by the weather, but considering the circumstances it went off as well as could be expected. I said a few words in French, then in English but it was impossible to speak in a crowded tent I also read the message from the King. The statue is fine, but the figure of Cartier is rather insignificant for the rest. Samuel Insall from Chicago had come up on purpose. Just managed to get a word with him. Got away by the afternoon train. Rain was clearing off. Got back to Ottawa at 7.30 and made final preparations for departure. Went on board the train at 10 and left at once. Sunday Sept 7 Got to **Capreol** at 11 after a fairly comfortable journey but the train was rather shaky. Had a walk and spoke to various people. Heard the line in front of us was blocked and our own engine went off the line, so we decided to get on to the CPR. Quite a new country is being opened out. Capreol is only a divisional point on the railway which was made four years ago. Seems a prosperous little place with about 1200 people. Got on CPR at **Sudbury** and went on as far as Franz which we reached about 9.30 Saw a good many people at Chapleau. Number of returned men. They seem to be settling down well. Big thunderstorm in the evening.

Monday Sept 8 Cold and rain. Woke up early and got a glimpse of what I imagined to be Lake Nipigon and the river. About ten we got to **Port Arthur**. They were making preparations for HRH who was expected in the afternoon. Went on by CNR. Much more picturesque than CPR. Uneventful journey. Stopped at **Fort Francis and Rainy River** where there were a good number of people. Shook hands and asked for a holiday and at Rainy River I said a few words. Stopped for the night at **St. Annes** about twenty four miles from Winnipeg. It would have been very late if we had gone on at night. The death of Charlie Beauford(?) was announced. He will be missed by a number of people. Telegram from Dick saying he was going to visit his (?) for a fortnight. It ought to do him a lot of good. I hope he will get a good rest. Tuesday Sept 9 Got to **Winnipeg** at 9.30 by train time but the City is an hour earlier. Must be very inconvenient. Sir J. Aitken met us at the station. They seem to have made great preparations for HRH. Got to the hotel quite comfortable. Red Cross meeting. Good attendance and made good progress. After luncheon we went to the Red Cross hut at the Military Hospital. It is really very nice. Prince of Wales opened it and received address and his council together with the local people were presented. Heard that everything had gone very well at the various functions. Had some more Red Cross and adjourned till the morning Got a walk with Geordie and a Mr. Wallis, son of the man at Eastbourne came to see. Pleasant old man and we had quite a nice talk. Dinner at Government House. Men, Ladies dinner, afterwards dancing. All went well. I saw a number of people and had some useful conversations. The PofW was in good spirits and seemed pleased with everything.

Wednesday Sept 10 Very heavy thunderstorm in the night, but lovely day Red X meeting. Made good progress with the peace schemes and settled some useful principles. The members all came to luncheon. On the whole very useful and interesting meetings. The schemes seem good but I don't know if the other votes will fall into line. Played golf at the Country Club. Uninteresting course but this am was nice and fresh. Drove round to see the illumination on our way back. Dorothy and some of the others went to a movie show. () about D in the evening papers. Wired to Henderson to see if he and Bassette could arrange that such statements should not be repeated.

Thursday, Sept. 11 Started at 9.45 for **Selkirk**. Sir James Aitken, the PM, Dr Thornton, Provincial Secretary Minister of Public Works came with us. Eve went in car with Lt. Gov and I around PM. Nice Drive. Country looked very prosperous. Nice town and people at Selkirk and arrangements very good. Received address. Turned first sod on new school. (they only gave me a shank spade but I managed to keep it). Shook hands with a lot of people, mainly children and inspected returned men. Drove to Provincial Asylum and went over the farm, Good lot of Holsteins. Did not go all through the buildings but shook hands with some returned men. Went over a rolling(?) plant Quite interesting as they only use scrap iron and steel. Luncheon at Fort Garry. It is the old Hudson Bay fort but is rented to the Automobile Club. Good number of people there. Nice place and well laid out. No speeches but I said a few and reply to my health. Looked round the old buildings. Very interesting. Eve went straight back as she had to go to a VON meeting. We drove to a big dam (Dominion property) Very interesting. Crossed over it and looked in at RC school. All the pupils were of non-British descent but they are learning English. Said a few words to them so did Mr. Thornton and the PM On the way back drove through a foreign settlement. (?) entirely market gardening. Very interesting and useful day. The strike seems to have settled down but it must have

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very serious and it may break out again. Big dinner at Government House. Very successful and pleasant. 52 in all. Left 10.30 (City time) Our visit has gone off well and I think has been quite useful.

Friday Sept 12 Arrived **Swan River** 10.30 (Railway time) Quite a lot of people, but was told many men were away in the harvest. Address. Inspected returned men. Children sang and after my reply we shook hands with all present including children. Drove round the town and went to the hospital. Quite small - one of the Lady Minto class, but very nice. The matron knew Bolton well Got a walk and found a mitten factory which seemed a good concern. Also saw an elevator. The people were very keen and enthusiastic. I think our visit was appreciated. The mayor was suffering from a nervous break own but was better when his wife ? there. The MPP Sauer? was very pleasant. Women seemed strong capable lot after luncheon in the car drove about twenty five miles out to **Benito**. Fine nice country and the undulations and scrub make it **far less monotonous than the open prairie**. Looked at a tractor plough and two threshing outfits. Afraid the crops were not very good except in places. The general acreage ought to work out well. At Benito the school children were drawn up and I said a few words. We went through the school and later on had an excellent tea. Got back about 6.30 and drew out about seven miles. Most successful and useful day.

Thunderstorm in the evening;

Saturday September 13 Real wet day. Got to **Hudson Bay Junction**. The rain was coming down in torrents but the children and others were on the platform. Had a few moments conversation with them and asked for a holiday. Kept waiting for an hour while the train was watered. Arrived **The Pas** at 4. Luckily the rain had cleared off and the evening was beautiful. The Mayor and Council were on the platform. Inspected the returned men and met some Indians. Campbell (the man who took Maud for a drive at Winnipeg in a dog sleigh the first time we went there) and his team were there. Procession of children and returned men. At an arch the Indians opened a chain as the entrance to the north. Addresses in English French and Cree were presented. After my reply we received more Indians and teachers from an Indian School who had brought the children by boat from the school seven miles up the river. Went to the church and grave yard. Not much to see as the church is new but the lens was was carried by Franklins men. Also saw the sundial left by the Frank;in relief expedition/ Returned to the car and after tea walked across the river by the Hudson Bay Railway bridge. After dinner we went to a popular reception where I was given a silver cabinet containing mineral specimens and Eve a Deerskin coat. Both things quite nice. Few specimens of furs, Indian and Eskimo work. Local vegetables. Met an interesting man Dr. Wallace, Provincial Commissioner. He told us a good deal about the mineral development. Seems very hopeful that the recent discoveries will prove of considerable value. We saw some of the ore on barges. It takes nearly a year to get from the mine to the smelter which is at Trail in BC. Altogether the place is a most curious mixture. Indians, Hudson Bay trappers, Traders and Mining authorities and speculators. Vey good spirits except on religion. A certain number of French are here, but they get on very badly with the rest. At the reception I asked the Mayor if he could arrange for us to go to the convent after church tomorrow. Harry went off shooting and got some duck.

Sunday Sept. 14 Lovely morning. Harry and Geordie went off shorting. Church. Very nice service. Two of the prayers were read in Cree and a good sermon by the rector. Visited the Hospital. RC French. Good thing we went as there has evidently been a serious rumpus and this may help to smooth matters. A suggestion was made that we should visit the Bishop but I am sure that would never do. In the afternoon we went for a boat trip first up the river and then down. Saw the bridge opened. Several people on the boat. Walk before dinner. Lovely sunset. Harold and I went off on a shooting exhibition and the same boat as we had gone in the afternoon. About eight in the party. After a good many bumps we got to our destination. Slept onboard. Quite comfortable.

Monday Sept 15 Got up at 4 The northern lights were quite wonderful. After a cup of coffee we went to a lake quite close but I had a longish walk to my station. Lot of duck, geese snipe etc. I managed to get three but had very little shooting. The other guns fired at everything. Spent a nice expedition and I enjoyed it but the shooting is rather ? Said goodbye to the Mayor etc. after many photographs had been taken. This concluded a most successful and entertaining place and I think the people were pleased. Expect there is a great future for the district. The race and religion question is difficult, although it seems prosperous ad progressive. Stopped at **Tisdale and Melfort** on the way to **Prince Albert**. In spite of the lateness excellent

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reception at both and every sign of an excellent spirit. At the last named met the blinded man Barker who came to see me in Ottawa

Tuesda Sept 16 Lovely morning. Arrived at **Prince Albert** early and afraid for some reason which I do not know of no notice was received here that we were coming. However quite a good reception was organized. No formal address but after the Mayor had said a few words I made a short speech and we shook hands with all present. Drove round the town. Look in at Pat Burns abattoir and went to the school. Big crowd of children. Asked for a holiday Inspected the boy scouts belonging to one of the schools. On the whole proceedings went well. Picnic luncheon attended by a considerable number of people. Nice hot sun, but rather a comic proceeding Eve came back to the train. We went on the shoot. Saw some ducks but did not do much. I had three shots and got nothing. Harry and Geordie each got two or three. There were guns out in all directions but no sort of coordination or arrangement. With a few minutes thought I am sure something better could have been worked out.

Wednesday Sept 17 Arrived **Saskatoon** 9.30 Met by the Mayor, Mayoress. Introduced to the council. Visited Vocational Training Establishment. Men seem happy and contented. The place is well organized. Visited two National schools and the ?? Said a few words and asked for holidays. At the National School there was quite a long entertainment of dancing and singing. Looked at the Red Trough? hut and met the workers. Visited two hospitals, one RC and the other belongs to the City. The RC was good but the other poor. Long luncheon attended by about twenty or thirty people. Eve the Victorian order ladies. I went to the university. Looked round the buildings and saw a number of returned men at ? they also seemed contented. Reception by IODE in the Convocation Hall. Rather stiff but improved as it went on. On the whole the day was quite satisfactory but unluckily the Mayor had omitted the formal celebration which was unfortunate. They were all very pleased with HRHs visit. Telegram to say Lady Porter died this morning. I expect it will be a great blow to Sir George.

Thursday Sept 18 Left Saskatoon early and arrived **Edmonton** 9.30 in the evening. Beginning at **North Battleford** at 10 we on the average stopped once every half hour and found people on the platform. I spoke a few words at eight places. **North Battleford and Maidstone. Lloyd Minster, Vermilion, Mannville Lavoy Vegreville and Mundare**, At the earlier places we found a lot of the country people, many of whom knew Chatsworth. The last two were Ruthenian settlements. Everywhere we had good reception and found a nice friendly tone. The crops were variable along the line, but people did not seem depressed, The Lt Governor met us at **Edmonton**. One mayor and Attorney General were also at the station. Fixed up the arrangements for Jasper Park. Think they ought to work out well if only we get nice weather. Walk Government House. Mrs. Brett did not appear.

Friday Sept. 19 Cold and unsettled but the weather did not interfere with our programme. The Brett household is more vague and casual than ever, but we managed to get along somehow. Visited the next of kin home, where children are being looked after. Nice Mother and she appears to be doing good work. Next went to the Rd X rooms. Well organised and busy and doing good work. Went to the hotel and found the rest of the party. Womens Canadian Club luncheon. Spoke for half an hour. Quite a good gathering but rather sticky as an audience. However they seemed pleased. Party at GH. Really most successful and very useful. There seems to be a set opinion that Dorothy is engaged to HRH. It is certainly very tiresome but there is nothing to be done. Short walk with Lt. Gov before dinner. Quiet evening. Managed to get a few letters written.

Saturday Sept 20 Very wild and windy but the glass is rising. Evie went to the Victorian order and I met her at the Parliament building. Met the PM and some others there and looks round. I went on to the Military Hospital and the SCR. At the first I said a few words to the men after shaking hands with all of them. Both places seem well run and doing good work. In the afternoon we went to the Armories with a RNWMP. Unluckily it was raining hard and the attendance was smaller than was expected. The GWVA arranged the meeting. Red X Most of them other war workers were present. Gave some medals and said a few words. Very nice function and went well. Excellent tea funded by Red X. Dorothy went to a dance at the hotel. We looked in for a few minutes. Very successful affair. Blanche and I went to the University and had a look round. It is certainly a wonderful effort. Dinner party. GH. PM Mrs. Stuart, Dr and Mrs. Tory. Chief ? and Mrs. Harvey. Quite pleasant. Left at 11pm.

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Sunday Sept 21 Got up early but there was not much to see before eight. When we got in to the mountains and from there onwards the views were wonderful. We got to **Jasper** at 10 (PT) Where we round Colonel Rogers and his family. All the inhabitants were assembled and we met the school children and returned men. One came from Ireland and knew Lismore and another knew Holker. Harry and Geordie went off to a lake armed with weapons and rods. but Geordie was bucked off before starting. He was none the worse. The rest of us got onto horses and rode to the Maligne canyon. Beautiful drive and most wonderful place when we got there. The river goes through chasms cleft in the rock and at places is over 100 ft below the ground level. Had a good look at it and it was certainly well worth seeing. Luncheon there an tea at a place called the Tent City on the way back. Evie came back in a democrat but was not tired. Most successful day and it is looking? a most attractive place. I was rather stiff from riding on a RNNWP saddle but the horse was quite good. Col Rogers had made most admirable arrangements.

Monday Sept 22 Another lovely day. Eve and Blanche drove up the valley. The rest of us rode up Smithers? [no mountain named that but can't figure out anything else]. After rather a long wait for luncheon Dorothy, Miss Saunders, Macmillan and I walked up to the top. Well on for 9000 ft above sea level so we must have ascended at least 4000 ft. Rather stiff but otherwise none the worse. The views on all sides were quite wonderful and I am very glad we have seen them. Most perfect day in all respects.

Tuesday Sept 23 Lovely morning. Went to the Pyramid. Dorothy, Miss Saunders and Harold did some climbing. I fished but with no success, most lovely spot. The expedition was in every way most successful. Harry and Geordie returned and seemed to have enjoyed themselves. In the evening we went to a GWVA dance. Really very nice. This wound up our visit to Jasper which has certainly been most delightful. The weather was perfect and everything went well and all the arrangements made by Colonel Rogers were excellent.

Wednesday Sept 24 Arbell's birthday. Seems so sad to think of poor Angus. We left **Jasper** at seven and had a most interesting railway tour. Had a splendid view of **Mr. Robson**. It is certainly quite magnificent. The scenery all along was beautiful. At six we got to Hutton where the corn? grower Association have a lumber mill. Walked round the settlement. Very interesting. Stopped for the night outside Prince George.

Thursday Sept 25 Lovely morning. Had a quiet night as we were left on a siding outside. Drew into **Prince George** at ten. Met the Mayor, inspected the guard of honour. Went in procession to the City Hall. After the address the Indian chief presented a petition. I gave medals to two officers and we shook hands with all present. On the way back to the car we looked in at an Exhibition of local products. The vegetables and cereals were quite remarkable. Got a short walk. Civic luncheon. Rather long and a noisy band but no speeches. Saw some Indian racing up and down the streets. Considerable excitement. One boy was pitched off half a dozen times. Drove out about 12 miles into the country and saw a farm which had only been made two years. Rather wonderful as the farmer, his wife and son had done it all, including building the house. When we got back to the city we saw a big covered ? let out of a crate. the population proceeded to hunt it. Tea given by the Native Societies after that we went to the hospital where I joined the boy scouts which had just been organized. The hospital has only just been built and is really very nice. At present it is small but can be added to. Left in the evening for Prince Rupert. I have seen many curious places and this is one of the oddest. The town was started a few years ago but was much damaged by the boom. In fact it was nearly ruined. The whole available male population went straight to the war. There is now a curious mixture of races. Indians, Chinese, Hindus, Danes etc. Most interesting place to see as it is just in its infancy. Very varied day as we had a cyclone which blew down the decorations and the telephone poles. People were rather shy but when they got over that they were very nice. Met a Mr and Mrs Daniel who used to live near Holker at Haslethwaite? Altogether an interesting and useful day.

Friday Sept 26 Really interesting all day trip through glorious scenery. Got up at 7.40 and saw a few people at **Smithers**. We stopped at **Balkley canyon** and it is really wonderful. Got out at **Hazelton** where cars met us and we were driven to the old town where we found the train again. The whole population must have turned out as while there were no speeches we shook hands with a large number of people. Saw the Indian ? visited the hospital. Quite good. I was given a box with Indian spoon made of goat hairs and also a box of mineral specimens. The country was beautiful and everyone spoke confidently of future possibilities. Stopped at **Kitwanga**, an Indian settlement with good examples of totem poles. Also stopped to look at

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point of views. The journey along the Skeena river to **Prince Rupert** was quite beautiful. Arrived there at 5.30 Lovely sunset. Big crowd at the station. Inspected war veterans and went to the agricultural buildings where the Mayor presented the address. I spoke rather longer than usual. Reception afterwards. Everything was well arranged and all went well. The general tone seemed satisfactory and people spoke confidently of the future possibilities of the place. Altogether an interesting and satisfactory day.

Saturday Sept 27 Lovely day. Started at nine thirty for a sawmill plant was efficient and modern. Although begun before the war it was finished by the Imperial Munitions and did ? and coal for aeroplane construction. The logs are big and come principally from Queen Charlotte Island. Next visited Cold Storage plant. Saw a large variety of fish and at? Have been different varieties of Salmon. The Manager Mr. Nicoll was most interesting. Went across by RNWMP launch to the cannery which was also very interesting. Canadian Club luncheon. Excellent attendance and an appreciative audience. Afternoon had to the gathering of school children and visited hospital. School children seemed keen, intelligent. Asked for a holiday. Hospital was only ordinary. Went to the ship building yard where I laid the keel plate of the first steel ship to be built here. Quite an interesting function. Looked round the yard and the dry dock. All quite new but promises well. Trip to the launch her in the harbour. Very interesting and scenery beautiful. Lovely evening. Said goodbye to the various people. Most interesting and useful visit. Everyone seems confident of the future of the place but I can't see it except as a port for the orient. Most ? town built on rock with modern causeways. Left for the North by steamer, *Prince Rupert*....

Sunday Sept 28 After a comfortable journey we reached **Anyox** at S. Landed after breakfast and met the Mines and Smitten managers. Drove up to the mine by car and after a steep ascent by trolley we walked about half a mile to the workings. When right in the middle we met the foreman who was the son of Wilson of Raven Winder Holker. Most amazing thing to find the son of an old tenant in the bowels of the west at a place like that. Went through the workings and heard some blasting shots fired. The mountain is probably solid copper and although vast quantities have been already taken out it has hardly touched the deposit. Went to the Anglican church and invested a memorial shield which had been got up by the Sunday school children to the men who were killed overseas. Went on to the smelter which is quite modern and up to date. Most amazing place. For one thing there is no vegetation as the fumes have destroyed all the trees for miles round. Another thing is that all the streets are raised wooden causeways. It is a company town and well laid out. The houses are good and nice looking. Batter mess rounds tense? counts are well done [this doesn't make sense]. The money spent there must be enormous but it seems a highly prosperous concern. A varied and most interesting day. Embarked on the *Prince Rupert* again about 1.30 and started off for the south. Scenery quite wonderful and but quite a cold wind. Had an interesting conversation with a Australian officer on his way home.

Monday Sept 29 Comfortable night but afraid Eve has started a cold. She stayed in bed all day. Cloudy and grey and rain in the evening. Interesting passage along the coast. About nine we reached **Swanson Bay**. Went ashore and met the Manager of the Company and went through the mill - lumber, pulp and shingles. The plant was small but efficient. About 4.15 we got to **Ocean Falls**. Found the children on the wharf and asked for a holiday. Went through the mills, pulp and paper plant very much up to date and as good as any I have seen. Seems such a pity that such good wood starts is used for pulp. Found some interesting men on board. The passengers are a strange assortment. Rather rough going across Queen Charlotte Sound.

Tuesday Sept. 30. Evie's cold is better. Real wet day. Unluckily as we saw nothing of the view. Arrived **Vancouver** about 4.15. Met General Leekie and Mayor of New Westminster. Drove right off there. The Provincial Exhibition was going on and was quite admirable. Received an address and after my reply Dorothy and I shook hands with everybody. Later round the exhibit. Live stock excellent and so were other of the exhibits Dorothy and I each planted maple trees. Got back to the boat at 5.15, afraid the weather prospects are very bad.

Wednesday Oct 1 Arrived **Victoria** this morning. The Lt. Gov and Lady Barnard, PM Mayor, Capn Mackie, General Leekie were on board at 8.15. Evie's cold was better. Drove right off to Govt House and got breakfast at Government House. Found a ? of mail bags but the house is so dark the the light so low and everything is sacrificed to artistic effect that it was impossible to do anything in the way of reading or writing. Visited Esquimalt Military quay in the Dockyard. Met some officers and men and said a few words. Visited Naval College. Very nice looking lot of boys. Looked round and said a few words to them.

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The numbers are the largest they have ever had. Went on to the Military Hospital there shook hands with all the men. They seemed in very good heart. The hospital seemed quite satisfactory. Several people came to luncheon including the Hopes. In the afternoon we drove to Resthaven. Lovely drive in spite of bad weather. Hospital was a ? but thought the men were not in such good form as many which I have seen. Tried to get some letters be done but partly owing to interruptions and partly to impossibility of seeing I found it very difficult. Small dinner but interesting people followed by a dance. Most successful.

Thursday Oct 2 Lovely morning. Managed to get a few things straightened out. Evie's cold was better. Canadian Club luncheon. Good attendance and I think I got through my speech pretty well. Keen and cultured audience. Eve had a meeting of women's organizations Garden party. Lot of people and everything went off well. Lady Barnard and Eve with some of the others went to a concert and I played bridge. A few people came to dinner. The visit to Victoria was quite a success and the weather is better and it ought to be alright for our trip up the island

Friday Oct 3 Left Victoria about 9.30. Day went on improving. Lovely drive to **Cowichan Lake**. The trees and vegetation are wonderful. Got there about 2.30 and fished for trout in the afternoon. I got one. River very low but it looks an ideal piece of water. Afterwards we went up the lake in a launch. Scenery very fine. Found the ? quite comfortable.

Saturday Oct 4 misty morning, but came out quite fine later on. Left Cowichan at 9. Quite sorry to go. Arrived **Duncan** at 10 where there were a number of people. Went to the Women's Institute. Quite nice. Unveiled a drinking font which had been erected out of the surplus subscribed to the Blue Cross Fund. Nice lot of people. Stopped at **Ladysmith** for a few minutes and met the Mayor and several others. Arrived **Courtenay** at 2.30. Met the Mayor and several others on the platform Drove to **Comox harbour** and on the way paid a surprise visit to a RC hospital. The nuns seemed undaunted at our coming. Lovely drive to the settlement which is being prepared for the returned soldiers by the Provincial Gov. Colossal undertaking but most interesting. The place had been lumbered and now the stumps are being cleared. In the experiment succeeds it ought to do well but there is the chance of a great failure. Interesting ? but we were taken for a needlessly long drive and waited lot of time which might have been spent at the settlement. Arrived **Qualicum** at 7.30. met by General Williams. He and his wife are living in a house they bought just before the war. He served in the Shropshire Yeomanry and he had a command in Egypt. Nice people but a strange existence. House is delightful but much too big as there is the servant difficulty. They are quite English and it was quite different to talk to them than to the ordinary Canadian. I suppose they are a good type of English settlers in BC.

Sunday Oct 5 a really wonderful day. Hot sun and blue sky but nice fresh feeling. Walked over to the hospital. Quite nice but they are all very uncertain what is to be done with it as they have been told it is to be closed. The men seemed very contented. After luncheon we fished. All trolling. Saw some salmon but they would not take. Got a ? trout. In spite of getting no fish it was delightful on the sea. Blanche and I went with Morey [or Money]. We had tea with a very pleasant old lady who had been there for a long time. Motored back. Some of them played golf. Sunset was quite wonderful. Managed to find out a bit more about the Moneys? Afraid it is the old story of land booms and they have been badly let in. He likes the country but I think she will get very tired of it. Rather a hopeless look out. Several people came to luncheon and dinner. They do everything very well and they have no help. It is certainly a strange life.

Monday Oct 6 Lovely morning and quite a look of frost. Got away from Qualicum between 9.30 and 10. Called in to see Mr Lea and arrived **Nanaimo** about 11.30. Excellent reception. Said a few words. IODE Red X and other orders presented bouquets Went in to the Veterans room which I formally opened. Went on board the *Princess Charlotte* and got to **Vancouver** at 3.30. When we got on board found a number of telegrams from Crowdy. Afraid poor old Dick is very seriously ill indeed. He had a fainting fit and his condition seemed very grave. However the telegrams we got at Vancouver was more reassuring. I think he ought to get over now but he has obviously been very ill indeed. Heavy afternoon work. Went round the Vocational training place which is quite excellent. Also visited university but no notice had been given and I suddenly found myself called ? Tea with the IODE. Eve went back to the train and I went over two hospitals and shook hands with all the returned soldiers I could find. The hospitals are gradually closing down but I thought that those I saw are doing good work. In the evening went to south Vancouver but there

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had evidently been some telegram which we had not received and the whole thing was off. Think the afternoon was most successful. Railway strike in England is settled.

Tuesday Oct 7 foggy morning but improved later. Telegram from Dick and he gives a much better account of himself so I hope the danger is passed. Started at 9.45 with the Mayor and crossed by ferry to **North Vancouver**. Opened the Convention of the Union of BC municipalities Quite a good and ? gathering. Went across to the school. Most enthusiastic lot of children. Said a few words and asked for a holiday. Drove to the **Capilano Canyon**. Had often heard about it, but it is far more beautiful than what I expected. Lovely lot of country. Returned to the hotel and spoke at the Canadian Club. Very good gathering and I think my speech was well received. Mr. Bell Irving and his son were having luncheon in the car. He seems very well and the boy looks well considering all that he has gone through. Eve went to the Women's meeting and in the afternoon and I went for a drive through the Stanley Park. Apparently there is no ? between the different organizations and I found was expected at the Women's Canadian Club. Eve seems to have managed very well with them and afterwards we shook hands with everybody. The so called public reception did not come off. Tea with the womens organizations. One of the returned men brought some pictures to show us which were done by a Mr. Hamilton who managed to get over to France. Dinner given by Mayor at the hotel. Only formal toasts. We then went to a music hall performance. Very indifferent. Looked in at the soldiers Club which I opened two years ago. Seems to be doing useful work. Train drew out at midnight

October 8 Wednesday. Quiet night at **Aggaxis**. Got up early and had a look at the Experimental Farm Dominion, quite good. Cold and snow early but lovely day later. Interesting trip through the **Fraser Canyon** and then on by the **Thompson river**. Stopped for a time at North Bud? Went to the school and asked for a holiday. Left the CPR at **Spences Bridge**. Col? Fellowes joins us there and came on with us. **Kettle valley** very beautiful but train very shaky. Reception at **Merritt**. Good number of people including the Goldmans. The place seemed very prosperous. Sorry to see in one of the times that appeared today that Audley Miles was dead. Another of the old Pratts? lot. Very few left. It was also announced that AJB had been appointed Chancellor of Cambridge. Excellent and obvious choice.

Thursday Oct 9 Left **Penticton** soon after 8.30 on board the **Sicamous**. Very comfortable and good boat. Views on the **lake Okanagan** very fine. Arrived **Peach Land** 10.15 Met by the Reeve who presented an address. School children sang and I asked for a holiday. Opened the Fair Very good exhibition. Arrived **Kelowna** at noon. Considerable crowd on the wharf. Shook hands with a number of people but no speeches. Drove round the country. A returned naval captain took me. Found we were at the Admiralty at the same time. Extremely interesting to see the fruit? operations. Everywhere we heard optimistic reports of the season. Saw some tobacco being dried and then went through some orchards and saw a packing house. After luncheon Blanche and I with Carol? [Harold?] And Geordie went by motor to **Vernon**. Beautiful drive and good road through an interesting country. Stopped at **Oyama** where I opened another Exhibition. Very good. The fruit is certainly marvelous. Got to **Vernon** about eleven? Received address and asked for a holiday. Visited packing house. Far better than the one we saw in the morning. Drove out to the Coldstream ranch. Used to belong to Mr. Aberdeen but has been sold off in smaller lots. The best I have seen. Got to the wharf about six and found the others had arrived on the boat. Reception in the evening but rather vague. Said a few words to the GWVA. Most interesting day and I had never seen fruit operations on so big a scale. Everyone was most optimistic as the prices are high and the crops excellent. Number of people. Very English, some of returned men, but they all seem to be settling down very well.

Friday Oct 10 Left **Okanagan landing** early by boat and got to **Summerland** at 10.30. Reception on wharf. Drove through the orchards to the Dominion Experimental Farm. Most interesting and on a big scale. The more one sees what can be done by water on this land the more wonderful it is. Cold and grey day but not enough to interfere. Luncheon on the boat before we reached **Penticton**. Reception at the schools. I went for a drive and saw more orchards and packing houses. Eve went to tea with a farmers wife. At the reception heard a story that there was a man in hospital who said he was an ADC and that he had bought Lord Jelicoes yacht. ? went to see him and found he have an Roberts.[does not make sense] He had been in the Air Force and later on in the Navel Department at Ottawa. The ? got the whole of the story. Board of Trade dinner began at 9.30 and lasted till past one. The Vancouver Board of Trade who are ?? were really the cause of the dinner. In spite of the terrible length it was really quite a success.

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Saturday Oct 11 Left Penticton early and all day travelled through most wonderful scenery to **Trail**. Passed over two mountain ranges. The railway is a marvelous feat of engineering. Got to **Tadanac** at 7.30. The smelter was there and the town about five minutes drive to just below. Excellent reception in the theatre and this whole place turned out well. Long but really interesting day.

Sunday Oct 12 Lovely morning Left Tadanac at 8.45 in the Cornwall car and went up to **Rossland** 4 ½% grade but good road and lovely scenery. Excellent reception. Evie and Dorothy were given broaches but otherwise the usual proceedings took place. Church. Very nice service. Drove up to the top of one of the ?head. Very interesting. Drove in the afternoon. Got back to **Tadanac** about 5.30 and went round the smelter. Very interesting. Most successful day. Lot of letters arrived. Went on to **Nelson** in the evening and arrived there soon after nine.

October 13 Monday. Anniversary of poor Angus's death. Afraid it will be a bad day for Maud. We went up **Kootenay Lake**. The scenery is quite wonderful. Stopped at **Balfour**. Met the local inhabitants and went in to the BCR hospital for tuberculosis cases. The men seem contented and the place is well run. Lovely situation. Went on to **Kaslo**. Excellent reception. Visited hospitals and schools and after a public reception went for a drive. Wonderful views but the cars and roads were alike bad. Beautiful road back to Nelson.

Tuesday Oct 14. Lovely day. Drove over to the Power Plant about 12 at **Bonington falls**. They are really very beautiful and the views are wonderful. The plant is small but efficient. Evie stayed in bed all day. Reception at school. Lot of children but not many others except the IODE. Visited the hospital which is new but quite nice. The Mayor took me to see a Jam factory but he had given a holiday to his people. There is an atmosphere of failure and depression about this place and the Mayor seemed very casual. Altogether the proceedings were light and the worst I have yet seen. Left on our return journey.

Wednesday Oct 15 Lovely day. Found in the morning we had made very slow progress on our journey back to **Spences Bridge**. The coal was bad and could not keep the steam up. Several stoppages. The scenery all along was very fine. Got to **Penticton** about 2 and went to the Exhibition. After looking round I formally opened it. Livestock poor in quantity and not much to boast of in quality. The fruit was good and the educational exhibits were also excellent. Got a telegram to say that the formal agreement about the sale of DH has been signed and so that is the last of the poor old house. Hope we shall not live to regret it. Left Penticton A little lost more time. Found a number of people at **Princetown** [sic, he means Princeton unless it has changed since 1919] Said a few words and asked for a holiday. Quite a nice lot of people. Proceeded on our way to **Spences Bridge**. The Goldmans ? were at **Merritt** and came on ? for a short time.

Thursday Oct 16 Carol Fellowes left at **Wallachin** [can't fine it, might be at lac la jeune?] We reached **Kamloops** 9.30. Good gathering at the station. I asked for a holiday at the children and then received an address from the Mayor. Unfortunately a long freight train was passing while I was replying. Went for a drive through the city. Left at 10.50. Lovely trip to **Revelstoke** where we found the mayor and others. Motored to the top of the mountain. The views are quite wonderful. Got back to tea given by the Canada Club. & Red X very well done. Said a few words. Was presented with an album of photographs. They are all delegates with the Prince of Wales and his visit which evidently was a complete success. Public reception in the evening. Made rather a long speech. Developed into a dance later. These dances are rather difficult but I do not see any way out of them.

Friday Oct 17 Really lovely day. Left **Revelstoke** early and got to ? head at 10. They had given us a special boat. The views all down the lake were beautiful but especially in the narrows. Somehow or other a mistake had occurred and there were several places at which we were expected but we had no notice. When we found out we were able to make it good except at one. I hate disappointing people and this was not my fault and could easily have been avoided. Called at three places **Burton Edgeworth and Renata**. [on the Arrow Lake at the time; seems that Burton and Edgeworth are probably under water after dam was built in 1968, now known as Hugh Keenlyside dam] At Burton we took a ? a returned man came with us and we got badly ? by bush. We could easily have saved time by going straight ahead. [seems he went down or up arrow lakes by boat]

Saturday Oct 18 Returned up the lake [Arrow Lake] by night and were in the narrows in the early morning. Morning was cloudy but improved. Called at **Nakusp** where they had made excellent arrangements After the usual proceedings we went to the school and hospital. Hospital was poor. On our way at **Arrow Head**

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we found a little reception had been arranged. Very nicely done. Got away in the train about 10 minutes to three. Passed through **Revelstoke**. Scenery very fine. Stopped the night at **Glacier**. Rather noisy but such as we saw of the mountains in the dark were fine.

Sunday Oct 19 Started by eight and walked up to the glacier. First time I have even been on a glacier and was much disillusioned. It is surprising how so beautiful thing when seen from a distance can be so ugly when actually approached. Left about 11.30 and got to **Lake Louise** by 6.15 (MT) Stopped at one or two places on the way. The crew all along are quite wonderful but I found that I liked **Golden** and **Field** the best. When we reached **Lake Louise** we found the car on the railway up to the ? and went up in it and got a walk when we got there. Although it was getting dark the views were quite beautiful. Long but interesting day.

Monday Oct 20 Started about 9 in the street car went up to the hotel. Got off at once walked up to **Lake Agnes**. Both Mirror and Agnes were frozen but the walk was delightful and the views wonderful. Dorothy, Harold and Geordie walked out to Mt. Piran [he means Mount St. Piran] and had a good climb. Miss Saunders and Harry were rather amiss and stopped at the hotel. Eve, Blanche and I went out in a motor to Lake Minnewanka. Wonderful views of Mt. Temple and the Ten Peaks. After tea at the hotel we went in to **Banff**. Got hold of Mr. Folgambe? who came to dinner. Very glad to see him but he is in a very shaky and nervous condition. Splendid view of **Mount Castle** as we came along. News of Ontario Election. Great reversal of opinion and big Gather? Vote. ? for rec? effect. No clear majority for any party.

Tuesday Oct 21 Lovely day but colder. Drove to **Johnstone Canyon** and walked up to the falls. Very fine. The views everywhere were wonderful. Folgambes? came with us. Came back to the car and started almost at once for **Sulphur mountain**. Drove up to the hot springs in motor where we found ponies We rode and walked. Had luncheon about a third of the way up and then went on to the top. We all went except Eve and Mr. Folgambe. The climb was quite easy and found could go the whole way. The views all round were magnificent. Went to the Hot Springs. Mr. Folgambe, Dorothy and ADCs bathed. Blanche and Folgambe and I went on to the other baths and saw the various sights. Most successful day. Unluckily Miss Saunders and Harry were seedy and could not come. Got a Calgary paper. Much excited over the election in Ontario. Complete sweep of the present government. May have very far reaching effects.

Wednesday Oct 22 Left **Banff** at 8. Heavy clouds and snow. Cold. Harold stopped to climb but afraid it will be a bad day. Arrived at **Calgary** at 11 (railway time) 10 (City) Met by Mayor, General Macdonald and others. Met the reception Committee at the hotel. I went to the Military and the SCR hospitals. Both doing good work. Visited GWVA headquarters. Big membership and I thought the tone very good. The President Mr. Wood was in hospital at Bakewell when he was nursed by Maud. Very nice man. Luncheon by Canada Club and Women's Canadian Club. Made rather a long speech and spoke of Red X. Had to give up my drive to the Ranch owing to the weather. Went to the headquarters of the Victory Loan and took a bond. Found the workers very enthusiastic and keen. Evie went to a meeting of women workers. Reception at Armstrong. Presented medals and also a musical prize to a girl. opened exhibition of naval pictures. Shook hands with all present and looked round the pictures. Left for Regina by CNR

Hursday Oct 23 All day in the train. Saw a few people at **Kindersley** and at etterlik? and **Rosetown** and I said a few words. There were also some people at **Brock**. Snow everywhere, but opinion divided as to weather prospects. The people I talked to were on the whole optimistic in spite of the failure of the wheat harvest in many districts. The flax was much better. Met the mayor ? Mays at Saskatoon. Considerable interest is taken in the Ontario election and in the purchase of the Grand Trunk. On the whole most of the people I spoke to approved of the latter.

Friday Oct 24. Arrived **Regina** at ten. Met by Lt Gov and Lady Lake. Prime Minister, Mayor, GOC Commissioner Perry and others. Very cold 4 degrees below zero but bright and still. Quiet morning. Canadian Club luncheon. Afraid I did not make at all a good speech. Got started wrong. English mail. Very depressed letter from Charlie. It is a great pity he will not settle down. Some other interesting letters. Eve and I stopped at Gov House the others remained on the train In the afternoon we went to the General and Military hospitals Both quite good. Reception at Parliament building. Extremely well done and organized. Dance afterwards. People deserve great credit for organization.

Saturday Oct 25. Very cold but no wind. 7 degrees below but see that in Ottawa on Thursday it was 60 so I hope we shall not find this weather in the East. Very quite? and long day. Luncheon with the RNWMP at

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the Branch. They seem quite inclined to settle down to the new conditions and are doing well recruiting. Eve went to two meetings in the morning. Reception of war workers at City Hall. Well attended and arrangements quite good. Dinner at Government House and then we left for the train on our way back to Ottawa and so started in this last stage of the tour which has on the whole been quite successful.

Sunday and Monday Oct 26 and 27. Travelled right away through to Ottawa with long stoppage except at Winnipeg where we met the Lt Gov and Lady Aikins. Walked from one station to the other with them. Got walks in various places. Snow coating all the way through.

Tuesday Oct 28 When we woke up found the snow was gone but wild and stormy weather. Got to **Ottawa** at 11. Dick looked ill and very tired but was in good spirits in spite of all that he has been through, Says he is well on his way to recovery. Long talk with Sladen although there was nothing of any exceptional note. The political situation is involved and the Govt have certainly lost a lot of ground. The railway bill is very unpopular and the Ontario election is an eye opener. Got things arranged. Short walk in the afternoon. Raymond Hubbard? came to dinner and is coming up to stay here tomorrow.

Wednesday Oct 29 Cold but very fine. Got through several papers and went to the office where I saw Sir George Foster. Had not seen him since Lady Foster's death. He looked better than I expected. Interesting conversation. He admits Gov's unpopular but says that is the case with all Governments at the present time. Also saw Sir J Pope. He was much disturbed by the Ontario election. Sir Louis and Lady Davies came to luncheon. I thanked him for doing my work as Deputy. Good walk with Anne in the afternoon. Sir Charles Eliot the new Ambassador is in Tokyo and Hubbard came for the night. Evie stayed in bed all day as she had threatenings of lumbago.

Thursday Oct 30 Colder. The Ontario farmers according to the papers have reelected Davy as their leader and he will I suppose be Prime Minister. From all I hear the choice is not at all bad. Managed to get a few letters written. Cardinal Menses? and his party came to luncheon. Interesting men. Got a walk in the afternoon. Government dinner to the Cardinal. I presided. Sir George Foster proposed the toast and after the Cardinal's reply Doherty said a few words. Speeches were quite good. Sir C Eliot left in the afternoon. Wet night.

Friday Oct 31 Wet muggy. Evie lumbago is better but she stopped in bed all day. Raymond Hubbard left for England. Mr. and Mrs Graham Bell came to luncheon and I thanked the for all he had done for our tour. Short walk with Blanche.

Saturday Nov 1 Unsettled but nice and mild. Evie's lumbago is better. Made a little progress into my correspondence but the heap is still formidable. F. Cook came to luncheon and we had an interesting talk about the Red X and St. Johns. Walk in the afternoon.

Sunday Nov. 2 colder. Went to church. Stayed for second service. Saw Bravin? for the first time since he had been to England. Walk in the afternoon and evening. Inclined to be colder. Afraid Eve got another bout of lumbago.

Monday Nov 3 Colder 12 degrees frost. Eve seem to be worse, Brewer came to see me about the addition to the church. A meeting to be held on Wednesday to discuss it. Played golf with Geordie, Harold and Dorothy. Afraid I was very bad. Went to a performance of the Mikado. Evie had the osteopath, Bishop to rub her and he seems to have really done her good.

Tuesday Nov 4 Evie no (maybe some) better and came down to breakfast. Sprinkling of snow but does not look like stopping. Walk in the afternoon. The snow is going fast as it has begun to rain. Got through some nice letters. Afraid Macmillan has got an attack of flue.

Wednesday Nov 5 Snow and rain in the morning but improved later. Got a walk in the afternoon. Lady Evelyn Ward arrived in the morning. Miss Shaughnessy and Mrs Cook by the 12.30 train. Interesting morning at the office. Saw General Fotheringham and Carlisle Jones and later Cook and Orde in connection with St. Johns and Red X. They are all anxious to get a workable agreement although the recent actions of the Red X have upset them. I also Sir George Foster. He is much disturbed at the turn which events have taken in the House and was evidently low and worried. He thinks it is possible Senators may be appointed to fill two (or the) vacancies. It will be disastrous if this is the case. He also was rather worried about the PM's health and he has gone to ? City which he thinks may be quieter. After he had left I saw Stiles who gave a good account of the Boy Scouts. That really seems to be missing? one. The **Prince of Wales** got

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back and looked very fresh after all he had gone through and was very pleased with his tour. He went off for a dance at the Country Club.

Thursday Nov 6 Nice day. Investiture at Govt House by the Prince of Wales. Went off very well but was quite short. Colonel and Mrs. Bickford stayed for luncheon. Walk in the afternoon with Blanche and Anne. May Court Ball. Very well done and arranged. most successful. Sir George Foster came to see me in the evening. The Govt decided to fill up two of the vacancies in the Senate and hope to get their bill. I of course had to sign this O in C but made a protest. Important cable from Milner (CO Secretary) on the observations of this Armistice Day.

Friday Nov 7 Quite a nice Autumn Day. Saw Mr. Roy the agent general in Paris. Interesting man and very keen on developing Canada interests in Paris. Walk in the afternoon. Dance in evening. Went off alright. Anne came down and seemed to enjoy herself.

Saturday Nov. 8 Nice mild morning. Rather lucky in getting a hole made into the winter. Canadian Club luncheon. The Prince of Wales made a really admirable speech. Walk with Eve. Everyone except Blanche, Dick and ourselves went to the Henderson Dance at the Country Club.

Sunday Nov. 9 Colder but fine and dry. The dance last night seems to have been a great success. The Prince of Wales invested the memorial window at the Parish Church which the Duke of Connaught had given for the members of his staff who were killed in the war. Very nice service and well done. Window is nice but rather too many figures for the size of the church. The Prince of Wales afterwards went on to the Presbyterian at the end of the street and invested two tablets. The Bishops Mr roper Lane, Grant and Mackie came to luncheon in the afternoon Sir H and Lady Bulton came up. Had an interesting conversation with her. Colonel Thisutes??of the Intelligence and Department also came up in ? ?. He certainly is a most amusing person.

Monday Nov 10 Cold and Gray. Looks like snow or rain. HRH left in the afternoon and was I think quite sorry to go, He gave me a very nice book and to Eve a broach and photograph. He also gave Anne and Dorothy photographs and presents to all the staff. His visit has been a great success. Left for Toronto by the night train with Lady Evelyn, Blanche, Henderson and Geordie.

Tuesday Nov. 11. Comfortable night journey. Got up to Government House at 9. Sir J. Hendrie is evidently rattled by the election and general outlook on every occasion that he could he abused the new PM and his possible colleagues. Anniversary of the Armistice. From all that I heard the two minute silence asked for by the King was well observed. Opening of the Hart House. Impressive ceremony and well arranged. Vincent Massey made an excellent speech. The building is certainly a very great achievement. Luncheon in the gallery of the big hall. Interesting lot of people. Procession to the Convocation Hall where Honourary degrees were conferred. All the recipients were in one way or another identified with war work. I then laid the foundation of the University Memorial for the members of the university who had been killed. After tea at GH I opened the Red X Lodge at the Dainsville? Hospital. Nice building and quite a good little function. A few people came to dinner and we played bridge.

Wednesday Nov 12. Wet and muggy. Pity it was such a bad day for Blanche and Geordie who went to Niagara. Interesting English Mail. Formally handed the Loan flag to the Mayor in front of the City Hall as the City has got its objective. A considerable crowd was there and a good deal of enthusiasm. Visited the Headquarters organizations for the Province. All very complete and thorough. Canadian club luncheon. Big attendance but I was not satisfied with my speech. After going to the Board of Trade building which they claim to be the highest in the Empire and where there is a wonderful view of the city we went to Upper Canada College. Addressed the boys and asked for a holiday. It all seems to be a good token? Visited the Horticultural Exhibition good display of shrubs and flowers. Quite a full and successful day. When I got back found a cable from Kerr and Ryder saying Maud's operation was successful. Great relief to hear she has got through it well and hope it will put her right. Men's dinner. Interesting lot.

Thursday Nov 13 Much colder. Visited the Orthopaedic hospital. Spoke to a lot of the men. It is really doing a great work. Dr. Coff came to luncheon and had an interesting talk with him. Blanche and I went to the Museum and went round with the curator. Very interesting, After tea I saw Mr Drury the new PM Seems a keen earnest man but rather doubtful of his capability. I liked the look of him. The Lt Gov very worried by some of the ? whose name he brought up.

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Friday Nov 14 Got back to **Ottawa** for breakfast. Dorothy came to my room in the train but I was in my bath. She, Miss Saunders and Harry and Harold are going to Blue Sea till Monday. Colder later no snow yet. Walk in the afternoon. Some snow fell in the evening. Got through some letters and papers.

Saturday Nov 15 Fire alarm in the night but it must have been a fuse. At any rate no symptoms of fire. Slight covering of snow and 20 degrees frost, but sun was quite warm. Eve went to a luncheon of her Women's Canadian Club to hear Judge Murphy. I hoisted the Victory Loan flag for Ottawa. Not many people about. Several of the Women's Institute Ladies came to tea.

Sunday Nov. 16 Milder church. Brewin? explained the meaning of the figures in the new windows. Quite interesting. Walk with Blanche and Anne in the afternoon.

Monday Nov 17 Quite a heavy rain in the night and very mild in the morning. It is a great thing to have got so far on into the winter. Got on with some letters. In the afternoon we went to the Experimental Farm and saw the chrysanthemums. They make a very good show. Blanche and I walked back. Quite a good step. The others returned from Blue Sea which they say they enjoyed themselves. Apparently some wine and spirits were left up there and the house had been broken into. Nothing else was taken. It was really an idiotic thing to have done. Dr. and Mrs Gibson came to dinner. She was very odd and rather amusing

Tuesday Nov. 18 Damp and mild. Rain later went to a picture show which was supposed to be about Bolshevick propaganda. Very poor and quite unsuitable for any purpose except a sensational and long melodrama. Played golf in the afternoon. Quite a nice game. Dr. Coff came to dinner. Long talk over the Red X and the usual fuss.

Wednesday Nov 19 Cold wind and a little snow. Meeting in my room at the office of the Committee called the National Relief Committee consisting of Red X and the two St. Johns. The Red X did not send anyone and am afraid situation is very strained. Eve's? constant exaggeration and excitement make it worse. Could have been cleared up but for these wretched nursing organizations. As it is there seems very little daylight. Thursday Nov 20. The US Senate have apparently rejected the Peace Treaty. Very strange position. Played golf in the afternoon. Rather snowy in patches, but very nice out on the course. Quite an event to be able to play on Nov. 20. Do not expect many nice days.

Friday Nov 21 Milder. The position in the US is very strange and quite incomprehensible to us. It certainly is a strange commentary on the so-called principles of democracy. Saw Sir George Foster at the office. He did not have much to tell me. Also sir H. Drayton. On the whole he was pleased with the loan, but annoyed that the English Govt should have floated a loan in New York at the same time in which they 6 ¼%. It certainly was rather unfortunate. He thought that exchange would have improved if he had got a he hoped a lot of American money. Also saw Col Hodgkiss who gave me a report on Mr. David Henderson meeting at Toronto. It seems to have been very successful. Played golf, but did badly. Afraid it will be the last game I shall have ;before the winter although it is still very mild.

Saturday Nov 22 Real wet day. Great relief that it is not snow. Left at 3 for Halifax. Burrell also went down. Played a lot of bridge.

Sunday Nov 23 Real wet day. Made a very good run getting to **Halifax** 6.45. Under 27 hours. Got a short walk at Monckton. Played some bridge

Monday Nov 24 Lt. Governor came to see me in the morning. Got a short walk and then went on board the *Renown*. HRH well and in good spirits and very pleased with his American trip. Landed in the afternoon. I went to look at the new houses on the devastated area. Great progress is being made and the houses look comfortable. Also drove round the Park which I had never seen before. Quite nice. After a few minutes in the train went to Government House. Grants very well and the Lt. Gov was in good form. Government dinner at the Halifax Club. Well arranged and most representative. The PM.(Borden) proposed the health of HRH in a nice little speech and HRH made an excellent reply. Dance at Gov House. Rather crowded for dancing but I saw a good many people. Stopped in the *Renown*.

Tuesday Nov 25. Henderson who came back from the dance after I did had a sort of fainting fit on the way back to the ship? thought it was indigestion and affected his heart. Looked very seedy but said he could come back with us. Very comfortable night in the *Renown*. I had the Captains Cabin. Interesting morning in the ship and there were a lot of coming and going. Luncheon on board. Lt. Gov, Premier, Mayor, went very well but the Mayor was very drunk. Caused considerable tension. Said goodbye to HRH. He was really

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nice and genuinely sorry to leave.. Left Halifax at 3 a made a very good run. Col Songer? And his staff Captain cane with us. PM, burrell, Pope, Burstall also on the train. They all came to dinner and we had a lot of bridge. Made a very good run.

Wednesday Nov 26 ??? has really started. Henderson was about the same. We started playing bridge early but soon after eleven there was a rather violent shock and we found we had collided with a freight train. It was really very careless. No one was damaged but our engine was smashed a good deal and four cars on a van on the freight were upset and badly broken. It was wonderful it wasn't any worse. They got it cleared up in about two hours and we got back to **Ottawa** in time for dinner.

Thursday Nov 27. Wild but fine. Lord and Lady Jellicoe and a Flag? Lieurenant arrived He has rather a heavy cold but otherwise looks well. Walk in the afternoon. Dinner. Quite a nice lot of people.

Friday Nov 28 Colder but bright and fine. Very depressing letters from Charlie. Interesting he does not seem to care about foot ball. Got a few letters done for the mail. Lt. jellicoe was pleased with his first interview with Ministers. Walk in the afternoon. Dinner in the evening. Very successful. Moron Frewen and son arrived.

Saturday Nov 29. Raw and damp. Rain later. Long talk with Moreton Frewen. His is certainly an optimist. Canadian Club luncheon to Lord Jellicoe. He made a most useful and timely speech and it ought to strengthen the hands of the Govt if they are inclined to do anything. Got a walk in the afternoon. Sir M. Singer and Bamber/ left. Wild stormy night.

Sunday Nov 30 storm worked off. Snow nearly gone and quite mild. Very unusual sort of winter. Eve and I went to the Knox Church for the investing of a memorial to the members of the congregation who served in the war and also to nine who were killed. Nice service. Walk in the afternoon. Two of Ld Jellicoes staff came to dinner.

Monday Dec. 1 The gale of Saturday night and yesterday has done a lot of harm but has gone down now. Rather ? Interesting conversation with the PM at the office. He is evidently very rattled and unsettled. His own health does not seem good and many of his colleagues are tired. Afraid I cannot see how he can either relieve himself or strengthen his cabinet. Walk with Morton Frewen. In spite of his absurd schemes he really is rather interesting. Ld Jellicoe seems to be pleased with what he had seen of Ministers so far. IODE ball quite a successful affair. Went off very well.

Tuesday Dec. 2 Snow. Looks like the real thing this time. Managed in spite of many interruptions to get a few letters written for English mail. Walk with Blanche in the afternoon. Big dinner of over fifty Went of alright. They danced afterwards to the gramophone.

Wednesday Dec. 3 Cold and bright 10 degrees below zero. Morton Frewen brought two men concerned with the rhudda properties in the Peace River. They were interesting and optimistic but as usual wanted someone to spend money for them. There is no doubt the opportunities in that district are enormous but require labour and capital. The Frewens left in the afternoon. The Huntley Drummonds and Miss allan arrived. Skated in the afternoon. Really shows this winter has set in. Ld Jellicoe is very keen on it and skates well. Went to the Amater ? "Alice sits by the fire" Miss Schofield did the leading part and was excellent. Creditable performance in every way.

Thursday Dec. 4 Lovely day and bit too cold. Vey important meeting of the Patriotic fund. The PM and several other ministers attended and presented a proposal that the fund should take over the administration of the relief for unemployed returned men. Decided to do so subject to the working out of certain details. Useful and representative meeting and dealt with this problem in a thorough and systematic manner. Met again in the afternoon and afraid (arrived?) at what I hope will be a satisfactory solution. Skated for a short time. The Drummonds and Miss allen left

Monday Dec. 5 More snow. Milder. Interesting conversations at the office with Crisha? Rowell, Kem and tolane? Christie was especially interesting as he had been at Washington for the labor conference. Skated in the afternoon. Lord Jellicoe's birthday. We gave him a fur cap and there was a cake and candles at tea time They left after dinner for Toronto but are coming back for Christmas.

Saturday Dec. 6 Nice bright morning but cold in the night. Got off a good many letters by the English mail. Skated in the afternoon.

Sunday Dec 7 Snow in the night but not cold. Church. Stopped for the second service. General Foster who was senior medical officer overseas came to luncheon. Also Mr. Lloyd Harris. Both were interesting and

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amusing. Walk with Eve and Blanche. After tea Harold proposed in a sort of way to Dorothy but although she did not refuse him definitely nothing was settled. She seemed to like him but not enough to accept and says she does not want to marry just yet. She seemed in excellent spirits. After dinner they went skating. Three of the Navel officers came to tea. McGratze? Sent up a message from which it appears that the coal strike may be settled.

Monday Dec. 8 Cold in the night but nice bright day. Various onerous statements are appearing in the press on the position of the govt and there seems to be an idea that a crisis is working up. Skated in the afternoon. Eve went off to Toronto for Victorian Order of Nurses. Macmillan went with her. (probably stayed with Vincent Massey and his wife – from Vincent Massey memoirs)

Tuesday Dec. 9 Raw and damp. Inclined to rain. Rather tiresome letter from the Duke of Connaught. He says he was asked he he could find a successor to Dick. I don't believe he ever was. Anglican church function. Interesting speech by Carn Gould? Good attendance. It was to start the Forward ? I said a few words. Quite a damp rain and quite nice for walking. Rhodes and Musy? Dined here and played bridge. Quite a nice game. The others went to a concert.

Wednesday Dec. 10 Billy Burlington came today.(birthday?) Bright sun but wild wind. Got on with some Xmas letters to the children. Blanche and Dorothy tried to skate but it was too cold and wind for any enjoyment. I got a walk and after the sunset the wind dropped and though the temperature was low it was quite nice. Morres? And one of Ld Jellicoes came to dinner and played bridge. Quite a nice game.

Thursday Dec. 11 Low temperature but wind has dropped. Coal strike in USA appears to be over. Got off a good number of letters for Xmas at home. Skated in the afternoon. The same professional as was here last year came in. Heard that Evie was not coming back but continuing.

Friday Dec. 12 Milder looks as if snow storm was working up. The Prime Minister rang up that he wanted to see me. I went to the office at 12. He told me that he had not been feeling well and on the advice of his doctor he had consulted Dr. Martin. He said he was very run down and unless he gave up work he would have a nervous breakdown or worse. He had mentioned this to his colleagues and on their suggestion he had consulted a specialist from Toronto who entirely confirmed what the others had said. He was therefore fully convinced that neither in the interests of the country or on account of himself that he ought not to continue. I expressed great regret. He was very nice and seemed quite frank with me. He had no suggestion as to a successor but was to meet his colleagues in the afternoon and would communicate with me again. It is certainly difficult to see how this govt can last. We had an interesting talk as to various possibilities.

Rowell, Calder and Meighen were the names mentioned but none of them seemed likely. He also mentioned that from a constitutional point I might have to ask Sir George foster as Senior Privy councilor. I shall miss Borden, although he has not been as strong lately as I think he might have been. Several people came to skate. The ice was excellent and it was nice and mild. Quite nice and I got on better. Miss Bu? And Miss Chadwick make it very much easier to skate. Sir Henry and Lady Egan came to dinner. Played bridge.

Saturday Dec. 13 Eve got back from Toronto. She liked staying with the Masseys and seems to have made some progress with her various meetings. She likes the Clarkes. They move into Govt House in January. I had quite a nice letter from him. No more news from the Prime Minister. Walk in the afternoon. Slushy and in places slippery but otherwise quite nice. Went out without a great coat and got quite hot walking. The ? had pretty well one. Dorothy and the staff all went to the Country club

Sunday dec 14 Colder but lovely bright day. Church. Canon Snowden preached. Quite a good sermon. No news from the PM but I heard that he was at the country Club last night and was in very good spirits. Commander and Mrs Share? Came to luncheon. She had cracked her elbow by a fall on the ice but was getting on well. Walk with Dorothy. She seems to like Macmillan better than anyone else but I am not sure that she is in love with him. At any rate said she would be quite ready to go home and see other people.

Monday Dec. 15 Nice morning but cold. Borden's resignation appeared in the paper. Interesting English mail. Bitter cold wind. Went down to the skating rink. Some of the others skated but Eve Blanche and I went for a walk. In the evening we went to a joint meeting of the Canadian Club. Dr. Cody of Toronto was the speaker and made quite good speech on education. The others went to the Minto Club.

Tuesday Dec 16 Lovely day but colder. Went to ? below during the night. Press very full of Borden's resignation but at present very vague as to successor. Interesting talk with the PM but he had no further

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information. The Govt are evidently going to let everything drift and leave it to a caucus. Not a good solution. General Bettel and two of his staff and Colonel Thorne and Capt Wallace arrived. Very nice. Wallace was in the 2nd ad knew John. A Mayor Avistory? Came to luncheon. He knows the Yorkers" and told me a lot skated for a little and then went for a walk with Eve and Blanche.

Wednesday Dec. 17. Cold but fine and bright. No new developments. General Biggar came to luncheon. He is now giving up his work as Quartermaster General and is going for a trip to Europe. Gave him photograph which he seemed to like. Skated but the ice was very hard. Cold night. Talk with General Betrel? And Capt Wallace. Wallace would like to stay out here and I thought he might fit in as acting Military secretary while Henderson was away. Dinner party. Quite nice;

Thursday Dec. 18 Still cold but some slight indication of a change. A good heavy fall of snow is what is wanted. Went to a luncheon given by the Ottawa Branch of the Society of Engineers. Commander Ramsay of Ld Jellicoes staff made quite a good speech on the Dover Patrol. I said a few words. General Beltré? And his people left. Walk in the afternoon. Col Leonard came to tea and had an interesting conversation about Red X etc. Dick and Geordie went to Montreal to meet the Empress of France party, but we heard that she was lying off St. John in a fog and could not land before tomorrow.

Friday Dec. 19 Milder. Heard that the Empress of France docked this morning. Afraid they must have had a terrible passage. Henderson got back yesterday. He does not look well and seems worried about himself. Skated in the afternoon. Heard that the Empress of France has docked and that the gods were starting at 1. They can hardly get here till later tomorrow or early Sunday. According to Press reports PM says he will remain on and some arrangement will be patched up. A report appeared in the evening Papers that a determined attempt was made on Ld French's life in Dublin. Luckily he escaped. Makes a settlement far more difficult. Dr. Robertson came to dinner and we had an interesting talk on many subjects. Telegram from Rachel and Dick asking if they could go to the Ritz at Montreal. There would be no harm in their going but I think they had better sleep on the train and come on early next morning.

Saturday Dec 20. Much milder, but glass continues to rise. Lucy the children did not come by CPR train as I hear they had a smash. There is a chance they may get here tonight. Very interesting conversation with the PM. He hopes the new arrangements will work, but really there are no new arrangements at all. It is simply going along in the hopes that something will turn up. Canadian Club luncheon. Tom Moore was as speaker. He is a Trades Union Leader and was at the Washington Conference Quite a useful speech. Several people came up to skate. Heard that Rachel and her party could not get to Montreal till tonight and would come on ? morning. One of the train company passengers had a bad accident with loss of life. It was a CPR train but the children are on the ICR.

Sunday Dec. 21 Cold in the night but nice and bright later. Rachel, Lady Helen Baillie Hamilton and Alix arrived. They all look very well and none the worse for their journey which must have been very bad. Waited for them and so did not go to Church. Rachel looks very well and seems quite pleased to be back. Skated in the afternoon. Every appearance of snow. It would be more like Xmas to have it and not as they say a GreenXmas

Monday Dec 22 No snow yet, although there are signs of it. English mail and some interesting letters. Freddy's Hamilton book which Maud sent me by Rachel is quite entertaining. Skated in the afternoon. Bickersteth whom I have been trying to get hold of so long arrived. Seems a very nice fellow. Dined with the Jellicoes at the Country Club. Bad dinner but quite pleasant. Played bridge.

Tuesday Dec. 23 Mild and muggy. Lloyd George made his statement yesterday on Ireland. Afraid the scheme is very fantastic with two parliaments. ? but it may solve the problem. Skated in the afternoon. Quite nice and mild but probably it will be colder again before long. Afraid Alix has got rather a nasty place in her leg where she was kicked by a horse. She had not taken much notice of it. Geordie had a party at the Country Club. They all went to it except ourselves, Blanche and Dick and Alix. We went to the hockey match. Not quite up to the real forms as Ottawa really out played Toronto all through. Anne came as well and thoroughly enjoyed it. The Jellicoes were there and came back with us. Wallace/ arrived. Henderson called to Algy Stanley ?? in the staff. When Oswald Balfours come we shall be quite a lot.

Wednesday Dec 24 Snow in the night and rather colder. Geordie's ball last night was a great success from all accounts. They all enjoyed it. Distribution of Xmas presents to the outside men and I then went to the

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office and gave them to the staff. Skated in the afternoon. The Shores and Commodore Dryer? Came up to stop for Xmas.

Xmas Day 1919 Went to the Early service with Evie. Most of the others came too. Lovely day. Cold but very bright and still. Great giving of presents and everyone seemed very happy and cheerful. We all went to the morning service. Did some skating in the afternoon and then took the dogs out for a walk. Had a great scare about Phil as a motor went right over him. He was not hurt but very frightened and bolted home. Henderson and Sladen came to dinner. Danced afterwards. Quite a good Xmas.

Friday Dec. 26 Xmas seems to have gone off very well everywhere. Every appearance of snow. The Winnipeg sedition trial came to an end on Wednesday and the defendants were found guilty on all counts. Wallace had a cable from Algy Stanley giving him leave so I suppose we shall get him on the staff in some capacity. Hope he will do well. He may be rather off hand. Skated for a short time and then went for a walk. Dorothy and Harold settled to call themselves engaged. I am sure it will be alright. They both are radiantly happy, but do not wish anything to be said about it.

Saturday Dec 27 Mild and occasional snow flurries, but there ought not to be too much for skating this afternoon. Cleared up well. Quite a successful party. Have not one of the regular ones but a number of the Minto Club were especially invited and the Band also came. Dorothy and Macmillan spent the whole day together and it is really rather difficult to have to maintain that they are not engaged. Anne had rather a heavy fall on the ice but nothing serious. Hockey match Ottawa beat Montreal by 2 goals. Not a very good game as the ice is so bad. Ottawa had the match in hand from the beginning.

Sunday Dec. 28 Lovely day. Little more snow than there was yesterday and rather colder but quite still at night. Church. Wallace and Bickersteth left for New York and Harold went with them. The rest of the party spent the afternoon in various ways. I walked across the river. Very slippery going down to the edge and I fell down twice. A captain Goodwin and his wife came to tea. She is rather a nonentity but I liked the look of him. William Temple had told his he was away. His mother and Aunt B were great friends.

Monday Dec 29 Lovely morning. Cold but still at night. Saw the PM for a few minutes but he had nothing ? to tell except that he was going away on Friday. Ld. Jellicoe had not heard if he was to go to Australia or not. Skated in the afternoon. English mail and some interesting letters.

Tuesday Dec. 30 Little more snow in the night but not cold. Got on with letters. Interesting English mail. Eve had a long screed? From Mrs. Macmillan but it was doubtful what she was arriving at. Eddy wrote that some one was engineering about the purchase of the whole of the Eastbourne property. Rather a tackling? proposition and it would involve a lot of examination. Lady Jellicoe went to bed with a sore throat and the Admiral found there was difficulty in getting to his ship and he had not heard if he was to go to SA so there is great uncertainty as to their movements. The rest of the Admiral's staff came to dinner and a few girls. They danced afterwards.

Wednesday Dec 31 Nice day. The doctor said Lady Jellicoe was not to travel today so they put off their departure till tomorrow. Skated in the afternoon and had a bit of a walk. Several important orders in Council came up. Burrell takes Customs and Sifton takes his place as Secretary of State. Quite good as far as they go, but no new blood comes into the Cabinet. Ld Jellicoe gave me his report which is really quite an admirable exposition. Eve and several of the others went to a play. Sladen dined here and we had some bridge. Saw the old year out. Wonder what the new one will bring.

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New Years day 1920. after a little snow the day came out nice and bright. The usual New Years Day. Levee took place at the office Bigger attendance than I expected, about 600. Lady Jellicoe is better but put off his departure till tomorrow. He left by the afternoon train. A Mr. Johnson, partner of Schwabs brought a private railway car up for him. Quite a typical American but interesting. Walk with Eve.

Friday Jan 2 Much colder A silly story was put in the papers that my time here would not be extended. As far as I know no one ever suggested that it should. Think it far best to leave this thing alone. Went to the office and saw Mr. Thompson. ? He has just got back from England and was on the whole encouraging about England. The continent is the big problem, but he said France and Belgium were improving. Also saw General Ross who is doing this relief work in connection with the Patriotic Fund. I was very favourably impressed with him. Swore in Burrell, Sifton and Meighen in their new offices. Said goodbye to the Prime Minister who is going off this afternoon. Lady Jellicoe and the ? Lieutenant left. Harold got back from New York. He has a very nice letter from his father. As far as I can make he will get 3000 pounds a year from ? sources but will be able to get more. Cable from Eddy saying Moucher had got a boy – six pounds. Both well”. Most satisfactory. Went for a walk across the ? with Blanche. Lovely afternoon. Senator Maccennar” brought Professor Newton to tea. He is going round the Empire in University work. Very interesting and thinks he is certainly hopeful on the people at home. Children’s Fancy dress ball. Really very successful affair indeed and a very pretty sight. Saw in the evening papers that poor old Hildebrand? Was dead. He had rather outlived his time but was an interesting link with the past.

Saturday Jan 3 Lovely bright morning but cold wind. Skating party. Rather over five hundred but they came late. Ice was not bad but hard. Lead the march with Mr. Calder. Unluckily Rachel was rather sick and could not come.

Sunday Jan 4 Very fine, bright and cold. Church. Stopped for the second service. The Bishop preached. Rather long. Harold and Dorothy want to have their engagement announced. A number of people seem to know of it so it maybe a good thing to get it out. Walked ? the river with Blanche and found Ev and Macmillan there. Lovely evening. Ewan Wallace got back from New York and will I suppose now take up his duties.

Monday Jan 5 Quite a nice day. Office. Saw Colonel Biggar and had an interesting conversation with him on the subject of Air work in view of his dinner at Montreal on Wednesday. Skated in the afternoon. Went and watched the skating at the Minto Club. It is really very good.

Tuesday Jan 6 Milder. The Mayor was re-elected by a good majority and a municipal election in Ottawa is generally ?. The single tax bye-law was defeated and that in favour of daylight saving was carried by a big majority. Had most interesting talks at the office with Sir HOKER Carrie? Sir George Foster and Magrath. Afraid the government were in a rocky state and move over Foster was quite aware of it. Sir A Carrie seemed to have got a good clear grasp of his work and quite impressed me but was rather afraid of political ? in making appointments. Went to see Henderson. Said he was better but he does not look well. He was in good spirits. Skated. Dorothy and Harold wanted their announcement made. I telephone (maybe telegraph?) to Lady Borden. I do hope it is alright.

Wednesday Jan 7 Mild and snow in the afternoon. Left for Montreal in the morning with Harold, Wallace and Dorothy. Harold and Dorothy both look very radiant. Miss Cook meet us at the station and D went off with her. I went to the hotel and walked over to the club. Luncheon. Ld Shaughnessy, Sir Vincent Meredith, General Armstrong. Very pleasant and interesting and we had a good talk. Ld Shaughnessy was in excellent form. It certainly does make a difference to see people of that sort. I also liked the General. Went on with him to the Khaki Club and had a long talk with Mrs. Molson. She is rather upset about the working of the ew gran to the out of work men. Had a look round the Club. Went to tea with Mrs Huntley Drummond. She got Professor and Mrs Leacock to meet us. I quite liked him. He was interesting and amusing. Rather a tomboy looking individual but rather what I expected. Dinner at the Montreal

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Aeronautical Association most of them were returned RAF men and nice, keen intelligent looking lot. Col Biggar made a very interesting speech. Quite a good gathering, not large but useful.

Thursday Jan 8 Very mild and muggy. Quite an unusual winter. Went to the McGill university. Met Dr. Adam who is acting Head and several others and went through the library, the engineering applied science and medical departments. Met several of the professors and staff and had an interesting morning. Luncheon at the Club. Ld Atholstan Sirs Mortimer Davis, f. Virams Taylor, Andras McPhail and Mr. Beatty. Quite interesting. Got back to **Ottawa** at 6.30. Rather a disquieting letter from Marten about Charlie. He seems to be inclined to loaf. Servants Ball. Went off very well.

Friday Jan 9 Raw. Went round the Parliament buildings. They will be convenient and comfortable but I am afraid from a strict architectural standpoint they are very unsatisfactory. Col Marshall arrived and we had a good deal of conversation. Con?? Pime RNWNP came to tea. He is going to take up his quarters here permanently and will be quite an acquisition. Back at the Chateau for the Ski Coffee? Club. Very well arranged and quite a successful affair.

Saturday Jan 10 cold but fine and bright. Slight attack of gout. The Vincent Murrays arrived by the early train. Very nice people. Telegram from Burke saying there was an offer of 550 pounds for the kitchen garden greenhouses. Wired acceptance. They will be a good riddance. Mr and Mrs Sifton arrived. Skating party. Did not skate myself owing to the gout., but went down to the rink. Anne seems seedy with headache, running eyes, temperature. Every appearance of measles. Very tiresome. Col Marshall left. Went to the hockey match. Ottawa beat Quebec very easily. Not a very good game.

Sunday Jan 11 Gave my foot a chance to get rid of this gout and stayed quiet all day. A good deal of snow fell. Anne indisposition is better and it is clear that it is not measles. Dr. Robertson and Professor Stiles came to see me over the Toronto Boy Scout row. It really is very childish and stupid but I expect I think trouble with Col Gooderhaus? Tomorrow. It is a great pity that they fall out so much. Vincent Massey left after dinner. They are certainly exceptionally nice people.

Monday Jan 12 Colder but fine and bright. My foot is still rather stiff. General Gooderham arrived and I had a long talk with him in the morning. Afraid we made very little progress. The whole thing seems to be no more than a parochial Toronto quarrel. In the afternoon Dr. Robertson and Shles? Cam up. We got not further than to say that the /was in Mr Georg's hands who would by now have received Stiles report. However Col Gooderham made a step in advance by saying he would not appeal against that decision. Lovely day but I kept quiet. Good got better as the day went on. Went to Ian Hays play. Quite excellent and well acted. Col Gooderham left and Dr. Coff (Copp?) arrived.

Tuesday Jan 13 Raw with a good deal of snow. Dr. Copp left. Had an interesting conversation with him but he is very depressed. Telegram to say that Gwatkin had got a KCMG. It is certainly well deserved. Saw him at the office and congratulated him. Also saw Sir George Foster but he had little to tell me. Said Goodbye to General Newton? Very sorry he is leaving. Mr and Mrs Galt? Sir Patrick McGrath of Newfoundland came to luncheon. Nice and very friendly. Pressed us to go there this summer. Went to the Winter fair and had a good look round. Quite a good exhibit of horses and cattle both in numbers and quality. Tea party to say goodbye to Blanche and Dorothy. Number of ladies appeared. People certainly are very kind. Mrs Lainey? Left after dinner.

Wednesday Jan 14 fine and colder. Call from Ronald Ferguson asking me to mmkeany advice suggested to by expense of pOFw VISIT. Rather difficult to know what to say. General Hughes who is in charge of the war Memorials in Europe came to luncheon. Quite interesting Big fire in Sussex street. Farmhouse stove burnt out. Walked down to see it in the afternoon. The exercise did my foot good. Children's fancy dress ball. Very great success. They certainly looked very nice and they all seemed to enjoy it.

Thursday Jan 15 Cold but bright and fine. My foot is better and the walk yesterday must have done it good. Cl Hodgetts, Mr Cool? And Sir Orde came to my room and we further discussed the eternal question of Red X and St. Johns. As a result they will go to the meetings in Toronto and see if they can get a settlement. They stopped for luncheon and Mrs Devons? WAS THERE AS WELL. Got a short walk in the afternoon. He Sunday school came in the afternoon for the tree. Went off very well. They seemed very happy. Everybody except Alix Dick and ourselves went to the Garard? Dinner for Harold and Dorothy at the country Club.

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Friday Jan 16 Coldest night of the winter. The dinner at the country club was a great success. Then Harold made an admirable speech. Go some letters off by the English mail. Walk in the afternoon with Eve and Anne. Dinner party. Went off very well but we could not sit in the Blue Room as we could not get it warmed up. The news from Russia looks very bad and it seems as if we ought to have do something. Coming immediately on the Peace Conference it is a terrible tragedy. The paper position has it growing serious.

Saturday Jan 17 Heavy snow storm. Not so cold as yesterday. Saw Col Cantley at the office. He was quite nice but insistent about his honours ? that he called completed. I must say he has rather a hard case. Oswald Balfour arrived. Seems very nice and he ought to do well. Went out with Evie. Quite a lot of snow and cold wind. Tried snowshoes and got on alright. A few English letters arrived. Hockey match. One of the junior matches. But that is not what they call i. Quite a goo game.

Sunday Jan 18 fine but very cold wind. Snow drifting hard. Church. Mr McGrath gave an address on the Forward movement which was quite admirable. Intresting English mail. Short walk in the evening. Wind went down after sund down.

Monday Jan 19 Very low temperature. 34 below zero, but the wind had dropped so it was not as bad as yesterday. Great atmosphere of unrest all through the house owing to the impending departures. We shall miss Dorothy very much and I think she will be sorry to leave. Walk with Evie and Blanche in the afternoon.

Tuesday Jan 20 Very cold and more sow. Big party started off for Montreal. Dorothy was rather low at the precise moment of leaving but soon cheered up. Evie settled not to come. Think it was a good thing she did not as it was a very long day. Blanche, Harold and Dorothy left for England but I spent the day in Montreal. Dick Evan and I came back by the 18.45 train. Rachel, Alix and Lady Helena Oswald stayed for a ball tomorrow night. Blanche and I and the engaged couple had luncheon at the Merediths who were as nice as ever. The rest went to the locks? And elsewhere. Attended the performance of "alice sits up the fir" really very well done. Miss Huntley Drummond was quite excellent. Good house. Saw a lot of people I know. Quite a blizzard but ? Train was half an hour late owing to the snow.

Wednesday jan 21 Lovely day after yesterday storm. There just have been quite a heavy fall of snow, but we have now got quite the real Canadian winter. Not much in the way of papers. Got a walk in the afternoon and went to the cottage where I found a bridge party assembled. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Quebec 12 goals to one. Sir Arthur and Lady Currie came to the box Cold evening. Urgent telegram about the three men who are to be hanged on Friday. I cannot see any reason why they should be let off.

Thursday Jan 22 Cold but bright and fine Saw Sir George Foster and Doherty over the Montreal murder case. Council is again to look into certain points his afternoon. But there are only technical and ought not to interfere The party returned from Montreal and Miss Cook came too. They seem to have been ver happy there. The Thornes also arrived and the Owens. Later on young William Taylor came. Gout rather bad and I kept quiet and read another murder case. Luckily it is quite clear. Dick gave a party at the Country Club. quite delightful and a very nice lot of people. Played bridge with the Sladens and Lady Borden

Friday Jan 23 Nice day. Signed the Capital ? of he man. Boy of S? Luckily there is no doubt about it. Colonel Thorne appears very seedy and it maybe influenza. Very tiresome if it is so. Doctor coming later. Gibson came after luncheon and said it was not flue. Went down to the rink and saw the others skating Heavy snow in the evening. Dinner party. Quite pleasant.

Saturday Jan 24 colder and snow in the afternoon. Swore Gultre? In as Minister of Militia. Not a good appointment but in the present circumstance the Govt is lucky to be able to ring? The changes and avoid bye-elections. Women's Canadian Club. Professor Thomson? Of Queens UNIVERSITY Kingston was the speaker and gave an admirable address on the Palestine campaign. I said a few words. Skating party. Neither Eve or I could skate but it all went off very well. Sir Teavlyn Harpe? And his staff arrived. He is the new FOC ?British North America station.

Sunday Jan 25 cold but fine and bright. Went to Church but felt a little dizzy and did not read the lessons. Said Gibson could look at me tomorrow. Walk in the afternoon and also looked at Rachel and her ? practicing the figures. The Burrells came to tea and I had a talk about the opening of the proposed Drawing room. They seemed very dubious about the latter. Hendersons came to dinner.

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Monday Jan 26 Dr. Gibson gave me an overhaul but as far as I can make out he did not find anything amiss. Fair and cold but every appearance of more snow. Sladen did not appear as he had got a cold. The Ballantynes and Kingsmills came to dinner and went on with us to the arena where the skating competition was going on. Rachel did quite well but was nervous and stooped. The experts however said she did very well.

Tuesday Jan 27 More snow but not so cold. Admiral Napier left for New York. He has great charm and is obviously very keen about his work. A nice big English mail arrived with a lot of interesting letters. Walk in the afternoon and after tea we went to see the school figures in the skating competition. Rachel was given first prize. I did not think she would quite manage it but the Judges were quite unhorsed? Dinner. Rather dull but we got through it alright. They danced afterwards.

Wednesday Jan 28 Cold but very fine and bright. Sladen is said to have a mild attack of flue so he will not appear for a few days. Good walk across the river. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Toronto by seven goals to love. Although this score is not a good indication of the game as Toronto although the weaker team put up a good show. Mrs Wray'side, Head of the Army Nursing Association came to luncheon. Nice capable and very intelligent woman.

Thursday Jan 29 Cold and fair. The exchange seems to be going worse every day and the financial condition seems deplorable. Tried to skate a little in the afternoon but my foot was rather large still and made the boot tight. Anne is making quite good progress. Ottawa symphony concert. Quite a fast performance. Big English mail and some very interesting letters.

Friday Jan 30. Nice day. Saw Sir George Foster at the office and had an interesting talk on a variety of subjects. Eve very worried over Harold's ancestry especially as women are told that some one in Scotland had had a black baby. I wish people would not put these things into her head. Got a nice long walk to Kettle Island across the river. Felt all the better for it. Dinner. Very pleasant. Dancing afterwards.

Saturday Jan 31 29 degrees below. Coldest night we have had so far, but day was fine and bright with a very high glass. Got on with letters. Skating party. Ice very hard. Did not skate myself. Walk in the evening. Lovely sunset. Hockey match. Ottawa beat Montreal very easily and so won the first half of the competition. Very cold night.

Sunday Feb 1 Rather less cold and glass had begun to fall. Church. Did not go out in the afternoon. Cold and raw and every appearance of a big storm. Got a lot of letters cleared up in view of going to Toronto tonight.

Monday Feb 2 Arrived at **Toronto**. Fairly easy journey but shaky at times. Col Fraser was at the station. Breakfast Government House. Made the acquaintance of the new regime. The Clarkes are very nice pleasant and are doing the work admirably. The father, mother and children are all p? spent the morning in going round various organizations for the blind. Mrs Clarke is keen and takes an active part in the work. I should say that excellent work is being done. In the afternoon we went out ice-sailing on the lake. Really very nice. The ice was soft in places but the speed we went was wonderful. Very pleasant drive in the evening. Sir Thomas White was there and looked well and was in good spirits. The new PM and Mrs Drury are both nice.

Tuesday Feb 3 Delightful day and quite mild. The snow melted in the middle of the day. Red X Council. Good attendance and went much better than I had expected. Think I detected a marked desire for Union and a hopeful of results. Several of the members came up to luncheon. Went back in the afternoon. Lot of young people came to dinner and danced afterwards. Besides them there were the Archbishop RC. Had an interesting talk with him. Also Sir Bertrand and Lady Winkler. He has just come out to the university here and was formerly head of Queens college Cork. He is a cousin of Passores? Had quite a nice conversation.

Wednesday Feb 4 colder. Red Cross meetings all day and on the whole satisfactory but I was badly let down by Mrs Plumptre and Larry got hold of a letter written by colonel Bertwistle? In May and July of last year. to the Provincial Branches of the St. John ambulance trying to get people away from the Red X. I also find there is a good deal of joking about the St. Johns not being efficient. Dr. Robertson however moved an important resolution constituting and advisory and consultative committee and inviting representation from all kindred bodies. The ? carried and the situation is not unsatisfactory. Long and involving? Conversation on division of people of the ? A few came to dinner and then we went to a concert. Quite good but rather long.

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Thursday Feb 5 Colder. Finished up the council meetings. Settled to give testimonials to Col Manhalls, Mrs Plumptre. Eve also went on to see some badly wounded men at Euclid Health? Very sad but in spite of the ? practically ? the men were very cheerful. A few people came to luncheon and then we had the ? meeting of the Red X. Almost the best I have seen so far. The general atmosphere was satisfactory and keen. Several people came to dinner. Left by the night train after a most successful visit.

Friday Feb 6 Arrived [**Ottawa**] in time for breakfast. Found everybody very much as usual. Rather more snow. Sladen had gone to Montreal. Really rather tiresome. Skated in the afternoon and got a bit of a walk. English mail but very few letters so far.

Saturday Feb 7 Lovely morning Office. Interesting talk with Sir George Foster. Worried about the Govt especially as Doherty wants to be the Canadian representative in the SAAV? Would make a difficult situation if he were to be appointed. Also saw Bishop Stranger? F the Yukon and had an interesting talk with him. Skating party. Biggest we have ever had and went off well. Most of the children went to the country Club and the rest came with us to the hockey match v Toronto. Ottawa were beaten by 4 to three. Most exciting match I have seen this year.

Sunday Feb 8 Lovely day. Quite like the end of March. Church. Mr. Boyle attached to the Washington Embassy came. Interesting and pleasant and I should say very intelligent. Walk in the afternoon.

Monday Feb 9 Lovely day. Mrs Forbes Aryries ? Came for the night. Burton Strange? Came to luncheon and was very interesting. Skated in the afternoon. Telegram arrived suggesting the tour in Northern Ontario should be postponed owing to the influenza. No option but to agree. Tiresome. Went to see the play Chow Chu Chu? Quite exciting. Wonderful production.

Tuesday Feb 10 Snowed all day but nice and mild. Walk in the afternoon. A young man – Ryan, came to see me. He was very interesting. Taylor had written about him. He was sent out to ? the working of quarries? As the representative of the Buxton Lime Firms? Dance in the evening Eve rang Harry up on the telephone at Montreal to warn him against getting himself engaged and not to be foolish but he replied that he had already done it. Personally I am sorry as I do not think they have much in common and the religious trouble will always be a difficulty.

Wednesday Feb 11 slight snow but nice day otherwise. The British Parliament was opened yesterday and Lloyd George made an important speech. Interesting morning at the office. Saw Percy? Of the Power? As asked him to be an Hon ADC. He seemed quite pleased. Also Foster looked tired and ill and was distinctly depressed. Did not think they could get a Canadian for the SAAr Valley appointment. Also Sir J Pope. Very indignant over the idea of any new party being formed. Mr Wood and Capt Baker called to see me at the suggestion of Colonel Marshall that I ? give them some of the Red X money for the Pearson Hall. Think it would be quite right to do so. Harry got back and is very pleased with himself, but wishes to keep the whole thing secret but it is really nouse trying to do so. Hockey match on the rink. Looked on for a time and then went for a walk with Eve. Very good hockey match in the evening. Ottawa beat Toronto by 4 to 3. Went straight from the arena to the train to be ready to start on the tour up the Ottawa valley. Sladen, Oswald and Ewan came. Left in the early morning.

Thursday Feb 12. Arrived **Arnprior** sharp at 30. Met by the Mayor who introduced his council and after inspecting Veterans ? went to the own hall for he address. Very good gathering. Afterwards the children came in and I said a few words. Drove round the town. Well ? and every sign of prosperity and alertness. I went over some furniture work and ? both well organized and ? Very successful visit. Left at 1.30 and got to **Renfrew** at 2.30. Very enthusiastic reception. Band played marches. Reception address and in the opera house Not an easy audience as there was so many children. Drove round the town and visited the Power plant and hospital. The last named was small but quite nice. Tea at a new hotel which was built in and run by the Citizen and is really delightful. Canon Quarterman was a well know Clergyman in a ? to the place. Again the visit was most successful, Left for **North Bay** and got there at “

Friday Feb 13 In spite of snow falling it was really a delightful day. Drew into North Bay and met the mayor who introduced his Council and others. Reception but not very largely attended. Went to six schools and said a few words at each but the great point was to ask for a holiday which always evoked enthusiasm. I liked the mayor who went round with me. I was also accompanied in the sleigh by the RC Archbishop and the Presbyterian Minister. Visited the hospital. Victorian Order. Not as good as it ought to be. Altogether the visit was most satisfactory The place is prosperous and progressive and the general spirit excellent. Left

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for ? which we reached at 2.30. Excellent reception but a good deal in French. First of all I spoke with children who presented addresses in both languages and after they had left the room the Mayor said a few words and again addresses were present in both languages. I shook hands with all present. Drove to the hospital – Grey nuns. Quite good. After a turn round the country returned to the train. The town is well situated as the junction of this Mattawa and the Ottawa river is very beautiful. Most successful day.

Saturday Feb 14 Spent the night at **Chalk River** and drew into **Pembroke** at 9.30 Excellent reception at the Armory. After my reply the children left and I shook hands with all present. Drove round the town. Visited two hospitals and two works. The hospitals were good. The works most interesting. Got back to **Ottawa** soon after four. Most successful tour and I must have seen a lot of people. I calculate I made 16 speeches. Visited five hospitals, ? six works and six schools, besides meeting a number of people. Found Mrs Cool here. She and Harry were just starting for Montreal. Harry has had what must be considered unfavourable cable from his father. Afraid Eve has had a hard day with them and both sides are quite obdurate. Very difficult to ? her. Harry should have gone and got himself ?

Sunday Feb 15 Wild and a lot of snow but not a bad feeling day. Did not go to church. Boyle left for New York and Eve started at 3.15 for St. Johns on her way home. I shall follow in about three weeks. Got a good walk round Rockcliffe on show shoes.

Monday Feb 16 Much colder and strong wind. There must have been a very considerable quantity of snow. But Dick said here was a great deal more in Montreal. Got on with letters and a walk in the afternoon. Rt Rev Benchier arrived. He is a Vicar of the Garden City Hampstead. Rather nice but possibly inclined to be snobbish.

Tuesday Feb 17 Heard that Evie's ship sailed this morning but afraid weather reports are not any better. Higher temperature but more snow and wind. Final for the curling cup. Dull and tedious function. Saw Sir George Foster at the office. But he did not have much news to tell me except that they are trying to get a man for the Saar Valley and considering various alternatives. Good walk in the afternoon. Burrell and Gill came to dinner and played bridge. Everyone except Dick went to the Curling Club.

Wednesday Feb 18 Considerable improvement in the weather. Interesting English mail. Walk in the afternoon. Dinner at the Chateau. Education conference. I said a few words Very interesting and pleasant lot of delegates from all parts of the country. Oswald had a fall out skiing and cut his nose but he does not seem amiss.

Thursday Feb 19 Cold but fine. Left in the morning for **Montreal**. Lady Helen, Rachel, Miss Saunders and Ewan. Found Lady Meredith and the Cookes at the station. Luncheon at the Club with Dick and Ewan. Spent the afternoon in trying to work up a speech for the evening dinner at the University Club. About 80 there and a very pleasant and interesting. I think I got through my speech pretty well – at any rate everyone was very kind about it.

Friday Feb 20 Cold but bright. Went to the Winter? Club. Saw some of the ladies skating. Very nice ? performers. Afraid Rachel is rather feeling her knee. Luncheon at the Club. At last I managed to meet old Mr Angus. He is a charming old man and quite wonderful for his years. Dr. Rultam, Huntley Drummond, Forbes Angus, a young Mr. Bevan, who has just come out here to ? Mr Cool? Arrived. Very pleasant. Bevan had brought some letters for me from various people at home. He was invalided out of the Navy. Seems quite a nice boy. Saw some men at the skating and had a game of bridge at the Club with Ld Shaughnessy ?? and Ewan. Very pleasant. Lost three rubbers. After dining at the hotel went to see the final for the skating. Montreal were all the competitors except the Pairs. Rachel got on quite well and looked nice. Afraid her knee is hurting her. Dr. Garner? Is going to draw the fluid off tomorrow. Hope it is alright. Afraid I have started a cold in the head.

Saturday Feb 21 afraid Dick is seedy. His leg is hurting him and he gets no sleep. Came back with us. Went straight to the dentist. Dr. wanted to take out ? of my teeth but I demurred. Some interesting cables but otherwise nothing of any importance. Skating party. Very uninteresting but big attendance. Theatre in the evening. Very curious performance. The Drawman?

Sunday Feb 22 Dick seems rather better but I hope he is not doing himself too much. Doctor came to see him and told me that it was a hematoma but that ? he was not ill in himself. Church. Skated in the afternoon and got a walk after tea. Days are quite lengthening out but no signs of spring yet.

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Monday Feb 23 Nice morning. Dentist and then went to the office. Went over the New Parliament buildings with Colonel Chambers. Saw what was proposed for the opening. Snow in the afternoon. Got a good walk.

Thursday Feb 24 Nice day and quite a feeling of spring. Dentist fixed up my tooth and made quite a good job of it. Saw Foster at the office. He had heard nothing about McLean resignation which was put in the papers. Walk in the afternoon. Mrs Philpotts school came here to skate. Children looked very nice. Dinner. Some quite nice people. Sir Percy Sherwood came and looked much better. I was very glad to see him again.

Wednesday Feb 25 Nice day but colder in the evening. A Capt Edwards came to see me and stopped for luncheon. He is the new Trade Commissioner for home. Interesting man. Rachel got back. Her knee is still rather stiff. A number of people came to skate and practiced for the carnival. Went to the hockey match. Ottawa beat Montreal by 6 to 3.

Thursday Feb 26 Much cold and high wind. Mackay of the Canadian Artillery Association at the City Hall. Interesting and representative gathering. I said a few words. Gulture? As Minister of Defence made an admirable little speech. Saw Commissioners. Lamb of the Salvation Army at the office and had a most interesting talk with him. He is a very keen and intelligent man and on the whole was reassuring about the outlook at home. Opening of Parliament in the new buildings. The House of Commons had to be used as the Senate was not sufficiently advanced. Quite a fine ceremony and everything went off well. The speech was long but I got through it somehow. Held a reception afterwards and shook hands with a number of people. Dinner and reception in the evening. Went off very well. Great relief to get through the proceedings so well. Gathered very little public opinion but the general impression was that the session would go on quietly and that the new surroundings would add dignity to the proceedings.

Friday Feb 27 Very cold. Meeting of Canadian Rifle Association in the Parliament buildings. Said a few words. Excellent meeting. Members luncheon at the Club. Interesting lot and quite useful conversations. The Council of the Boy Scouts Association met in my room. Long meeting but useful and cleared up a lot of work. Skating carnival at the arena. Very successful in every way. Children skated and looked very nice in Russian costume. Rachel and her four skated and did well. Anne also skated with three of the little girls and did excellently. Altogether it was a most successful affair. Heard that the Milagami docked this morning so Eve will not have had a bad voyage.

Saturday Feb 28 Anne and Rachel both feverish. Full signs of flue. Wallace also has quite an attack. IODE luncheon. Sir Arthur Currie made an important speech. He is rather a heavy? But quite effective speaker. Skating Party. Very cold and very dull without Rachel or Anne. I left early and gave a ? for the skiing competition. The ? is wonderful good but looks horribly dangerous. Dined at the Hendersons. Felt very seedy.

Sunday Feb 29 Woke up with flu. Sent for Dr. Anron? who said I was to stay in bed so I did so till full Friday March 5. When I came down. It is a really most tiresome and ? disease. Went on a whole week, but I imagine I got through it early. Miss Schofield? Has been quite ill. but she is mending and the others ? at home are improving. The debate on the address seems to be proceeding on ? lines but the speeches appear to be rather of a high level. The two big items ? are that Blanche has had a girl. Both getting on well. We are not sure whether it is a Leap year baby or not or whether it came on March 1. The other is a letter from the PM saying he hoped I would continue the full period of my term but that he also hoped I would agree to an extension which he had strongly urged at home. It is very nice of others to suggest it.

Friday March 5 Felt rather tired after being down but it is a great relief. Practically got everything ready for leaving. Find there is very little to be done. Rain in the morning but snow and colder later on. All the invalids are making good progress.

Saturday March 6 Much colder. Invalids going on well. The party returned from Niagara and seem to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Felt rather weak and groggy. Sir James Aikens came to tea but he didn't have any special news.

Sunday March 7 all going on well. Cold wind. None of the invalids went out.

Monday March 8 No more cases and general health improvement continues. Unpleasant day with a high wind but temperature is rather inclined to rise. Got a walk in the morning and again in the afternoon, but rather think I ? it and it made my foot rather stiff. Boyle left. There is just a chance that he may appear on

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the Empress of France. Sorry he has gone. Ewan Wallace came back from the hospital. He is better but looks ? pulled down.

Tuesday March 9 Much milder and nice feeling day. Invalids going on well. Sir Thomas White made a big speech in the house last night and seemed very full of fight and was rather uncompromising at the suggest of protection. Rather surprised that he was so emphatic. Saw General Fotheringham? At the office and said goodbye to him as he is now giving up his military work. He has certainly done very well. Interesting talk with Dr. Reid. I am afraid he does not give a good account of the PM and I see he does not expect ever to come back. Also had a nice conversation with Sir George Foster. Members luncheon in the tab? Room. About 80 odd attended. I said a few words and took the occasion to present the general notification of the appointment as Ps to Doherty and White. Luncheon went very well and I think the members liked it. Lovely afternoon. Got a nice walk and felt certainly better. Staff went to the Country Club for farewell party. Blackburn? Came to dinner and played bridge.

Wednesday March 10 Snow in the night but lovely day. Members luncheon. Rather bigger than yesterday and went off very well. Opened the Exhibition of pictures at the Chateau. Quite a good little show. Senator Bideau? And Judge Duff came to see about the Montreal University. Think I would be quite right to give my name. At the luncheon I gave the official notification of the PC to Sifton. Walk in the afternoon. Perfect feeling day.

Thursday March 11 Feel quite depressed at the prospect of going away. By a curious coincidence I have today done exactly two thirds of my time here 40 months. Mild and cloudy – f brought Dr. Vincent of the Rockefeller Trust to see me and we had a most Sir Louis Davis. Brewins, Mr. Inker and Mr Treffew? Came to luncheon. I presented the DSO and DFC to the nephew who had done remarkably well in the Flying Corps. Very nice boy. Said goodbye to various people. Saw the Junior Competitions at the Minto Club and gave the cups. Seems quite strange that we shall be going right away now. Sir George Foster came up to say goodbye and was really very nice. ? ? Hendersons, Crowdys, Sladen and Mr Fitzpatrick came to dinner. Went onboard the train. Really horrid **leaving Ottawa.**

Friday March 12 Comfortable journey. Rain and fog all day.

Saturday Marh 13 Reached St.John at 11.20 Prime Minister (NB) Mayor, General ? were at the station. Said goodbye to them. At the wharf I inspected boy scouts and presented the silver wolf to the Provincial Commissioner. Went direct to the ship. Everything seems very comfortable and convenient. Ship seems well filled and arranged. Found a letter from Evie written from the Metagama. As we are not to start till tomorrow I telephoned to Sir Douglas Hazen and asked if we might go to tea there, so Lady Helen, Boyle and Evan came with me. Streets were in a terrible condition but we managed to get there. Quite pleasant. Hazens very well but worried about their son who has been very ill. Seems to be mending now.

Sunday March 14 Unpromising wet day. Did not leave the ship, although we did not sail till six in the evening. ? was reported outside and I believe ten? Had also been some trouble with the stokers. Started very comfortably and we soon settled down. The passengers are not very interesting but I found a few who were pleasant and the officers are a nice lot. Shall not make daily entries till I get to England as one day is very like another. We all kept very well and the weather was wonderful (written on Thursday March 18) I spend a good deal of time on the bridge and went round the ship. Anne found several children and is very happy. A good deal of rather tiresome chaff goes on with the girls and the staff. Played bridge with various people and had some good games. Colonel Gault of Princess Patricias and the lady whom he is going to marry, Mis Blackader. Also a Colonel Woolf who is doing Canadian bar? ? a Mayor Jeffson. According to the wireless a revolution is going on in Germany.

Monday March 22 After a hard race to get over Mersey Bar we just managed it, but were blocked by fog. The CPR people at Liverpool had made complete arrangements and got us off in a tender and we were able to catch the ordinary London train. The officials were very good and civil and made excellent arrangements. The Ld Mayor met us in Liverpool and was very good. Got to london at 4.30. Evie, Dorothy, Maud and Arbell were on the platform at Euston. They all seem well and Arbell is most attractive. Very nice to be back again. Went straight to Carter Place and found mother. She is certainly very altered but is stronger than I expected. Really a great joy to see her again. Went to see the King. He was most kind and pleasant. Canadian ? dinner to Sir A Geddes – good attendance Afraid I did not speak well. Found Eddy in Praltes? And had a good talk. He is going off to Chatsworth tomorrow.

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Tuesday Marh 23 Burke came in the morning and we had a long talk. He looked aged, but was in good heart. Went to Lansdowne House and saw ? I think he is better than I expected. Looked in at Macphersons for a few minutes and arranged to go there tomorrow. Took the oath in the House of Lords and shook hands with the Ld Chancellor. Saw great many people I knew and they were all very nice. Tea with Edmond Talest? Got a lot of information about the position. Dined with the Farquahars, King and Queen there. Nice ? eetgc. Quite strange to see is all again. I never thought that I would. Saw any quantity of friends there.

Wednesday March 24 Busy day. Went with Burke to look at the Carlton Garden House. It is really quite delightful and would suit us well. Eve came there. Went on to the Colonial office and saw mery?. He was ?? on intelligents although he has been to Canada he does not seem to have a grasp of conditions there. Long talk in the afternoon at Macphersons. Burke, Charlie Hamilton and old Carney were there. Gradually things are getting clearer. Dined with Dick ? and the had a dance afterwards, which was really very nice. I still feel very bewildered and strange.

Thrusday March 25 constant succession of people. Went round to Maud's house. It is really very nice. Charlie appeared just having come up from Eton. He must have had a nasty attack of measles but seems to have got over it very well. He is gong to St.Georges Hill and will go to Chatsworth on Monday. Long talk with Macpherson and got on with various jobs. Looked in at the House of Lords and had a talk with Edward on his room. Dined ? House.

Friday March 26 Ashwy? And ? and I had a nice talk ? Later Harry Cator came. Also saw Mother's doctor. He seemed easy and pleasant to get on with and on the whole gave a good account of Mother. Simply said it was question of old age. The really quiet day. Tea with Maud, Arbell is the most attractive ? I have every seen. Dine with the Middletons. Very pleasant.

Saturday March 27 Managed to get rather a quieter day. Eve, Rachel were driven down to St Georges Hill by Geordie and had a most wonderful afternoon. Lady Salisbury came to luncheon and was very nice. Maud and I went to church and saw the boat on which Cambridge won Eve and Maud came to dinner here.

Sunday March 28 Walked round to the notch and picked up Eve and Rachel and went to church at St. James. Quite nice service. Luncheon with Maud. Excellent ??? Mother's doctor came to see us there and ?? the problem of the maid. He seemed quite hopeful and was easy and intelligent. Went to the zoo. We took Arbell. She is really a most delightful child. Eve and I went to tea with the Macmillans. Very nice people and the brother was not as terrible as people lead one to expect. Went to the Dickens? But did not commit ourselves about DH. It is really very ? of him to have encouraged the ball there. Dined with the Kerrys. They are starting in a few days for a tour in the States and Canada. Hope we shall be able to fit in something together.

Monday March 29 Managed to get a tolerably quiet morning and get through some letters. Saw D. M?? and had an interesting conversation and then went to Macpherson where I found Burke. Dined at Lansdowne House.

Tuesday March 30. Quiet morning and got some letters done. In the afternoon saw Macpherson and went to the House of Lords. Dined with the Astors. Most amazing dinner but very interesting and ??

Wednesday March 31 Attended meeting of the ASE Very interesting to be there again but it is all very much the same. Saw a lot of friends. Left by 2.10 train. Eve, Dorothy, Rachel Miss Saunders, Harold. Got to Chatsworth at 6. Cannot describe how nice it is to be back here and the place was really looking very well. Great news at the big house, but otherwise all seems much as usual. Walked round the garden. Saw the grounds? They are both delightful. Eddy and Moucher met us at the stokes and brought Billy. Eddy went off to a meeting at Buxton. Before I left London I had a note from Evan Wallace saying he was engaged to Miss L?? and seemed very happy.

Thursday April 1 Burke came in the morning and we had a long talk. Wages, labour, conditions generally are so changed from all that I shall take some time to pick them up. In the afternoon we walked to the kitchen garden. Melancholy scene but it is certainly a good thing that it is gone. Had another look at the Pleasure Ground. It is not easy to see a light. Eddy went off to ? He is certainly working too hard. After tea walked with Burke to the village. Saw Mrs Burke. They have made some changes and I think improved the house. Went to see ? His wife is very ill and he is in a terrible state. Also saw Maclachlan and Robertson. Very nice to see them again and they both are very much the same. Got some letters from Canada but there is no startling news.

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Good Friday. Church. I liked the looks of Mr Foster. Pegg and had some conversation with him afterwards. He seems to like the place and to have settled down well. Had a long talk with Eddy. Went up to his Shire Yard with him and Brne. Saw quite nice animals and they look fit and well but we want some more and better brood mares. Think it would be best to ? up some foals. After tea I walked up to the moor and round by the ponds. Heavy rain, but it was very nice to see it all again.

Saturday April 3 Went over to Hardwick. Very nice to see the old place again, but rather sad to think that it will not be lived in. The house was beautifully fresh and bright and in wonderfully good order except for repair work done by the family which superintended the work. Found the ? and had a long talk with him and Burke. Settled to go on selling the outstanding farm. The cost of repairs are so heavy that I am sure it is the best thing to do. Had a good look round in spite of heavy rain. On the way called to see the Fowlers. Afraid the girl Elaine is very ill, but slightly better than he had been.

Sunday April 4 Easter Day. Cold and wet Rather disappointing for the holidays. Church. Very nice service. Taylor came over in the afternoon. Very nice to see him again. He is exactly the same and we had a most interesting talk. Walk with Eddy in the evening.

Monday April 5 cold and rain. Burke came over, but we were so much interrupted that we could not do much. A youngish man from the Swedish ? Gallery appeared and had a look round. Seemed keen and intelligent about the prints. Walked round New Piece with McClachcan. He was very full of talk but was quite interesting. Rather difficult to know what ought to be done about the game.

Tuesday April 6 Went over to the office and managed to get a little talk with Burke without interruption. In the afternoon I went to see Lindof. The waste of time and worry there must have been enormous and the mess will take a lot of cleaning up. ?? at the Institute. We shook hands with everybody and they came in and after I had said a few words Robertson made a nice little speech welcoming us back and then Burke gave Dorothy a very nice ? from the staff and employees on the estates. Very pleasant little function. It is certainly very nice to be back. The Arkwrights came to luncheon I thought they were both well and they said they were but had a bad time of it. He will continue to act as Vice Lieutenant during the rest of my absence. He also had a certain amount of County things to talk about, but nothing of great importance.

Wednesday April 6 Rather wild and ? Harold left for London and Eddy went to Darley. I went round to the office and had a talk with Foster Pegg and then went to Fitzherbert Wright. He was mainly wanted to see me about a co-operative movement in connection with the Farmers organizations. They have got into very low water. Fitz had altered a good deal and looked very worn and seedy. Walk with Burke in the evening. Afraid he is having a lot of trouble about Barnes and I expect the only thing will be to get rid of him. Eddy and Moucher went to Buxton and had a very long day.

Thursday April 7 Wet and muggy. Mr Lord arrived and had a long talk with him about the alterations at Carlton Gardens. Think he will be able to use a good deal of the staff from Devonshire House. Geordie Haddington, Lady Nolen? And Mr and Mrs Boyle arrived by motor. Boyles cold is still the same but the others were well. Walk with Burke. Wet cold evening.

Friday April 8 No improvement in the weather. Went to Derby with Eddy and larher at the Club. Lot of people there. They were all very nice and friendly. On the whole they seem to be settling down Meeting of the cooperative Co. Derbyshire Farmers ? very well attended and the? Of carrying on this lot ? was very clearly shown. It they can get a good manager there is no reason why it should not go ahead and there is certainly every ad?that it is of real benefit to farmers. Got back at 7. Eve says Burke has had a ? day but Jennings has gone for good which is something gained. Eddy and Moucher went off to meetings.

Saturday April 10 Still more rain. Geordie and his party left early. Long talk with Burke and Kart? In the office. Luckily the Jennings case is clear and he had gone. Barnes presents greater difficulties at present there is not clear indication of how to get him either ? or to move, but undoubtedly he is very inefficient. Walk with Eve in the afternoon. Burke came to dinner.

Sunday April 11 Another wet day. Really very depressing especially as it is my last day here for the time being but I must manage to get back before I go. Church. Went to the Vicarage afterwards and looked at the plans for proposed war memorial. More of them quite right but I think Pegg and burke have a good idea of what would be suitable. Went to the Burke's house. They have made it really quite nice. Burke came across in the afternoon and we had a look round at possible tennis courts and also went through the store rooms behind the stables. Afraid we shall have fearful lots of difficulties before we get things straight.

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Monday April 12 Real wet day. Went to the TFA at Derby with Eddy. Saw a lot of the members and had luncheon at the club. Got ? in the evening. Jones brothers better. Dined at the Cardinal Clun. Quite a pleasant evening. The Club seems to have turned the corner.

Tuesday April 13 Heavy showers. Managed to clear up a few odd jobs but very worried about an ADC. Everything in London seems to be a terrible rush. Saw Mapherson but he didn't have very much to say. Two letters from Dick Nevill. No special news from Canada.

Wednesday April 14 Still showering. Saw Burke but he did not have much news. In the afternoon I saw I. Ramden at Set George Street. He was well and quite interesting about the FR. Spent a long time at the oculist. Said my eyes had changed a good deal. Blanche and Ivan arrived. The look most happy and the baby is most satisfactory. Dined at Gulliojs.

Thursday April 15 Wasted morning as I waited for the doctor for talk about mother but he could not come till the evening. There seems to be quite a crisis about her maid. Went to the Press Luncheon for Lord Atholston and made a short speech. Quite a good gathering. Dined at home and then went to see John Buccleuch? Walter would quite like to come to Canada but is doubtful when he will get away.

Friday April 16 Showery and unsettled. Saw Macpherson but he did not have much to say. Sir R Hadson came then to see me and said the Red X money was safely invested and would be called for whenever I wanted it. Quiet afternoon. Rather a worry as Mother's maid had been bothering her. She is a very odd person and I am sure it would be a good thing to get rid of her.

Saturday April 17 Considerable improvement in the weather. Managed to get through some letters in spite of many interruptions. Geordie Hamilton came to see me. Talked a lot, but vague and inconclusive. Very fussed about ADCs Managed to get down to Chatsworth in the evening. Found the Woods (Canadian) Boys there. Nice lads. Walked to the great House with Charlie. Much nice work has been done in its ? Burke came in after dinner and we had a long talk.

Sunday April 18. quite a nice day. Church. Vicar of Bakewell preached In the afternoon went up with Eddy, Burke, McLachlan and the boys to the morro. Saw the ?? from he Dark of Rulland? It will be quite an addition. Really nice to be up there. Mr ? Taylor came over. Walked round the garden with him and Eddy. Lovely day but cloudy towards evening. Wish we cold stop here. Hartopifs? Came to dinner.

Monday April 19 Left Chatsworth 6.45 and caught the 7.27 at Chesterfield. Nice drive over the morro. Train after Nottingham very crowded but I managed to get some breakfast. Mother came downstairs for the first time. Managed to get through some odd jobs. Dined with Dick and Mervyn. Very pleasant dinner.

Tuesday April 20 Cold and wild. Busy day. Burke came in and I went with him to St. George Street. Got on with various jobs including signing of the marriage settlement. Went on with Burke to see Lionel Earle. Think he is quite ready to negotiate about the Devonshire House Gates. Sure it will be best to let them go especially if they will be preserved. Luncheon at Clarence House. The Duke of Connaught was very nice and pleasant but he certainly is rather ? Duchess of Argyle was there and she certainly is very attractive. Found Blanche E at Carlton Place and walked round to Lansdowne House where we found Dorothy and Harold very busy arranging the presents. They are certainly very nice and in very good taste. Went back to St. George St. where I saw Parsons. Thanked him for all he had done and he said he would go on looking after the Woods. Mrs Ritchie came to see me and gave me an interesting account of the Steel work at Ba? They seem to be doing very fairly well. Looked in at the House of Lords. Eddy, Moucher Cobbold camr to dinner. Eve went to the hounds? The arrangement appears to be fairly complete. Saw Godfrey at St George Street and had a talk with him on various Lismore matters. He seems very well and gave a good account of things there in spite of the bad state of the country.

Wednesday April 21 Dorothy's wedding. Really went off very well indeed. Great number of people including Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family. Mother got there in her bath chair and quite enjoyed herself. Everyone was very kind and nice. Dorothy looked very well and was quite at her ease and the small children and bridesmaid and pages behaved admirably. Big crowd at Lansdowne House. I spent most of the time with Owen who was really charming. Dined with Mervyn. F? pary and went to a somewhat indifferent theatrical performance at the Palace.

Thrusday April 22 Saw Godfrey and i finished up with him. Also Burke and Mr Lord about Carlton Garden. Ewan Walker came round and we finally settled to sail on May 1 by Empress of France. Got

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through a good many odd jobs. House of Lords. Dined with Mother, Frewen, Aunen C, Walter L, Dunvares Frrindon were there. Pleasant and interesting.

Friday April 23 Left at 9 for Eastborne. After a wet night it cleared up and was fine but gray. Allix the new agent met me at the station. I like the looks of him. Went direct to the office and had a long talk with him and Burke. Things seem to be going on steadily. Found Dorothy and Harold at Compton Place and they are as happy as possible. The house and gardens look very well kept and after such a long absence the place certainly is charming. Presentation to Dr. Br? Harding and his daughter. Nice little ceremony. Luncheon at the Grand Hotel. The food part was rather long and tedious but otherwise the proceedings went off very well. Hope my speech was alright. Walter Dalkeith came to dinner. I think we have succeeded in ? him to come with us on May 1. I wish we could have managed to get another fortnight here.

Saturday April 24. David Boyle came to ? really rather difficult to ? but I think the foreign office is rather unreasonable in regards his salary. Luncheon with Maud. Eve, Rachel and I went to Windsor. Small party here. Princess Beatrice, Duke of Connaught, Several? And Bishop of Birmihgham was the only people besides the Court. King and queen were very pleasant but the ? of the whole thing is rather overpowering.

Sunday april 25 Church in the private chapel. No incident of any sort. I had a long talk with the duke but he is rather past? Walk in the afternoon. Went to St Georges. Lovely service. Another walk in the evening. Telegram from Burn and Ogilvy saying he would like to come as ADC and was asking his Colonel.

Monday April 26 Left Windsor and go to London soon after eleven. Pleasant visit but there is something rather sad about the atmosphere in relation to the children. Dorothy and Harold came in on there way to Bolton. They looked very happy. Glad to say Walter Dalkeith said he would come with us, sot a that is settled. Bon Ogilvy cannot come and that leaves the way open for Pat Kinnaird. We ought be be well off for ADCs. Interesting talk with Milner. He is by no means clear about much and is puzzled. Cleared up various matters with Macpehrson.

Tuesday April 27 Henry Lersk? Came to see me. He was rather worried about Dick. Henderson came in. the doctor does not give a good account of him and he does not look well. He is going to see another doctor, but he had made up his mind to come out again. Pat Kennarid also came and we settled up about his coming out. Luncheon with the old whips. Bal, Viscount, Sanke Harry Foster and Anstrutte. Very nice to see them all again. Saw Macpherson. House of Lords. Dined with Dunraven. Very pleasant dinner.

Wednesday april 28 Long talk at the admiralty with Walter Long and some of his colleagues over naval affairs but could not get down to bed rock. House of Lords. Ld Atholstan took his seat. Grillions very nice and interesting lot of members came. Long talk with Burke.

Trhusday April 29 Talk withBurke. Then Henderson came and cleared up a lot of ? House of Lords. Heard the PM at the H of Common on San Reo. Quite interesting. Dined with Dick and Moyra? Very pleasant dinner. People certainly are very nice.

Friday april 30. Went to say goodbye to the Duke of Connaught. He was really quite charming and gave me so many messages for Canada. Also saw Signey Greville? Bthe did not have much to say except that the Prince of Wales might come to Canada after his Indian visit. Had a last look at poor old DH. Really could hardly face it, but I am glad I managed to have another glimpse of it. Burke came to luncheon. He has made progress with the lease of Carlton Gardens. The office of ? have offered 1500 pounds for the gates and ? dh but think we ought to get rather more. Macpherson came up and Eve, Maud and I signed papers. Teylor Armisead and Gossop came up and we had an interesting and useful talk about Derbyshire Red X. It seems to be going well. Had a nice talk with Taylor afterwards. Afraid Mother was rather low, but she is really very good. Dick and Moyra dined here. Everything seems arranged for our departure tomorrow.

Saturday May 1. Mother was in quite a good way in the morning. Got everything straightened out. Sad to have to be off but the ? of the? Will soon pass. She was really very good and calm. Left Euston at 10.30 after some agitation and Maud only got around in tram with the any as it was ? Maid and luggage was left behind At Liverpool we found Eddy and Charlie who had motored from Chatsworth. Charlie was very low, but I hope he will soon cheer up especially as he is coming out in the summer. Got settled down on the ship. Saw a good many press agents whom I knew but found it difficult to place ? Drew into he river at six and sailed at seven.

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Sunday May 2 Woke up and found us well on our way. Inclined to be rough and grew worse. Walter and I went to church service but the others did not appear. I was alone at dinner. The rest of the journey was quite an ordinary character. Weather was variable but the whole good especially toward the end. Saw a good deal of ice, also fishing boats. Passengers not very interesting, but had quite interesting talk with some. ? I knew before were RB Bennalk? He bishop of Winnipeg (RC) and others made the organization of General Maclean? Who has taken his wife and family out. He is to succeed Gwatkin and would do very well. They will be a considerable acquisition to Ottawa. On the whole our party get through the journey very well. Arbell was most attractive and amusing, but I am afraid was rather exhausting to Eve and Maud. I spent a lot of time on the bridge and found it passed the time very comfortably. On the evening of May 5 we ran into an ice field beginning near the Magdalen Islands. Delayed us considerably as we took nineteen hours to get through it. Really quite interesting in spite of being tiresome. Concert in Blanche played the ? I took the Chase, all went off well. Benneton McMaster who professed and seconded ? travel to me both spoke very kindly. Eve and I interviewed a number of salvation Army people who are going out to Canada. They seems a nice lot.

Sunday May 9 Made good progress and after a wet and raw morning the weather improved and we had a lovely afternoon for our arrival at **Quebec** and which we reached at 5. Found Dick and Oswald on the wharf, also the Ld Gor? , Lady and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the Mayor of Quebec. General Landry, Col Harris and others. In a very short time our train got off Stopped about a quarter of a mile on the Quebec bridge and had a look at it.

Monday ay 10 comfortable journey and left the train at **Ottawa** in time for breakfast at GH. Everything seems quite as usual ? the season is late. Got things settled and had a long talk with Sladen. The Parliamentary situation presents nothing new and everybody is waiting for the return of the PM who is expected on Wednesday. Saw Sir George Foster at the office. He looked tired but was quite optimistic though he did not strike me as being very genuine. Sir Louis Davis who came and I thanked him for taking my work. He is getting rather shaky. In the afternoon we went out for a picnic at the river. Quite nice on the whole things seem pretty straight and there is no sign of any startling development, though much depends on what Borden does on his return.

Tuesday May 11 cold night but fine and bright. Feel much more settled down and we soon got back again to the ordinary routine. Got on with proposals for Maritime province tour. Walk in the afternoon and evening.

Wednesday May 12 Lovely day but still a cold bite in the wind. Office. Saw Dr. Tolmer and Burrell. Both were interesting. Tolmer was hopeful as to the farming outlook. If the next fortnight goes right the seeding ought to be done. Lemieux also came. He wanted something done for a French cure who had been helpful about ???. Andersen of the Fishery Department also came and gave me some information about the Lan?? The PM got back and I was told he seemed well. I shall see him tomorrow. Walk in the afternoon and evening. I wheeled the baby round Rockcliffe. She is certainly very attractive. Maud, Blanche and Rachel went to Oliver Lodge Cutures? They did not appear to be much impressed.

Thrusday May 13 Fine and cool. Sir Arthur Currie's appointment to McGill seems to be generally approved. Cannot say that I am enthusiastic on the subject. Saw Sir Robert at the office. He looked better than when I last saw him and was in good spirits but was quite incapable of giving any indications of what he is going to do. Also saw Pope. He looked aged but was otherwise quite interesting. Maud, Blanche and Walter went to Montreal for the day. Eve, Oswald and I went to the Experimental farm. Late season but if we had some warm weather now it would come alright.

Friday May 14 Telegram from CO from Henderson that owing to his Mothers death he would have to resign in November but he was coming back and as he had arranged. Shall be sorry to lose him. Think we shall be able to manage all together as we are now on with getting someone temporarily. Patriotic Fund. Interesting and useful meeting. A Mr. Blake came to luncheon. Very entertaining man. He is exploring in North Quebec and told us a lot of things. He has just returned and has accomplished a fine performance in bringing one of his party out who was badly shot by accident. Played golf with Walter and had quite a good game but he is much better than me. Tea at the country Club. Eve and Blanche came out. The secretary of

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the Baseball league came up and showed me something about the game as they want me to pitch the first ball tomorrow.

Saturday May 15 Lovely morning and rather warmer. Office. Saw a most tiresome and conceited woman, Mrs. Bolt. She is a young Englishwoman traveling round the world. Sir Arthur Currie came also. I had an interesting talk. He is very pleased with his appointment to McGill. In the afternoon we went to a baseball match. The first regular one I have seen. I cannot say I was much impressed. Sladens came to dinner.

Sunda May 16 A good deal warmer. Church. M. Brewer is much the same as usual. In the afternoon we went up to Wakefield and had tea there. Lovely up the river but rather dusty as there were a lot of cars about. Dr. and Mrs. Gibson came to dinner. Music afterwards.

Monday My 17 Warmer. A good shower of rain is badly wanted. Commander Milne, Imperial ? officer came to luncheon. He is arranging to the return of the Czeck0Slovaks from Siberia. Played golf with Walter and had quite a nice game. Dr. Roberson came to dinner. Interesting talk about Red X, VON Boy Scouts etc.

Tuesday May 18 Cloudy and more signs of change in weather. Annual meeting VON signs of a difference of opinion but got through till luncheon without any difficulty. Excellent address by the medical officer of health from BC Got a walk in the afternoon. VON came to tea. Dinner. Went alright.

Wednesday May 19 Sir K Drayton made his budget speech yesterday and from all accounts did it very creditably. The proposals seem very fair and although extra taxation is involved, but it is evenly distributed. Inspected the squadron of RCMP at Lansdowne Park. The Commissioner met me and I saw the parade and afterwards went round the Stalls and quarter. Very smart looking lot and gave? Stamp of ? office. The Institute of Civil Engineers sent a delegation who presented me with a badge. The Institute is doing excellent work. Few minutes conversation with the PM. He was quite pleased with the reception which the Budget has met with. Watson, Private secretary to the Governor of Nfdland and Dr Yonge, Medical officer to BC came to luncheon. Got on with plans for our visit to the former place in July. In the afternoon I walked over to Ashbury and saw a cricket match between the school and Police. Nice lot of boys on both sides. and very pleasant to see cricket once again. Dinner. Rather confused as to who they all were but it went rough quite well. Some nice showers in the night.

Thursday May 20 Everything looked much fresher after the rain in the night. Got on a bit more with plans. Went to the Royal Society luncheon at the Chateau. Extremely interesting lot of men. Professor Rattan was in the Chair. I said a few words and afterwards the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Drayton, Mackenzie King and the explorer (cannot remember his name) in the Arctic said a few words. The Society seems to be going strong and is doing a lot of really valuable work. Got a good walk in the evening and cleared up some letters etc. Wrote to the King and asked for permission to go to Newfoundland and also wrote to the Governor. Left for **Toronto** after dinner.

Friday May 21 Comfortable journey and got up to Government House for breakfast. The lieutenant Governor and mrs. Clarke seem very well. Blanche and Dick and the two ADCs came with us. Quiet morning at Gov House. After luncheon we went to the Parliament buildings and saw the girls of the various schools decorating the various statues. Very pretty sight. Evie, The Ld Gov and I each place a wreath on Queen Victoria's Statue. I said a few words. We then went to Avenue and saw the cadets of the various schools parade and march past. 580 were on parade and belonged to the various public high schools and were all in uniform. Really quite a remarkable sight and certainly gave one a feeling of confidence for the future. Went to Upper Canada College when the annual sports were gong on. Eve gave the prizes. Saw a number of interesting people there and altogether it was quite a useful and pleasant afternoon. The Russian Chiropedist cut my corns. He is quite good. Dinner at Gov House and some quite nice people came.

Saturday May 22 Fine and hot but nice breeze. Quiet morning. Got through some papers etc. After luncheon we all went to the Races. Eve, Walter and I went some of the way by motor and then got into the State Carriage which was waiting for us and with a travelling escort of the Royal Canadian Dragoons we drove to the course and came down it. Immense crowd and we got quite a good reception. Although some of the fields were small the racing was good and interesting. Most successful meeting and the attendance was so good and all the arrangements were excellent. Saw a number of people and quite enjoyed the afternoon. Big dinner in the evening. Mainly racing people.

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Sunday May 23 Hot and close. Church. Canon Archell? Preached. Quite good and very nice service. It was Canon Coog's Church and I think is called St Paul's. Walk in the afternoon with Lt Gov. Several people came to tea. Bickersteth, General Mrs Mitchell, Professor Georg? Canon Cody and their ??

Monday May 24 A little rain in the night. Cooler. Went with the Lt Gov to the Parliament buildings and saw the Veterans of 65 and 85 march past. Quite a creditable show. Races again. Went in the same way as on Saturday but drove all the way back. Another big crowd and quite a successful day. Dinner at GH.

Tuesday May 25 Another very nice day. Eve and I walk over the House for Incurables. A very well arranged and conducted institution. Saw all the patients and although the cases are very pathetic there was a very real atmosphere of peace and refuse? In the afternoon we had a trip on the lake and saw some of the harbour work. Very interesting. Tea at the yacht club. Quite a successful exhibition. Jockey Club dinner. Rather a tedious affair. I had to say a few words. Found a dance going on here on my return.

Wednesday May 26 English mail and some interesting letters. Also one from Thorne? He is doubtful about coming but would like to leave it open before making a final reply. I went over the Davis street hospital. Excellent work is being done there and the few cases are now there. Some of their results are quite marvelous. Races. Jockey club luncheon. Quite a good afternoon, racing. Dinner GH in the evening. Nice lot of people. Number of agriculture and the Drury Gov. M? Doherty was there. I liked both him and his wife.

Thursday May 27 Lovely day. Hot. Rain is badly needed. Visited the crèche. Quite a good institution. Went to the new Red X? They have taken one of the old houses and they will soon get it fitted up for an office. Luncheon with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Saw some horses? in the riding school. Interesting luncheon but too long. planted a tree at GH. Then went out to the Kilgour farm. Saw the horse schooled and looked round the farm. Delightful place. Dinner party. Left in the evening

Friday May 28 Arrived **Ottawa** in time for breakfast. Everything has come on fast but rain is needed. No special news. Got through some papers etc. In the evening I did some hoeing and got very stiff. Coldish wind but no sign of rain.

Saturday May 29 Fine morning but cold wind. Boy Scout meeting at the office. Interesting and did some useful work. Had a talk with Sir George Foster about the West Indian conference and then saw Keefer who was very intelligent and interesting on the subject. It ought to be a very useful conference next week. Cricket match here in the afternoon. Walter collected a ride Copley against the Ottawa CC. Afraid the cricket was not of a very high order, but quite a nice afternoon. Walk in the evening Col Amery arrived for the conference. He was quite interesting and pleasant.

Sunday May 30 Lovely day. Church Mr. Keefer came to see Amery. In the afternoon the delegates from the West Indies came to see him and stayed for tea. They seem a nice lot. Col Sunclar and? Intelligence officer came from Bermuda arrived by train. Eve and I went for a walk. Admiral Everitt and two of his staff arrived by the evening train. I remember Everett when I was at the admiralty.

Monday May 31 My birthday, 52 Disagreeable I think of. Fine but warm. Attended opening of the conference between the West Indies representatives and the Government. Said a few words of welcome. Did some hoeing and got a walk. Went to a performance given by a lot of returned men who call themselves the Dumbells. Quite good and less vulgar than I expected. Hot evening but no rain.

Tuesday June 1 Hot and close. Rain is badly needed. Bad forest fire in many places Saw two men about Connaught Park Races and said I would try to get there. I don't much care about driving up in state. PM also came to see me. He thinks the session ought to wind up by the end of July. He was rather disgusted with the budget debate but expected there would be a decision tonight. Heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon. Several branches broken and the ski jump was completely smashed. The rain will do a lot of good and everything was freshened up. ?dinner for the delegates. Quite pleasant and successful and I had some very useful conversations.

Wednesday June 2 Cloudy and stuffy but cleared during the day after a very heavy storm in the afternoon. Several members of the Press Gallery came to luncheon and I think they were quite pleased. Expect it was a sound move. In the evening I went to a dinner given by the convention of scientific agriculturists. Professor Reginald formerly of Manitoba but who is now succeeding Creehorn? at Guelph was speaker.

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Quite an interesting gathering.

Thursday June 3 The Thunder seems to have cleared off and it is much cooler and fresher though there is rather a lot of wind. King's birthday kept here. Garden party. A great number came over at 1300. Day could not have been better and the conditions were as good as possible. Three conferences are going on in Ottawa ? the West Indies. Boy Scouts, Technical Agriculture and Presbyterians. The members all came in block and it was quite a good thing as they came from all parts of the country. Arbell was very much to the fore. Weather looks more settled.

Friday June 4 Fine but cooler. Lovely day. Col Amery and Admiral Everett left with his staff. Boy Scout meeting got through in one sitting but it was a useful and helpful one. Hendersons got back. He does not look at all well. Sir John and Lady Randles came to luncheon. They are on their way back to England from Japan. Telegram from Walter to say that Clarendon had got smallpox at Nipigon. Afraid he will be very uncomfortable. Walter has to be kept in quarantine so he will not get to Quebec. Walk with Evie in the evening.

Saturday June 5 Cooler. Maud, Blanche and Arbell went off to Montreal. Eve and I went to the Presbyterian assembly where I received an address and said a few words. Office. Interesting talk with Dr. Robertson on the telegram from the Lord Mayor relating to the distress and famine in Europe. Settled that he should suggest to the Executive committee that a grant should be made to fund from Red X funds which I hold and possibly also from the Canadian Fund. The Prime Minister came in afterwards and concurred. Canadian Club luncheon with Amery as speaker. He made an excellent speech which was well received. Dr. Brett, Lt Gov Alta came to tea. He is just the same as ever. Talked over much ? for Peace River trip. Walk in the evening. Rain.

Sunday June 6 Lot of rain in the night and quite cold. Telegram from Admiral Everett Saying Robinson could come as ADC while Walter was in quarantine. Church. Heavy showers. Sergeant Kennedy RMP came up as he was supposed to know something about the Peace River but he did not have much information. Amery came to tea. He certainly is quite interesting. Walk in the evening. Everything looks very fresh after the rain.

Monday June 7 Left for **Quebec** at 9.40. (summer time) and travelled by Canadian National. It is a much more attractive country than the CPR. At **Jolliete** we found Maud, Blanche, Arbell and George Cavendish who was in the Calcutta war with them. Lt Robinson Hay Lieutenant to Admiral Everett joined us at Ottawa. He is coming as a temporary ADC while Walter is in quarantine. He seems very nice and will be a great help to us here. Comfortable journey and the rain which we came into in the afternoon cleared off before we arrived. Dick was at the station and also the Lt Gov, General Landry, Mr Fitzpatrick and ? The Citadel was ? as usual and it is certainly more attractive every time one sees it. Got a walk round with Oswald in the evening. Maud seems in quite good spirits and Arbell is very well.

Tuesday June 8 Lovely day. A few English letters arrived but nothing of any great interest except a nice one from Blanche. Heard from Walter. He seems nervous about himself but says Clarendon is going on very well. Sir James Aikens, Lt Gov Montreal called in the morning. He is arranging for the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association and seemed satisfied with the progress. Drove out to a lake and had tea there. It belongs to a family (French) and several of them appeared and were very kind, but it is rather a bore going to picnics with so much fuss.

Wednesday June 9 Fine and hot. Arbell had a bit of cold but does not seem amiss. Some new English letters. The Empress of France came round the corner soon after 11 and looked very well steaming up to the harbour. Rachel appeared looking very well. Several of the party went to the wharf to meet her. Played golf with George. Course very rough and in general bad order. Henderson arrived and looks seedy. Dinner party. Quite pleasant and went off very well. Arrangements made in the morning for a fishing trip starting on Sunday pm

Thursday June 10 Nice day no news Wish we could get some more English letters. Played golf with George and had a nice round. Eve and Rachel came out. Dinner party at Spencerwood. Sir Charles was low and depressed at the prospects Interesting and pleasant lot of people.

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Friday June 11 Sir Lomer Gouin came to see me and gave a satisfactory account of the Province and did not take at all the pessimistic view that Sir Charles does. Eve and I went to the Jeffery Hale Hospital. Well appointed and conducted but some very sad cases. Interesting English mail. Domestic row. Afraid Dick is really very slack. Talk with ? Managed to extract a good deal of information from him. Darnford is certainly a nuisance. Letter from ? to say that he could not come as he is going to the staff college. Good walk with Eve round the plains. Lovely evening. After dinner we went to the Garrison Club to see the procession of the Sacred Heart. Rather pretty but I cannot say that I was in the least impressed.

Saturday June 12 Another lovely day. Went to the Grey nuns orphanage. Usual sort of entertainment. Children did not look healthy, but seemed well cared for otherwise. Luncheon with Admiral Everett on the Calcutta? Very comfortable. Nice lot of officers. Got a walk with Eve. Lovely evening. Dinner followed by a dance but there was not very much go about it although the people who danced seemed quite to enjoy it. Rather a confused cable from Col Fraser asking if Somers and Walter and also Clarendon should be moved to Ottawa. It would cost about fourteen hundred dollars according to the telegram. Somers comes out of quarantine on the fifteenth and Walter on nineteenth. It hardly looks worthwhile.

Sunday June 13 Another lovely day. No further light on Walter's movements except that Dick heard from the CPR people that Somers and Clarendon were holding their accommodation on the Celtic which is due to leave New York on the 19th. Church. Canon Bickersteth preached but it was dull long tactless. Set off after luncheon for Jacques Cartier river. Maud, Rachel, Blanche, Robinson, Henderson and self. Lovely drive of rather more than two hours and a delightful place when we got there. Nice camp which belongs to Mukerman?(Head of the Donacona company) After tea we fished. Had five canoes and we managed to get a few, but they were not rising well.

Monday June 14 Nice day. Got up at 5.30 Robinson and I got away early and went up to a junction of a smaller river with the main stream? Quite lovely and though there were some flies they were not really vicious. We did very well, but except at one place the trout were not rising freely and were coming short. However we got our fifty between the two of us. The others did fairly well but did not get as many. Altogether a most successful expedition. Very nice to see Maud here like her old self again.

Thursday June 15 Left after breakfast the camp and got back to Quebec at 10.45. Maud settled to go on the Calcutta and she and Miss Schofield started off. They cannot imagine any fishing at Anticosti but might possibly get some elsewhere. No news. Eve, Blanche, Anne, Oswald and I went to the Isle of Orleans. The Calcutta was starting just at the same time and looked well going down the river. Mr Porteous met us at the landing slip and took us up to his house. Drove round some of the island. Views very fine. Looked round the garden and got back for dinner. Telegram from Somers saying Walter was unwell, so I suppose as he has smallpox. It is really very tiresome. Larry Minto came to dinner. He leaves for England tomorrow but expects to return in September.

Wednesday June 16 Still very windy. Afraid Maud will have had rather a dusting. Got through some letters. Garden Party. A fair number came and I think it was quite useful. We saw the Empress of France leave. She looked quite imposing. Wire from Lady Clarendon to say that Walter had got the Smallpox and wanted to be moved. Telegram from Fraser in the evening to say that the car would be sent and he ought to get to Ottawa by the 21st.

Thursday June 17 Fine but still windy. Eve and I went to the Hotel Dieu and went all over the hospital and saw all the available patients. The management and equipment are good, but I think some of the methods of treating patients are not up to date. The captain of a French Cruiser which arrived this morning came to see me. Seems a nice man and did good good service in the war. He got his DSO in Salonika. He came to dinner. In the afternoon we went to the Chaudiere Falls. On the way back we saw a fire and a house was quite destroyed. Dinner. Went very well. Some of the local people acted a play afterwards and did extremely well. Telegram from Walter saying he was uncertain whether it was smallpox or chickenpox but wanted to be moved. Hope the car will get here tonight. Glad to say it was a slight attack.

Fridqay June 18 Windy and cold. Letter from Lady Somers and Walter. I am afraid he is very low but does not appear to have a severe bout. General Landry came to see me and told him about arrangements for the afternoon expedition to the CzeckoSlovaks. Father Casgrain also came. Dick seems quite seedy with rheumatism but he is no worse today. Motored out to Valcartier to see the Czecko Slovcvaks. Most interesting. They are wonderful fine lot of men and everyone who has had anything to do with them speaks

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in the highest terms of their discipline and behaviour. I inspected them and presented medals to three. They then marched past and returned to camp. We had tea with the officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment. A nice lot but they give a poor account of recruiting. We then went through the Czecko Slovak camp. It is quite wonderful what they have done in a few days in the way of making gardens and designs round their tents. We listened to their band which are quite admirable. The Colonel in charge – Col. Mayer – is a delightful man and able to talk a little English. Quite a successful expedition. Eve and the two girls came and were much interested. Shall be quite sorry to leave Quebec tomorrow morning. Dick went down to the train so as to avoid the long walk tomorrow morning. He is not at all well.

Saturday June 19 Amery came to see me before we left. He leaves for England in the afternoon and was very pleased with the outcome of the conference though there had been some awkward moments. Left Quebec at 8.30 and got to **Ottawa** at 6. Found Elsie and Kerry. They are doing well and have enjoyed their trip. Very nice lot on train again. Maud appeared late. They had a great time on the Calcutta and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Sunday June 20 Fine and warm. Church. Telegram to say that Walter had got smallpox but mild attack and he would be here on Wednesday morning. Motored to MacGregor Lake. Long but very successful expedition. Think Kerry and Elsie enjoyed.

Monday June 21 Blanche, Rachel and Robinson went off to Kingston. Office. Saw the PM. He again raised the question of his immediate **resignation** and said he would not see in view of his state of health how he could continue. I expect he is right. He is to have a Party Caucus in the evening of the prorogation and lay this whole matter before it. He was at a complete loss to name a successor. Think therefore have to stop here next week. Probably give up Nfld. It is tiresome but cannot be helped. I also spoke to the PM as to the date of my retirement and he agreed that there would be no objection to my going before the summer next year instead of waiting till November. All the way through our conversation on all topics. The PM was most kind and friendly. He said that he was very sorry I had to go before my time was up but he quite understood the reasons and he added that he had hoped I would have seen my way to an extension. Went with Eve to the Connaught Park races. Not very lively but I expect it was a good thing we went. Henderson came to diner.

Tuesday June 22 Showery. Saw at the office first Major Bell, Gov railways. He was very helpful about suggestions for our tours. It is a relief to have someone who can speak with authority. Next Burrell. Had a confidential talk with him on the situation. But he did not know more than I did, in fact not so much, but he was quite helpful and useful. Kerry went fishing with the Hendersons. Eve, Elsie and I went to the Experiment farm. It all seems in excellent order and the season so far is good. Heard that Puna Litus? Is to go to SA as Gov General. Cannot say that I like the appointment. An old lady, Mrs ? Hutchinson came to luncheon. She was very big with Red X work but I cannot imagine she would carry much weight.

Wednesday June 23 Weather improving. Walter arrived. Seems settled down and was rather indignant that the doctor cast doubts upon the complaint being smallpox. However it saved him going to the hospital and he came up to the cottage here. Seems to be quite comfortable here. Cannot understand how the Clarendon Somers managed to get away. Very interesting conversation with Calder at the office. He attached importance to getting hold of the French and thought that there would be opportunity of so doing. Also saw Ballantyne. He was generally optimistic about the future of the party but rather dissatisfied that he had not got more money for the Navy. Charlton who has something to do with flying a ? arrived. Did not very much take to him. Ames came to luncheon and was most interesting about the League of Nations. Afraid he is going to leave the House of Commons as he says he cannot do both. Eve went to a Garden party. In the evening I did some hoeing. The Popes? ? and ? came to dinner. Kerry seems to have liked his fishing expedition but they only got one fish.

Thursday June 24 Lovely day. Most of the house went to **Blue Sea** by the morning train. I hope to get up there on Saturday but that must depend on prorogation. Saw Guthrie and Dr Reid. They were both worried over the political situation but had no suggestions to make. Guthrie was most disgruntled over the army. Went to the races again. Quite amusing and interesting. Rhodes and Gill came to dinner and played bridge. Very pleasant.

Friday June 25 Lovely day. The Caucus is to meet today over the indemnity question but other points may be raised. Dr Robertson came to luncheon and we had a useful talk. The Red X are ready to assist the

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Famine Fund for Europe but do not like the idea of making a contribution from the Red X are ready to assist in the Famine Fund for Europe but do not like the idea of making a contribution from the Red X returned to us from England. Useful talk with Shimwell over accounts. Did a good evenings work hoeing. Saw Walter through the window. Seems better. Went across to the cottage and played bridge. Short conversation with Burrell on the telephone. The Govt Caucus agreed to a rise in the Sessional Indemnity and raise the salaries of judges and Ministers. Nothing was said about Sir Robert's resignation, which will be raised at another caucus to be held after the prorogation which is expected on Tuesday.

Saturday June 26 Oswald, Charlton, Roddy and I left by the morning train for **Blue Sea**. Fine and hot. Letter from Eve last night. I am afraid the motor boat is not going and stoves etc did not arrive, but they seem very cheerful none the less. It is really very tiresome that nothing seems to go right up there. On our arrival at the siding the motor boat was there but after a good start the engine stopped and we had to be towed by the Sally Ann. Found Eve and the others very well. Bathed and fished but we did not do much in the fishing line although Robinson got one over 2 lbs. The lake looked lovely.

Sunday June 27 quiet day. Had a look round and I see Chartier has begun cutting his populars but I don't think he has encroached The lake looked as well as I ever saw it. Hot but nice breeze. Kerrys, Maud, Charlton, Oswalds and I came back arriving **Ottawa** 9.45. No news here except Miss Schofield said the engagement was to be announced.

Monday June 28 Light showers during the night. Heavy and close with a falling glass so we may get a storm. It would do a lot of good. Terrible tragedy occurred. Rachel, Lady Dudley was drowned while bathing in Ireland. Afraid prospects for close of session look very bad. Saw the Prime Minister. He says he has definitely made up his mind to retire and discussed various alternatives for his successor. The Caucus will probably come to a conclusion on the day of Prorogation. Also saw Calder for a minute. He wanted me at the instigation of Fitzpatrick to see Shaughnessy and Athelston with a view of getting Gouin in, but I think it is somewhat premature. Heavy storm and some good rain. Went to see Walter. He is making some good progress. Eve and the rest got back. They seem to have enjoyed themselves very much. Elsie and Kerry and Dick were by way of going to Niagara by the night train but when they got to the station they found that it had been on by half an hour.

Tuesday June 29 Very muggy and as the glass is still falling there seems to be more thunder about. Got on with letters. The new Cuban Consul General came to see me. Quite a decent little creature. Mr and Mrs. Kelley – Grand Trunk – came to luncheon. Quite interesting. General Charlton left. Good walk with Kerry. They and Dick went off by the night train for Niagara.

Wednesday June 30. apparently we may get prorogation today but it is not clear. I made provisional arrangements for leaving Ottawa on Friday afternoon. In that case we may get to Nfld. at the time originally mentioned. Saw the PM. He hoped to get prorogation this evening. Had no further information as to future leadership but clearly intimated that he himself would not stay although if the party want a convention later on he would consent to hand on till then. Heard in the evening that they had not got through the business so prorogation would take place tomorrow. Good walk in the evening. Crowdy came to dinner.

Thursday July 1 Nice and fresh. Lovely day as far as the weather was concerned but most tiresome one otherwise. To begin with one of the footmen came to me complaining of a character which Dick had given him and a letter which he had written. The man is tiresome and awkward but Dick's letter was most unfortunate and I should say libelous. I could not do anything for the man as although Dick had put himself in the wrong I could not let him down. I then got Sanford (Durnford?) and had a disagreeable talk with him the result that I had to tell him that I thought he had better send in his notice. I believe it is the best way out of the difficulty but how we shall manage for the rest of my time here goodness knows. Something to have got on as far as that. Prorogued parliament. Got through my speeches alright and the proceedings went off quite as well as could be hoped but it is impossible to make an inspiring ceremony with such bad surroundings. Next year the Senate Chambers ought to be finished and it will be possible to have everything properly done. Talk with the PM in the Speaker's (Senate) room. He was quite satisfied with the Caucus. A strong wish was expressed to unite the party and the Liberals in the Government with one exception wanted to keep the existing conditions going. With regard to the leadership Whites name

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received far more support than any others, but it is very doubtful if he will take it. He is now in Muskoka but efforts are being made to get hold of him after him Meighen and Drayton seemed the most prominent. Various meetings were to be held in the afternoon but I did not get any information. At any rate we shall not be able to start tomorrow. Did some hoeing. Went over to the cottage and played bridge. Altogether the situation is involved and I am afraid will take time to clear.

Friday July 2 The Press on the whole has got a fairly good appreciation of the position. The references to Sir Robert while not fulsome have a genuine ring and are well expressed. I saw him for a few minutes but he did not have much to tell me except that he was trying to get hold of White. Wish they could get him here as we shall make no progress till he comes. Picnic with the children. Dull and grey day but pleasant. Burrell came to dinner. Played bridge but he had no news.

Saturday July 3 Still no news. Made a little progress with our domestic affairs. Asked Oswald to be acting Military Secretary when Henderson left. That means that Henderson will not definitely resign but will have leave and can either resign later on or return for the end of my time. Had an interview with Bates. He is worried and disgruntled but I got him into a better frame of mind. At any rate he is not dissatisfied with me, which is a relief. He will stop in till we wind up here and I think he would like to come back home with me. Eve had a talk with Walter who seems more unsettled than ever. The difficulty is that he cannot make up his mind if he wants to marry or not. We went for a picnic at McGregor Lake. Tried to find Grand Lake but did not get it. Heavy showers which made the return journey very bad. Got stuck once badly and nearly again. Lowes drives extremely well and seems a very nice man as well.

Sunday July 4 Cold and rough. A good drop of rain in the night. Glass rising so the weather may improve. Church. When we got back we heard that the little Serby baby had died in the night. There was an idea that she had got hold of some strawberries. I saw him in the afternoon and the poor man was terribly upset. Calder came up in the afternoon. He seems to have been very busy and wanted here to see Archbishop Mattieu who was in Quebec. I was trying to get hold of him, but he appeared a few minutes after Calder. he (Calder) told me that the general wish was that White should take the Premiership and that in the next day or two the expression of opinion would be still stronger. George Allen had been sent to Toronto and found a growing feeling there and the same report came from Montreal and the Maritime Provinces. Matthieu had nothing very new to tell me. ? trotted out all the old alleged grievances of Quebec, but was hopeful that Gouin and Chapais? Might come in to a new government. More and more discussion about household matters. Wish Dick would take a good holiday. Eve had a long talk with him well, but it is all negative and unsatisfactory with no positive ideas

Monday July 5 Great improvement in the weather. No fresh news on political situation, but a government must be going on. The Prime Minister came to see me at 4.15. He had got into touch with White who has however asked him in reply not to press his institution. The Prime Minister consulted his colleagues, some of whom thought that if White were pressed he would agree to take office. The PM suggested that I should write to White and ask him to come immediately. I accordingly wrote and got Sir J Pope up as I wanted to have his opinion on my letter. He fully agreed with my draft except on one point which was really no more than draughting. Henderson took the letter personally to Toronto. All this means delay. It is clear however that the pressure on White has grown in volume and intensity. Went to a play in the evening. English company "General Port" Quite bright and good.

Tuesday July 6 Fine and warmer. Public opinion is running for White as far as we can gather from the papers. Rather a startling message from Henderson. When he got to Toronto he found that White had gone off to Muskoka again. He was trying to get through on the long distance phone, but we heard nothing here till he telegraphed in the evening that he – Henderson – was coming back by the night train but did not know if he would be alone or not. These delays are really very tiresome. Went down to the office and saw Sir Robert. He had not heard of White's flight and was very vexed. Another very tiresome thing has occurred. The wages on American railway have been increased and if ours are correspondingly raised it will mean forty millions. Also had a talk with ? who is secretary of his Educational ? formed last year at Winnipeg. He was keen and interesting but rather visionary. Hoed in the afternoon and evening Very good English mail with a lot of nice letters.

Wednesday July 7 Real wet day. Henderson got back, but says that White will not accept. Very unfortunate. He made a statement to that effect to a reporter in Toronto last night. Think it is very

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unfortunate as Meighen who is next choice will not be nearly so capable of forming a strong administration. Saw the PM at 12. He had seen White who was very definite in his determination to refuse. White came to my room and was most pleasant. He has evidently been through a difficult time but he considers that he is not strong enough in health to undertake a lot of work. He said he knew he could not do a full day. We then discussed the situation very fully as he was of opinion that Meighen was the most suitable. I again saw Sir Robert and arranged with him that he and Meighen would come up to GH some time in the course of the evening. Got a walk. Rain. Left off but it was hot and damp. Sir Robert and Meighen came up at ten. They had a long day and at intervals the outlook was black. Ballantyne for a long time was obdurate. The net result is that all the Ministers will remain except Burrell and Rowell. Of course Barlow. Foster and Calder may resign later, but at any rate they will remain for the present. Meighen was very nice and obviously a little overwhelmed by the responsibility. I am to see him tomorrow and he hopes to get the change of office on Saturday. Borden in the meantime will hold his formal resignation up till then.

Thursday July 8 The Press is quite as favourable to the new PM as I expected. Saw him at the office. He is, I am glad to say, doing everything he can to get Gouin. I am afraid he will not have his fort ready for me to swear in till Monday. I therefore cabled to Harris that I must reluctantly postpone my visit to Nfld or at any rate to St. John but asked him if I could get a few days fishing. As a matter of fact it will give us a lot more time for quite a nice trip. Also saw Ballantyne. He is going to Montreal to have a try with the French Canadians. I spoke to Fitzpatrick on the long distance but could not make much out, but I think I said enough to show that I was moving to get Gouin who by the way resigned today as PM Quebec. Arranged for Eve and the rest to go off tomorrow to Campbelltown where they will meet the gide? And I hope Maud may be able to come salmon fishing. Rowell came to tea and said goodbye he is going to England next week. He was sorry to leave the Govt but he would not have had a happy time now. Hot and close and rain is coming. I did some more hoeing but the weeds do not appear to mind in the least.

Friday July 9 Muggy and warm. Saw the PM at the office. He is making progress with his cabinet but does not expect to get the swearing in till Tuesday. Gouin does not appear inclined to Gov now but I should not be altogether surprised if he did not do so later on. I had a letter from Sir C Fitzpatrick to very much the same effect. Eve and a large party started off for Campbelltown where they will find the yacht in the course of tomorrow and I hope they may get some fishing. I did some hoeing. Blanche and Ross came to dinner and played bridge. Miss Saunders got back from England. I thought she looked tired and worn. On the whole gave a good account of things there.

Saturday July 10 Warm. Went to the office at 11. Swore Meighen and Ballantyne in. Borden was present and so the formal transfer was duly completed. Talk with Meighen. He is making progress. He distinctly improves as one gets to know him better. Sir Robert, Lady and Miss Kindersley came to luncheon. He had been out to represent the Hudson Bay Co. at the tercentenary and attended a number of successful functions in the West. Did some hoeing long talk with Miss Saunders, but she does not seem to throw much light on the situation. Telegram from ? to say suggesting we should go through St. John for two days but had to ? that it was still uncertain about dates.

Sunday July 11 Another nice day. Grand weather for crops after the heavy rain. Telegram from Harris about fishing. Church. Mr. Woolcombe preached. Sir George Foster came to luncheon and I had quite a useful conversation with him. He is rather apprehensive about the winter as he is afraid lack of material may cause industries to shut down. He quite approved of Meighen's selection. I said something about his claims, but he said he had asked the PM and his colleagues not to think of him as he was too old. Good walk after tea. Saw the new Air ground beyond the rifle bats and came back along the river.

Monday July 12 Shower in the night. Grand growing weather. I saw poor old Senator Drew? died. He had been very plucky. Allen brought a letter from Eve. They got to Campbellton alright but the yacht had not appeared. Afraid nothing was settled about the fishing, but they were making efforts to get some. Went to the Experimental Farm with Oswald. The crops look extremely well and I have never seen the place so fresh and bright. Fine afternoon after the showers and distant thunder in the evening. Afraid it is very doubtful if we shall get away tomorrow. Walk in the evening.

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Thursday July 13 Close and warm Got most of the new ministers sworn in but for all intents they are much the same as they were. At present there are only two new PCs. McCurdy and Wigmore. After all the delays and excursions it all seems very flat. Managed to get started in the afternoon [whole sentence unreadable??]

Wednesday July 14 Hot and dusty. Arrived **Newcastle** 4.45. Found Walter and the girls at the station with Mr Crowdy and brother of the new Minister. Took me to the yacht in his car. The *Hochelaga* Looks much the same but is not so smart. The Captain seems nice and keen. Several of the officers are the same as last year. Everything seems alright. McCurdy called for Eve and me and took us to the hospital. Quite nice. Started at four. Lovely trip down the river.

Thursday July 15 Comfortable night, although there was quite a breeze in the early morning before we got to **Summerside**. Got a walk before breakfast. The town seems prosperous and flourishing. The Mayor called and also the Ex mayor. They gave us some lobsters. Later on the Lt. Governor arrive with his ADC. Mayor Bartlett who was here in the same capacity in the late regime. The mayor returned and presented various people. After some delay caused by a train blocking the entrance to the wharf we set off for Cavendish. Long drive but very interesting. The country looks most prosperous. Land well cultivated and excellent homes and buildings. Very nice gathering at **Cavendish**. Eve and I had received an address and replied we had an open air luncheon which was quite excellent. The people were mainly farmers and of a good type. Long motor drive to **Charlottetown** which we reached about 5.30. Very interesting and successful trip. Found the yacht had arrived and short time before we did. Blanche, Anne and Walter and I went for a walk. Looked in at the Parliament buildings and walked on to the Govt house. It is a great pity it is not used. It was a big mistake to put the Military Hospital there.

Friday July 16 Rain in the night but fine and hot in the day. Eve and I went to the RC and the Protestant hospitals. Quite ordinary and nothing of a big note. Looked in at the RC Cathedral. Rather tawdry. Eve went back to the yacht and I went on to the Experimental Farms. Had a good look round. Looked very well and the experiments are interesting. Planted a tree. Went to a fox farm. Saw the fox which had been christened Arbell. I was asked to do the same to another. I called it Victor. Sir Louis and Lady Davis and the Lt Gov Mr Mackinnon came to luncheon. Unluckily the ? was in full sway. It was difficult to hear anything. Maud and the others went fishing. The mayor and his wife ? Webster and his wife called. Garden party at Garden party at old Govt House. It is a great pity that the house is not used for its proper purpose as it is nice in itself. Had historical associations. Garden party went off very well. After we had finished shaking hands dancing began. In the evening went up the Hillborough river in the motor coach. Lovely evening.

Saturday July 17 Beautiful morning. Hot and look round the docks before breakfast. Went over the ferry boat which is alongside of us. Disembark at 10 and with several other cars started off for **Souris**. The Lt Gov came with Eve and me. Rachel and Anne went round by the yacht and some other children went with them. Interesting drive. Pretty country and well cultivated. Stopped about half way at **Montague** where we had luncheon. Rather too long but quite fine otherwise. Received an address and after my reply we shook hands with the public. On the way forward I looked at a wooden ship in the course of construction. Arrived at **Souris**. Received an address followed by the handshaking. As we coming into Souris we saw the yacht arriving. She really looked very nice. Maud, Henderson and I were driven by car to a pond by the Cork family who we fished. Lot of trout. The others caught a good many but I could not manage them at all. Got back about nine. Quite a successful day.

Sunday July 18 About eight first saw the **Magdalen Island**. **Entry Island** stands out well and the red look adds to it. We anchored off **Amherst**, about 11 and Henderson went ashore. He returned with Mr. Leslie, the warden of the County Leslie and his family run a lobster cannery. He is a delightful man, and seems keen and knowledgeable. We landed about 12 and shook hands with the number of people who were assembling by degrees. Walked up to the hotel, which is kept by four old maiden ladies whose father came from Chesterford. They are quite characters and seemed pleased to see us. After a time quite a considerable crowd collected and I received an address in French and replied in both languages. More handshaking, Mr. Leslie and the mayor of another place came to the yacht and we sailed on to **Grindstone** where we found the whole population, shook hands and walked up to Leslie's cannery. He is very kind gave us a lot of lobsters got into rigs and teams and drove to the RC church. The new wing is quite fine and very big, but all of wood. Very nice? showed in the church and the Academy and took us to her house, where we had to

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listen to her gramophone. Returned to the wharf and went on his launch to the next island. Big crowd, another priest was fair, and he was very friendly and made a little speech to which I replied, shook hands and then returned to the yacht most successful day. The people, mainly French were most friendly and their manner and excellent. The islands are not what I expected, as I did not know they were so large, or that there was so much cultivation. Nearly everyone is engaged in something to do with fishing, but they all have a little bit of cultivation. Altogether a most successful day got away about 6 for Newfoundland.

Monday, July 19 Fog came on at daybreak, but we managed to get to **Port au Basque**, rather a derelict looking spot but met several people Squarry and Stipendiary magistrate, and everything else along the coast and some of the railway officials. Also, Capt. Stevenson, who is captain of one of the boats, which runs to Sydney Nova Scotia. Thick fog and much delay, after discussing various proposals. Capt. Stevenson said he could come with us to La Poile as he knows the coast but went ashore. Eve and I walked to Mr. Squarry's this house with him. He is a well disposed old gentleman of 75, but rather a bore. He also suffers from indigestions. We had to wait for a train in order to get supplies but somewhere after tea we got started. As soon as we got a little way out we were clear of the fog. A Rev? Cunningham came with us as he wanted to get to **La Poile**. He is a Halifax clergyman and seems quite nice. According to arrangement, we picked up a boat off **Ireland Island** which guided us into the river, and we had no difficulty getting to our anchorage and were quite comfortable for the night.

Tuesday, July 20 managed to get away in good time, Maud, Blanche, Henderson, Walter, and Squarry started in the motor boat, but towed a rig? into which we changed for landing. Found little settlement of seven families, lobster cannery and ship building goes on there. After considerable delays, we got started for fishing. Walter and I went to some upper pool, and the rest remained down below. Walter and I had a hard work. A very long four miles over rough road. We were mainly walking up a dry riverbed with big boulders and rocks. Very pretty river, especially up above. I lost a fish, but got some trout. The others managed to get hold of some small ones. Quite a nice and interesting day, although there was nothing remarkable about the fish. I took nearly 3 hours to get back to the cottage as the going was very bad. And I had waders on. Not tired but very footsore. They all seemed to enjoy the day, in spite of getting very wet. Got home somewhere after 10.

Wednesday, July 21 heavy rain in the night. Maud, Rachel Blanche and Henderson and Walter got going about nine. Mr. Squarry remained up at his house. No one any the worse for yesterday. The only difficulty is that the water supply is tending low, I think we can economize and make use of water out of a bucket. Day improved in the morning but was still wild and unsettled. I remained behind, while the others went up the river till, in the afternoon when Eve I went up. I fished a lower pool and managed to get to small salmon four and 5 pounds. The others did fairly well. Lovely day.

Thursday, July 22 left **La Poile** early and got to **Jana?** at seven. A most lovely spot. The only mishap was that Blanche had left her window open, and as there was quite a bit of sea and a lot of water came in and spoilt some clothes etc. Got away in good time in the motor boat. Maud and I were first ashore and went to look for a river. One of the roughest places I ever saw, very steep and densely thick, but in time we got there. Looks like a good pool, but difficult to fish. Only one place to stand out for casting and fishing. Maud got a small trout, and we only lost one fly. So taking everything into consideration, we did not do so badly. Rejoined the motor and went up the river. I managed to get a fish, quite small. 6 pounds. Walter and Maud did well in the upper river. Got back in good time, but as it was, Maud was very tired. The scenery is beautiful and I am glad we had the experience of the morning walk in spite of its difficulties as we saw a bit of country and the flowers and vegetation were very striking.

Friday, July 23 lovely morning with chilly breeze could not get away till 9.30 as the tide was not right. Rachel Blanche, Mr. Squarry and I went up the river. Rough walk, but nice place when we got there. I got a salmon directly we started and lost another soon after. The one I got was 7 pounds, but had obviously been in the river for some time. The flies were bad and the day got closer and closer and though we saw a lot of fish they would not rise in spite of our trying every effort. The man, - Andrew Strickland - who came with us knew all about the business and is quite a fair fisherman. It was quite evident that the fish were uneasy, and about four in the afternoon, this was accounted for by a heavy thunderstorm. Real heavy rain, and we were made wetter than usual, but I found I got on much better by wearing ordinary shoes, socks and knickerbockers [unfastened]. I do not like to have the wading boots, which are generally worn. They are

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very clumsy, is awkward, and to walk in them is difficult to prevent the water coming in over the tops. The only objection to my? is that the flies attack the aperture between the knickers and the socks. I was badly eaten, but did not suffer any inconvenience other than the inconvenience of having the things buzzing round one all the time. We had some excellent tea at Andrew place in spite of being absolutely drenched. The family also owns the place at La Poile and have a sawmill here. It is a strange primitive sort of existence. He is an out-of-the-way nice man, but his wife seemed rather complaining. Walter had been a long way up the river, and did not get back till sometime after we did. But we managed to catch the tide and get back very well be and the others came up and got a few trout went back earlier than we did. Saturday, July 24 rain and fog, so we settled to get away for Port au Basque as soon as we could. Maud and some of the others had intention to have gone up the river again, but I think they were wise to chuck it. After a little difficulty with fog, we got to **Port au Basque**. Wet and foggy. Took on some water and left for the Humber. Foggy, and rough.

Sunday, July 25 Fog in the morning and rough. Afraid the children were very sick, and Anne seems very seedy. Hope she is not sickening for anything. Got up to **Humbermouth** at 2. [Now Cornerbrook but in 1920 it was four communities, one of which was Humbermouth] The way up the harbour? is very fine. Met various people when we got to the harbour. They were most kind, and the fishing prospects look better. Henderson and I went up river. Quite nice, and the scenery is fine. The resident magistrate and two officers in uniform. Nice old gentlemen and the officer was the governor's ADC.

Monday, July 26. Lovely day. Blanche, Walter, Henderson, and I went up the river. Blanche and Walter fished below, and the others to went above. Met an American who had camping out. Quite a civil sort of man. He seems to have enjoyed himself, said his nerves were all out of order and that this sort of life was quite the thing for him. I went on to look at the lake - got a wide expanse, but not so fine, as the lower reaches. Fished, but with no success. We are, too late for the early run, and too early for the second. Water looks perfect, if only there were?. Blanche however had some success, down below. Got back about 5.30 and found that HMS Calcutta had arrived with the governor. Evie and the girls were on board when we got back. Afraid the governor was rather sniffy as I was flying the Governor's flag. He and Everest and Noble came to dinner, and the girls went to the Calcutta, where they had a great time. George and Robinson paid constant visits. Everest looks seedy and gives a very bad account of Adm. Lafirer? Owing to that he has to hurry off to Bermuda. We had quite a pleasant evening.

Thursday, July 27. Showery. Pay a visit to the? on his ship. They left about 12. The ship looked really beautiful, going down the bay. We went up the river, but did no good. I saw and moved some fish, but they were very sulky. Very pretty evening with a wonderful rainbow. The captain came to dinner.

Wednesday, July 28. Made an early start by train for **Harrys Brook**. Queer rickety concern of a railway. Mr. Cobb, the roadmaster, came with us. On the way we stopped and met an RC priest who had an American artist (supposed] with him. He expressed great loyalty and gave us a salmon which they had got yesterday. Walked across a bay for about a mile and found a delightful river according to all appearances. Bright sun all day, and I think we made a mistake in worrying the few fish there were, as they showed a bit in the evening. Walter and Henderson each got one and that was the total result except for some flies, which Mr. Cobb, the Yankee gave me. Got back to the ship between 11 and 12.

Thursday, July 29. Left the Humber at four and inclined on **Bonne Bay**, 930. Lovely Interior place. Maud, Rachel and I started in the motor boat about 10 and landed at the mill where we met the manager Mr. Simpson. The concern belongs to the St. Lawrence company and appears efficient and modern. Considerable extensions are in progress and a pulp mill is being put up. Mr. Simpson was very kind about the fishing. Put a man at our disposal, and we went up the river. Quite lovely. The best place we have hit as yet. We found a good road right up to one of the camps. The Calcuttans must have missed it when they went up. The pool is just behind a big waterfall. Soon after we arrived most delightful foreman appeared and as he thought there was too much water, he set off and shut the gate up above. The river at once fell, and by the time we left it must have gone down quite a foot and a half. Each of the girls got a fish. Got back to the ship, about 10 and started immediately. Bright moonlight, and the trip down to the mouth of the bay was beautiful.

Monday, July 30 Quiet night but got into a swell in the morning. Eve and Anne were pretty bad. As soon as I got dressed, I asked the captain to slow down as we had plenty of time and she went much steadier.

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There was however no improvement, and if anything the sea got more choppy as we got more into the gulf, till we got under the shelter of Cape Breton. Arrived at **Sydney** about 11, Sen. McClendon? came on board seems very well and cheery.

Saturday, July 31. Quite a stiff breeze. Started at 830 by special train at 830. I went alone, with Henderson and Walter. The others were better, but not up to a long day. Found Mr. Merrill (spelling doubtful) who is coming as manager to the steel company, and his senator. Shaky rail journey. Got to **Louisburg** in an hour and a half. Found the inhabitants collected and went up to the site of the old town. Most interesting. Had a good look round. Collected sundry trophies. The mayor gave me the Machemas's book, of which I already possess a copy which he gave me. Also got a cannonball, a bit of a French ship, and an officer's buckle. Looked in at the Maxicons station. Luncheon in the train at Mure and arrived **Glace Bay** at 2. Large gathering. Received address, and as at Louisburg shook hands with everybody. Lots of old country people, many of whom knew Chatsworth. The place is quite like a typical English mining town, but seems prosperous. Expect much from the new developments in the steel trade. Motor to **Sydney**. Dusty and not interesting. Gathering in the parliament at four. Inspected the veterans and said a few words. Reception afterward. Across the harbor to McClendon's place Peters point. Very nice and pleasing type of house, gardens. Tea there. Dinner at yacht club in the evening. Very strange affair. Girls seemed to enjoy it and I managed to get through it.

Sunday, August 1. Blustery wind. Got rather blown about in getting on here for church. Quite a nice service. Stayed for the second. Started as soon as we got on board and had an interesting trip through the **Bras d'Or**. I was rather disappointed. It is so big that we might really have been at sea, but it is an interesting and curious place. Got to the **St. Peters Lock** about eight and had a little difficulty in getting through. The entrance to the canal is round a sharp turn and the channel does not give any room for this turn. Anchored for the night there. Quite a crowd of people were about and I shook hands with a good number. The local Railway Superintendent was there. Wanted me to go up to his village, but it was too late.

Monday, August 2. Got up at five when we started, but it was raining heavily. Passed through the **Strait of Canso**, with the North on Northumberland Straits and had a uneventful and common journey all day, Inclined to be rather more disturbed in the night.

Tuesday August 3. Stopped by fog for a short time in the early morning but got to **Newcastle**. About 930 found the train fare and an interesting mail. Said a few words to the crew and was really sorry to see the last of the Hochelaga as I do not suppose I shall ever see her again. Uneventful day in the train. Heard that the EMpress of France had ? Rimouski, so Charlie will arrive tomorrow.

Wednesday, August 4, Arrived Government House [**Ottawa**] in time for breakfast. Arbell very well, and in great form. Arrangements for Press Conference seem complete, but I have to get a speech ready and as so much irrelevant chatter is going on, it is by no means easy. Got some letters and papers cleared up and did some hoeing in the evening. Alwyn Fellowes arrived. Looks older and is very depressed at the outlook at home. Charlie and the two ADCs missed their train in Montréal. The Burnhams and Apsley arrived. They are very pleased with their reception so far. Atholstan arrived later. The two ADCs and Charlie came by the same train. Afraid Kinnaird is still very lame. They both look nice, although young. Charlie very well and grown.

Thursday, August 5 fine and hot. Opening of press conference in committee room, H of Commons. Most successful function. Burnham was elected chairman. I said a few words followed by Meighen and King. Interesting and representative gathering and proceedings went well. In the afternoon I took Apsley? to the Experimental Farm. Interesting time there as the harvest was in progress. Press conference and dinner given by government. I presided. Meighen, Burnham, Fairfax [Australia] and Foster spoke. Sir P. McGrath, [NEWfoundland] proposed my health, and I said a few words. They all are very pleased with the results of their tour so far. Oswald had rather a nasty fall and cut his lip. He and some of the others were leaning against the rail outside the smoking room, and it gave way. Luckily, it was no worse.

Friday, August 6. Fine and hot, but appearance of thunder. Interesting conversation with the PM. He is not hopeful as to progress in Québec, but otherwise he is more confident. Photographed with some of the conference. Alwyn went to Montréal and seemed pleased with his trip. Conference appears to be going very well.

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Sat Aug 7, 1920 Fine and warm. Made some more progress with Western trip. Garden party for the Press Conference. Went off quite well. They all left in the evening for Niagara. They are pleased with their visit and the proceedings at the conference were useful. New book arrived.

Sunday Aug 8 Fine and hot. Most of the party went to a picnic. I stayed at home and got through some letters. Distant thunder but it did not develop. Got a good walk in the evening.

Monday Aug 9 Still close and warm. Signs of thunder again. Polish situation looks very bad. Saw various people about the Peace River but none of them were capable of throwing any light on the subject. They are really very tiresome. A detachment went off to **Blue Sea**. Slight effort at a storm but did not come off. Played golf at Rivermead. Much better course than the other. Alwyn and I played and had a good game. All square.

Tuesday Aug 10 Hot and unsettled. Left by morning train for **Blue Sea**. Arbell was very good and slept a good deal on the way. Found everybody much as usual at Blue Sea. The young trees have come on a lot and I think the place is improved. Fished in the evening with Charlie but did nothing. The big motor boat is not going well and the idea now is that the engine is too big for the boat. Aihogs came up by the afternoon train.

Wednesday Aug 11 Quite a gale of wind in the night but improved during the day. Almost too cold to bathe. Arbell seems to have quite settled down. In the evening some of us went up the lake and to the top of the hill St. Jock. Others went out fishing but did not do much. Lovely evening.

Thursday Aug 12 Hot. Expect more thunder is coming. Bathed before breakfast. Very nice and fresh. Ailwyn left by the afternoon train. Very nice to have seen something of him. Oswalds Pat and I fished in the evening and caught seven bass. I got one which turned 3 ½ pounds. The European news continues bad. Letters from Henderson with various items of proposed tour. They will want a lot of rearranging.

Friday Aug 13 Cloudy and wet but no rain during the night. Everything seems to be going on well here. Miss Cook left. Heavy thunderstorms. We got a few fish in the evening. Heard from Henderson. He seems settled up with Coleman - Aikens secretary about the Bar Association Meeting. I have also heard from Taft that he will come.

Saturday Aug 14 Thunder appears to have worked off and the day improved. Fished in the evening and got a few. The Crowdys appeared while we were at dinner and we settled to go to Cedars on Monday. News from Europe unsatisfactory.

Sunday Aug 15 Charlie seems rather seedy. He got stung by poison ivy but I thought he was not quite up to the mark before that. Heavy thunderstorm in the early morning. Nice day but hot. Most of us went to Church. Quite a good congregation. Excellent sermon from Snowden who is now Archdeacon. Walked round Trout Lake in the evening. It is a good deal longer than I thought. Walter left.

Monday Aug 16. Very hot. Several of us went up to Cedars. Met the Crowdys and had a long but really delightful day there. Saw a good many bass of quite a good size and ought to have got more although they were not taking at all freely. Got back between 10 and 11. Found an English mail and some very interesting letters and papers.

Tuesday, Aug 17 Cooler and very pleasant but rather too much wind. Little Arbell had rather a troubled night, but seemed quite herself in the morning and went right off to sleep. Ann and Diana Kingsmill came by the morning train and also McVee, the baby's nurse. Rather a relief to get her here. A considerable number of people came to tea and some of them bathed. Proceedings went well. Went fishing with Maud, Charlie, Pat and secured a few small ones. Lovely evening but colder. Found a fire quite pleasant.

Wednesday Aug 18 Coldish wind in the morning but soon was quite hot later on. Quiet day and got some letters done. The big boat was induced to move and Eve and I with Maud, Miss Saunders and Jacky went to tea with the Anglins. Their place is very nice but I think the steep wall is a drawback. Eve, Jacky and I walked back. We were told it was a bad, long and possibly dangerous road but we found quite a long and well defined cart road.

Thursday Aug 19 Maud, Oswald Jacky and I came up by the early train.(to **Ottawa**) Found Crowdys in the car. Ottawa quite as usual and no news. The arrangements for the Bar Conference and the tour seem to be all in order. Went to the luncheon of the Rifle Association. Quite an interesting gathering. Several

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speeches. General Wilson (in the chair) Sir R. Borden, Guthrie, Sir J Gibson and others. Nothing said of any value or interest. The ?? was good. Had a talk with Shimwell. Things in the house look better. Walk in the evening. Saw the children of the neighbourhood doing some dancing and singing. they looked very bright and happy.

Friday Aug 20 Fine and hot. Maud went off on her trip to the Beardmores. Hope it will not make her very tired. English mail. Not many letters but a very interesting one from Sandhurst. Saw Meighen. (PM) He was rather more sanguine about the outlook from his own party view but was anxious about trade. Rowell will represent the Govt at the League of Nations meeting. Possibly Borden might also go. Long talk with Dr. Robertson. On the whole he was satisfied with progress he was making both with Red X and Boy Scouts. Saw White of the Conservation Department about Peace River but he was not able to tell me much. However I went to the Experimental Farm and got a lot of valuable information from Archibald. Long and weary day and I did not accomplish much. Sir George Perley came to dinner. Quite interesting but he is rather gloomy about the old country. Played bridge. Hot and stuffy evening and thundery.

Saturday Aug 21 Returned to **Blue Sea** by the early train with Jackey. The two Brewer children Ann and Rosalind came with us. Delightful children. Found everybody much as usual. Miss Saunders was rather seedy and Phil must have been stung by a wasp. Curious day. Hot wind and falling glass.

Sunday Aug 22 Wild and stormy night. Heavy rain followed by the gale of wind. As the day went on the weather steadily improved. The mechanic who came up to look after the boat and the two other men got across for the mail but the boats had to remain over the other side. Afraid now even the Sally may be knocked about as they had to leave her all night in the rocks. Letter from Henderson saying that owing to one or two letters which I had not seen which contained threats from Sinn Fein that it was necessary in the opinion of the police to send up a plain clothes policeman. He was supposed to be called a birdman? but the footman walked in and announced that one of the police force wanted to see Captn Lloyd. He thinks there is no cause for anxiety. As he is here, he had better stay. Walk in the evening. Lovely sunset.

Monday Aug 23 Hot sun but fresh breeze. Saw the sunrise. It was really wonderful. The boats have now been collected. The Lismore is going well but I am afraid our men do not understand it and that has been the trouble all through. The Sally has been brought back in rather a damaged condition but her engine is alright and the woodwork will not take to repair. So I hope we shall get them into shape. In the evening Charlie and I went up to Trout Lake. Carried the birch bark canoe. Fished all round but saw nothing. The local people say that the trout do not rise till the end of September. The others fished for bass and got a few small ones. Lovely evening.

Tuesday Aug 24 wind quite dropped and a nice day. Quite hot. Bathed. Bathing daily. A considerable number of lake residents appeared. Sir Percy and Lady Sherwood. Sir Percy looks thin and ill, but seemed in good spirits. Fished with Pat in the evening. Tried some new places but did not do any good. After dinner **a boat appeared with search light and gramophone**. The girls and ADCs went to the boat house and applauded. It is not a practice to be encouraged.

Wednesday Aug 25 Weather does not look quite so settled. Went with Jacky and Pat to Bates farm beyond Bouchette. The Lismore started alright but gave out and luckily some one from Mr. Clemow came to our assistance. Young Bates met us at Burbidge and drove us to the farm. Nice lot of horses and very pretty situation. Excellent luncheon. We saw the horses in the school and then ridden over the course. Tea at Mr Crowdys where we found a large party.

Thursday Aug 26 Lovely day. Bathed. **Returned to Ottawa** with Pat. The golf tournament appeared to have made a good start. Rhodes came to dinner. Played bridge.

Friday Aug 27 Lovely day. Eve's birthday. Wish I could have been with them all at Blue Sea. Long talk with Sladen and Oswald over plans and got things fairly straight. After luncheon I saw Williamson of the Dominion Parks Commission and concocted a telegram to Rogers in reply to the rather contradictory letters. Office. Three American Artillery officers came. They represent the Ancient Artillery Association of Massachusetts which corresponds to our Royal Artillery ? at home. They are bringing 300 men up in October. Interesting talk with Meighen.(PM) He was pleased with his tour in the Maritime Provinces. Long talk with O'Hara over trade returns. On the whole he was optimistic. Charley H?? who was in the HocC

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with me came to luncheon and brought his niece. He has property in the West. Seemed rather querulous over things in general. Went to the golf tournament at Rivermead. Quite interesting and some good golf. Dined at the Country Club and asked some prominent golfers. Quite a pleasant evening. Nice letter from Blanche and Ivan.

Saturday Aug 28 Another fine hot day. Got on with the details of Western Tour. General Ormond RCMP came to luncheon. He is leaving next week for Regina. His successor Major Belcher also came. Afraid he is dull and uninteresting. Maud arrived. Her train was very late. She seems to have enjoyed her trip and did not appear tired in spite of long journey. Went out to the Golf match and arrived for the last two holes.

Good match and putt was by Edgar. Presented to ???. Got off to **Blue Sea**. Crowdy came. All well there.

Sunday Aug 29 Charlie's birthday – 15. Evie and I each gave him books. Showery and unsettled but we managed to get to Church. Very nice service. The last to be held there this season. Fished in the evening and got four fair sized bass.

Monday Aug 30. Anne's birthday. She is very happy and has some nice little presents. Misty in the morning but clear later. Expedition to Cedars. We all went up and took the Cedar canoe on the Lismore. Took three boats from there and rowed some way down little Cedars. Had luncheon there and then Maud, Rachel and Jacky started off for Maniwaki. We took rods but did not fish as we had to get back and moreover there were signs of thunder. Had a few drops but nothing to matter. Picked up Lucy and Jimmy Crowdy on the way home. Anne had her birthday cake. Heavy thunderstorm in the evening. Rather worried about the Canoe party as there was no news when the boat went over to Burbidge for the mail.

Tuesday Aug 31 Charlie and I went across in the Lismore. A telegram came in while we were there saying "Arrived 8.50 survived thunderstorm damp but cheerful" and signed by all three. Great relief to hear that they were alright. Afraid Eve will be very tired as she got very anxious. Much cooler and showery.

Crowdy came over and we met Charlie. Found a line which must be very approximate to the line on the map. At any rate I do not imagine that any harm has been done by what he has cut. **Left by the afternoon train**. Found the canoe party on board but unluckily Rachel was quite seedy and had got a high temperature. She seemed very out of sorts. Dr. Gibson came down after we arrived and said he thought it was only that she was overdone. Her temperature had already gone down. In spite of the thunderstorm they enjoyed their and the others seemed alright. Found the Cares and the Aikins when we arrived. Sir James took Ld Care off to dinner. Sir A Geddes and Tournant his secretary arrived for dinner. Mr. Taft arrived by the late train.

Wednesday Sept 1 Lovely day. Attended meeting of Bar Association and welcomed the members. Made a short speech. Sir James Aikens delivered his Presidential address. Good in parts but disconnected. Taft spoke at luncheon on the League of Nations and made a good speech but mainly directed against the opponents of the League in USA. Took Ld Care to the Experimental Farm. He was quite interested. In the evening we all went to hear his address. Excellent in form and substance but his delivery is not effective.

Rainey, Attorney General in Ontario also spoke. Rather little and narrow and not a suitable speech for the occasion. Proceedings throughout the day were satisfactory and there is an extremely interesting lot of men.

Thursday Sept 2 Another lovely day. Afraid disorder in Ireland are worse than ever. Got on with various arrangements for the tour. Canadian Bar luncheon. Sir A. Geddes was the principal speaker. I liked it but I do not think other people did. Walk with Care. Dinner of the Bar Association at the Château. Several remarkable speakers. The whole meeting has been a wonderful success.

Friday, September 3, another lovely day. Rather gouty in the ankle, but I think it will soon pass off. Garden party for the Bar Association. Quite a successful function. This brought the meetings to a close, and they have been both interesting and useful. All the people staying here left at various hours. I liked both the Cares and I think they were pleased with the reception he had had.

Saturday, September 4, still rather gouty, but it is going away. Office. Saw Mr. Adams, who is arranging for Mr. Barnett's tour. Interesting talk about housing. Gave him a letter for Mr. Barnett. Also saw the PM. He is going for a tour in Québec, and then to the west. He is more confident than she was about his party. A rather ridiculous thing happened. We were told by cypher that there was a bag in New York addressed to the governor general Montréal. The German consul was conscripted, so he brought it. It turned out that the contents were only a package for the Italian consulate and a letter to Mr. Gill. Think I ought to make

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considerable fuss as a lot of money must have been wasted. Miss Saunders, Charlie, and Anne got back from Blue Sea. All seems well there.

Sunday, September 5, another lovely day Gout practically gone, but owing to the precautions I have taken, I did not consider it advisable to go to church. The Hendersons got back and seem to have had a very good trip. Dr. and Mrs. Robertson came to luncheon. As usual, he was very interesting, but I am afraid he has rather abandoned the Victorian Order. Larry Minto arrived in the evening on his way to his farm. Looked very well.

Monday, September 6 Dull and showery. Looked at two pictures in the H of C. by a Mr. Wangen Wolfe's tomb with the Canadian flags. Afraid I did not like them. Big group. Duke of Connaught, P. of Wales and generals etc., much too much of a fashion plate. Was to have seen a judge - Choquette - over the Codome case, but at the last moment, he telegraphed he would not come. I have now given three opportunities, so I can do no more on Canon (?arson?) case. Young French-Canadian man murdered his sergeant in England. Given confinement for life as he was insane. More efforts are being made to get him back here. Choquette was to have brought his parents to see me. Rather relieved that they have failed to appear. Went to the races. Really very nice and good racing. Charlie and Anne came. They gave a nice meeting, and they had a few bets and managed to win. Play in the evening. Strange performance, but very suitable for the conclusion of the holidays. I hate the idea of parting again with Charlie, but there will only be another year of it.

Tuesday, September 7. **Started for the West**. Party of nine. Eve, two girls and Blanche and the four ADCs. It was horrible saying goodbye to Charlie and I am afraid he was very depressed. Interesting journey as we were for some time in the Algonquin Park. We then got onto the T&NO. Very trying to poor Maud, and it must have brought so much back to her.

Wednesday, September 8, got out at 630 at **Kapuskasung**. Great changes, since I was there. The internment camp and the settlement are occupied by man building a pulp works and only 15 soldiers families took up land. Rather a dismal end to the big ideas of the Ontario government. An experimental farm. [Government internal] has been started, and is doing well. Went round with the manager who seems keen and capable. Stopped at **Hearst** and talked to a number of people at the station. The country is gradually opening out, but has hardly got beyond the pioneer stage. All the rest of the day we were going through a practically unoccupied country. Picturesque, but no prospects of anything useful. Stopped at two or three additional points. At **Grant**, quite an interesting talk with the leading man. He was on one of the railway foremen and took us to his house. Found quite a crowd at **Armstrong**. Said a few words. Found a very intelligent man there.

Thursday, September 9 interesting day in the train. We left **Winnipeg** early and when I got up we were at **Portage**. At **McCreary** we found the mayor, children, etc. and had a reception after which we went for a drive and met the train further on the line. Saw some harvesting. There as elsewhere we heard that the crops were excellent. Everyone is in good heart. Nice country. Undulating, and ? Nice reception at **Kainsall and Canora**. Said a few words at each.

Friday, September 10. Arrived in **Edmonton** at 11. On the way in, we stopped at **Fort Saskatoon**, and another place where we found the children. Asked for a holiday. At Edmonton found the lieutenant governor, PM and his officials. Also, Col. Rogers. He has got all arrangements complete for Jasper Park. Drove to Parliament building and had a look round. Went to see Evie and her party off, but the train was late in driving into the station. Canadian club. Excellent meeting and very typical western audience. Went to the university. Very interesting talk with Dr. Tory. Showed me the new buildings, and some other interesting works. Afterward visited the SCR hospital and found a number of men, but a good many were out. I did not know it was going on and had given only notice when I was at the University that I was coming. Dinner at Government House. Interesting lot of men.

Saturday, September 11. Left for **Wetaskiwin** at 715. The Lieutenant Governor was late, as he also was when he arrived at our destination. Met by the mayor and leading citizens. Inspected at SCR hospital. All long cases, and I'm afraid some of them are very bad. Received address in front of the school. Two Indian so-called Chiefs appeared. Reception. Excellent spirits and tone all through. Good troop of Boy Scouts. The wife of the Anglican clergyman who had only just come out has charge of the Cubs. She seemed a

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delightful woman, and very keen on her work. Drove about 20 miles into the country. Mixed farming everywhere, the crops were satisfactory. Considerable Scandinavian settlement. Visited a school. The teacher was Norwegian, spoke English well and had got to the children in good shape. Met a Norwegian farmer with his wife and family. He started 21 years ago on nothing but now has a big farm in first class condition and an excellent house and buildings. Got back to the city about 1145 for a civic luncheon. Long waits and prodigious meal with the inevitable result of one being made very late and too much to eat great waste of time and food and my speech quite ? out of gear. Had to hurry through. Started off by motor to Edmonton in the Lt. Governor's car driven by Stafford. Prodigious speed and very shaky, but somehow we got right into **Edmonton**, with no misstep, except we burst a tyre a mile from the station. Stafford found an acquaintance who took us on to the Dunvegan Deport. Most successful morning, bar the luncheon. Found Mr. MacGregor, waiting for us and we got right away for the Peace River. Before starting I saw a man, Chayfor(?), who was in the Yeomanry with me. Did not seem at all satisfactory, so I didn't say much to him. McGregor is a CPR man and has just taken over the DE and BC Railway and has already done wonders. Interesting talk with him on the road. Stopped at **Morrisville**. French settlement. Said a few words in French, and drove around. Visited the church and convent. People very friendly. Atmosphere most prosperous. The local chemist came from, Dunford? and knew Bolton well. Later arrived **Westwell**. Quite an enthusiastic assembly. Said a few words. Shook hands with everyone. Lots of Yorkshire men, who were very typical and keen. Very comfortable chair and arrangements alright, but there was a halt? and we had to shift about as best we could. The line is rough and uncertain, but we got on alright, though slowly.

Sunday, September 12. Arrived **Sawbridge** at 8 and started off at once by motor for the Lake [Lesser Slave] 2 miles off. Most derelict scene as thousands of acres are under water, owing to the unusual height of the Lake. After some delay, a big motor boat was got under weigh and we went for about an hour. Very nice trip. Went round and island which is apparently inhabited by a German. Saw a lot of ducks. Saw a few inhabitants and started off for **Swan River** by train. Very good reception. The entire population was at the station, and we moved en bloc to Garden? Hall where I said a few words and shook hands. A canon priest from Frank and some old Indians were present. We were taken for? trip through the country. The land looks nice, but the cultivation was poor. Scenery quite good and lumbering not bad. On my return found five girls who gave me jam, fruit and vegetables. In two hours time we reached **High Prairie**. Most enthusiastic reception. Usual procedure on the platform. Fine type of people. The IODE gave me an immense quantity of produce, wheat, oats, grasses, vegetables, flowers and ducks [the last not yet in season].

Monday Sept. 13 Shaky and I should say dangerous railway, but we managed to get on at something a touch over five miles an hour. There must be some bad scandals over the construction. However McGregor is getting it put straight. I went to bed when we left **McLennan** where the Chief Engineer appeared. Missed the Smoky river crossing but had to get over some very hard bits. Our new schedule offered considerable dislocation. After various delays we got to ? and found a few people at the platform but no enthusiasm. The people are mainly American. Went in to **Clairmont** where a very different custom prevailed. Children on the platform and very nice lot of people. Received an address and we drove to an eminence? from which we got a great view. In an hour we got to **Grand Prairie**. Excellent reception ? by the Mayor, band, children, keen enthusiastic. Drove out about five miles to Buffalo Lakes with a large party. By way of getting some shooting I had one cartridge and missed a long shot. ? collected some ducks and chicken. Had a meal then. Excellent. Refused to have any whiskey but the others managed to consume a considerable quantity. Country looks prosperous and well farmed and the views are quite nice. People all keen and optimistic. The local police magistrate came with me. He was born in Park Street in London and has been here for over 20 years. Interesting and pleasant.

Tuesday Sept 14 Cold and a real wet morning. Stayed on the car as there was no use starting off in such weather. Rain went on till evening. Got a walk with Oswald.

Wednesday Sept 15 White frost and fog. English mail and some interesting letters. Afraid Mother is not at all well. Her handwriting was more shaky than I had ever seen it. Weather cleared up to an certain extent and we started off to see farm belonging to a Mr Roberts. He comes from Horshire and has been here for a long time. He and his family have a big acreage and have been most successful. Shooting in the afternoon. Managed to get three geese and could and ? local people, but I am afraid the praise I received was quite out

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of place. Heavy showers and road very bad. ? we were very late but people did not mind. Proceedings went well. Left for **Spirit River** in the night. In spite of bad weather the visit was a great success. Fine country and nice people. Vary glad I came.

Thursday Sept 16 After shaky we arrived at **Spirit River**. I slept well in spite of everything. Quite a good reception and we then went out for a drive into the country. Crops rather poor as the late spring had put everything back. Started at 12.30 after luncheon for **Waterhole**. Fine country and crops excellent. Waterhole is a curious place. Uncertain whether the railway will get there. Very primitive and not an attractive population. We stayed at China main hotel. Only just bare rooms, but clean. Sat for some time in the bank manager's room. He came from England, and seems a useful, capable man. A meal was provided for us by an extremely nice young English woman from Newcastle. I wonder what she was doing here and how she can stand it. Personally, I have no wish for a pioneer life. Visited a so-called? but nothing was going on except an aeroplane. After some difficulty a few people were induced to listen to a long speech from the school inspector. I said a few words, but it was a flat performance. We were taken for a drive round the country. Good farms and crops. Saw a good herd of Hereford's and a fair lot of horses.

Friday, September 17. Most amazing day. Snow and very cold. Breakfast in the China hotel. Went to the bank manager's room. Started 10.30 on 50 mile drive to **Peace River Crossing**. Good crops as far as I can see. Saw a good covey of prairie chicken, so we got out and collected five. Ought to have got some more, but my fingers were quite numb. In due course, we got to **Bear Lake**, where much to my surprise we found several fashionably dressed ladies getting luncheon ready. The arrangements for the trip had been made by Dr. Donald. He was formerly in the police and went overseas and is now mayor of Peace River. Mrs. Donald and several children were there and more arrived in the course of the day including a baby of 23 months. Excellent luncheon and although the wind was cold we were very comfortable by a big fire. The lake was rough, but we went out in a big ? Lot of ducks about. We got a few shots but they were very wild, could not find the two we did get. Long drive to **Peace River** and an appalling ?? Weather improved and the train had arrived but then engine went off the track on the way. An interesting and amusing day, Among other things found a New York Jew who was homesteading. Charming man and his shack where I saw his wife and children was beautifully kept. Interesting and strange people.

Saturday, September 18. After a wet morning we had a really lovely day. The weather has quite taken up again. The mayor took me round the town. Saw the RC church. And also one of the many oil wells. They are all full of hope that that there is oil, but lack of money, and I should also say knowledge tempers everything. At present most of the wells are in trouble with water. Trip on the DA Thomas. Large gathering of the leading people. The scenery is lovely and the trip was most successful. Saw two more oil wells. On my return, visited hospital. Building was all right, but it was stuffy and untidy. Went on to the school. Nice-looking lot of children. Asked for a holiday. Tea with the mayor. Nice house. Went on to see the Bishop and Mrs. Robbins. Delightful people. They have just got back from England. Real? Had a most pleasant bath of which I was badly in need. Public reception. Proceedings went very well. Most successful and interesting day, and I am sure I did right in coming here.

Sunday, September 19. Really beautiful day. Real Alberta weather. Church. Very nice service. The Bishop preached. Stayed for the second service. The Donalds came to luncheon, and then took us for a drive up what is called Judah Hill. Steep climb, but the views are beautiful. Looking over the meeting of the Peace and the Smoky. Came back to the town and drove over the bridge, and after tea Oswald and I walked up the hill again, but in another direction to what we had been before. Started homewards or rather to Edmonton at seven and then concluded the most successful visit. Big climb to start with, and our engine had a little trouble but eventually caught up.

Monday, September 20. Arrived **High Prairie** at 10. I opened the Gov VA memorial hall. Most successful function. People keen and enthusiastic. Children lined the way up with sunflowers. Quite picturesque. Lovely day. Pity we had to spend it in the train. Played a lot of bridge. Arrived **Stewbridge** at six and started immediately for the lake, where we saw a lot of duck. I managed to get a few but they were very wild. Some of the best shooting I have had and great fun.

Tuesday, September 21. MacGregor passed and I got up at six and tried to the lake again. Great fun. Got some ducks, some ? It is certainly a very attractive place. English mail, and some interesting letters. After breakfast we started off by motor for some fishing. Delightful river and fine scenery. The fish are grayling.

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Found a large number of rods, but the fish were not rising, although one of the party of 7 rods got a nice lot. I got three and the others did nothing. Excellent fish to eat. Tried some more shooting in the evening. I did very little. Ducks were wild. Lovely sunset.

Wednesday, September 22, heavy rain in the night. Got up fairly early to see the **Athabasca**. Beautiful river and the coloring effective. Played bridge all day. Got to **Edmonton** at seven. Found a letter from Eve. Afraid they have had some bad weather and snow, but are very happy. Small dinner at Government House, Chief Justice and Mrs. Harvey and one or two others. Bickersteth was there also and very pleasant and interesting. Left at midnight for **Jasper**.

Thursday, September 23 comfortable journey, but cold and wet when I woke up and no view. Got to **Jasper** about ten. Col. Rogers met us. All the others were out on various trips. Got some ponies and Oswald and I rode out. Met the girls coming back. They have had a great time and seem entirely happy. Maud came back with us and we waited at a camp for Eve, who was out with Mrs. Rogers. They soon appeared after luncheon and we rode back. Eve had managed all the riding very well and one day got 29 miles. After dinner we went across to the Rogers girls sang and danced. Found an interesting man-Brock. He had been Deputy Minister of mines, and had served in the Army. Two US aviation also appeared on their return trip from Alaska.

Friday, September 24. Left **Jasper** early. Got a splendid view of Robson. It was quite clear. At **Blue River** got a telegram to say mother had died peacefully this morning. Of course it was not a surprise, but nevertheless it is a very sad blow. I shall miss her very much. At **Kamloops**, Senator Bostock and Evelyn Perris appeared. Very nice to see them. Mrs. Bostock had had an accident and broken her wrist. Penise was very well and cheerful. Later on we found Anglesey and went across to their house. She was laid up, but Eve went to see her. He gives a gloomy account of the fruit as the water is? and requires a lot of money to put it right. Serious matter.

Saturday September 25 arrived **Vancouver** at seven. Raining heavily. Found Mayor Mumbolt? who came down to the Starsan? with us. Also Mr. Reton? CPR. Got a number of points settled. Starsan?(Stadacona?) is very comfortable and convenient. Capt. seems seems keen and capable. Latterly the rain soon cleared off, and we had an excellent passage. Lovely scenery all along the coast. Got to **Campbell River**, about 530. Landed for a short time and started on a walk but rain came on again. The 3 ADCs stopped at the hotel. The rest of us stayed on the yacht, which had to move about 3 miles for good anchorage.

Sunday, September 26, another promising wet day. Started at the motorboat, but it would not work, so we waited till the tide was right for the yacht to get alongside the wharf. Found the others there. Drove to a lake about 5 miles off and got about a couple of dozen cutthroat trout. Rachel got one on the fly, but they would not rise. So we used trolls. Quite a nice afternoon except for the rain. The hotel is clean and comfortable. The RMP inspector came to dinner.

Monday, September 27. Quite a comfortable hotel and food all right. Visited the hospital. Small but good. Found that the doctor had been wounded and had received two decorations. Capable man and very keen on his work. Drove about 4 miles and then walked 2 1/2 to see the falls on the Campbell River. They are really magnificent and so was the walk through the wood. In the afternoon fished for salmon, got four Cohoes. All trolling. Interesting experience, but not much sport. Found the yacht again, but the girls, Oswald and Gill? went to the hotel, so as to do the full drive tomorrow to Alberni.

Tuesday, September 28. Perfect day after the fog had cleared off. It seems very sad to be doing all that we are when it is mother's funeral, but luckily there were no further engagements. We left the yacht at 10 and motored to the Money's at **Qualicum**. The rest of the party who had started from Campbell River, arrived soon after. The Money's were most kind and gave us luncheon etc. They seem to me to be much more settled and cheerful. Motor on to **Alberni**. Wonderful drive. Hotel clean and comfortable. Excellent dinner, but far too much to eat. Got a walk. Strange place, as there are a lot of good houses but no sign of industry except some lumbering and fishing.

Wednesday, September 29. Got away by 10 and motored some way to a really lovely river. Mr. Waterhouse, who owns the hotel, but does not manage it, is a very keen fisherman. He showed us all about it but said the river was too high. However I managed to hook a fish, which I imagine was about eight or 9 pounds. But after having him on for three quarters of an hour, he broke me. It was very difficult as I could not follow him. The fish are locally called Rainbow, but Waterhouse said they are really sea trout. I had no

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idea they were fish like that. Found the Moneys had come up to a shack. They gave us some excellent tea. None of the others caught any fish, but it was altogether a very good day. Big English mail, and some very interesting letters.

Thursday, September 30. Nice day, but cloudy, in afternoon and some rain. Very nice expedition by **Sprout Lake to Central lake**. Scenery beautiful and fished. Waterhouse hooked a fish of 6 1/2 pounds, which Blanche landed. I lost one but managed to get another of 7 pounds. They are beautiful fish, and very gamey. Lovely river but difficult fishing. Gathering at **Alberni**. Afraid I made a very bad speech. But felt all unsettled and could not get into my stride. However, I hope it went all right, and the people seemed pleased at our going. Shook hands with everyone.

Friday, October 1. Wet day but cleared in evening. Several hundred? local men came to the hotel, and we had some useful talk. Visited the **Port Alberni** schools. The high school ? came from the ocean. Said a few words and asked for holiday. Nothing unusual about the school but children look bright and happy. Visited hospital. Small but good. Went in to Alberni school. Usual procedure. In the afternoon, some of us went fishing to a place we had not been before. Salmon and trout showing in every direction, but they would not take. Waterhouse got three on a spoon. I could not manage it in the still water. The number of salmon was amazing. Rachel had a very stiff back, but it improved in the evening. In spite of the weather day was very successful.

Saturday, October 2. Showering, but day improved. Fished. Went in two parties Eve, Maud, Rachel, Pat and Jack went to the falls where we were yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl, who are stopping here. They did very well - got salmon, but they were all old fish and some trout. Blanche and Walter came with Mr. Waterhouse and me to the place where we went on last Thursday. I got a very nice trout 6 1/2. they are certainly very game and very great sport. Most successful day.

Sunday, October 3. Woke up after a bad night. Very stiff and sore with a bad headache, and every suggestion of Influenza. However, I had to get through with the journey to Victoria. Unluckily the day was thoroughly bad and wet, and we had very little view. Started soon after nine. Stopped for an hour and 1/2. Cowichan Bay for luncheon and got to **Victoria** about five. Found the Lt. Gov. and Mrs.? I was feeling very unsettled and went straight to bed and stayed there all Monday and Tuesday. Had a doctor who said it was flue. Had to put off my engagements. Eve did the medals and Oswald rearranged the schedule for our return journey.

Wednesday, October 6. Got up for luncheon. Rather shaky at first but gradually felt more myself. Great bor havig had to waste so much time in bed. Drove in afternoon with the Lt Governor. Very nice and freshened me a lot. A few people came to dinner. Afterward they dressed up to their great satisfaction and amusement.

Thursday Oct 7 Weather shows significant improvement. Luckily we shall have it fine for our passage across to Vancouver. Group photograph GH. Then we started off in the Stadacona. The Bernards came to see us off. The Lt. Gov and Mrs. Price are certainly very delightful and are well fitted for the place. Good trip across to **Vancouver**. Found a good English mail. Left for the East at 8.45

Friday Oct 8 Wet morning. Arrived **Sicamous** about 10.30 and got a bit of a walk. Cloudy till evening. Reception at **Golden**. All went well. Got a walk and looked in at the hospital. A Mr. Bruce came on the train as far as **Invermere**. Nice man. We were to have stopped with him but gave it up owing to the change of plans. Stopped near **Galena** and Mr and Mrs Ritchie came on the train. He used to be Vice of Bailey. It is very sad for them as their daughter was drowned and they have not got another. Delightful to see them again.

Saturday Oct 9 Drew into **Cranbrook** at 10. G? day and magnificent scenery. Very good reception. Drove to an RC Indian mission. Big school etc. but waste of money and energy for such a purpose. Stopped at Ferbie. Reception on platform. The miners had gone out on strike but the mayor said he thought the would soon go back. Fine trip over the Crows Nest. Scenery fine and lovely sunset. Excellent reception at **Blairmore**. Visit to Military Sanatorium. Lot of patients. These places are always depressing. Picked up Walter and Pat at **McLeod**. They were very pleased with their visit to Larry and liked his ranch.

Sunday Oct 10 Lovely morning. Letters from Henderson and Sladen. The last rather gloating over prospects of trade slump (stir up?) Got to Regina and found the Lakes. Walk with them. Also saw Calder and Robertson who are there on Govt work. Uneventful day in the train. Walter and Jack got out at Portage

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when Mayor Aikens was waiting to take them to a duck shoot. Sir James came to the train at Winnipeg and I had quite a good talk with him.

Monday Oct 11. Really perfect fall day. Arrived **Fort William** 10.20 and went over the CPR elevator. They are very busy handling a lot of stuff. Otherwise nothing of any interest except the scenery.

Tuesday Oct 12 Lovely day, but nothing of interest on the journey. Arrived **Ottawa** 7.30 in the evening. Found everything and everybody all well. Very nice English mail with letters about Mother.

Wednesday Oct 13 Another real fall day. The country is quite beautiful. It is rather lucky for us that we managed to get back in time just to have a glimpse of it. Got letters etc. straightened out. Played golf with Dick at Rivermead and got on better than I expected. Perfect afternoon. Alwyn Fellowes appeared. He is on his way home and has had a really good trip.

Thursday Oct 14 Very heavy thunderstorm in the early morning. Hope it does not mean a break up in the weather. Saw the PM. He is very worried over sugar which has suddenly assumed a ? Seems suspect?. Also saw Ballantyne. Told him I would go to Halifax for the reception of the ships which are coming. Walk with Ailwyn. Very much surprised to see by the evening paper that the miners at home have voted for striking in spite of all that has been done in the last few days. Ailwyn left on his way home. Very nice to have a sight of him. An order in Council to rescind the Board of Commerce order on sugar was sent up in the evening. Between the refiners and the consumers there is a real tangle.

Friday Oct 15 Regular grey autumn day. Paper very full of the sugar problem but the OMC has had the effect of reducing prices. Got through a good many letters A large number of ladies who have been attending a conference of the women's Institutes from Eastern Ontario came to tea. About seventy were expected but two hundred appeared. Very successful affair. Lovely evening and I got a good walk.

Saturday Oct 16 Walter and Jack got back and said they had a good duck shoot. Rachel left for the Cooks. The delayed mail bag appeared with some very interesting letters but it is very inconvenient to have had them so long delayed. Busy morning at the office. Mr. Powell came to witness a document for me. Then I had a talk with Sir L Davies to thank him for acting as Deputy. He looks aged and not well. Presented Flying Cross to Major Gates. He did a very fine performance going to Egypt by air. Canada Club luncheon. Sir Bertram Winkler made an admirable speech. Did some weeding in the afternoon. Miss Windsor, organizer of Save the Children Fund, came to tea. She seems to have quarreled with some people and it is not easy to know what to do for her.

Sunday Oct 17 Lovely day. Church. It is a long time since we were there but the time has gone very quickly. Got through a lot of letters and had a walk.

Monday Oct 18 same weather continues. Nice English mail. Gen Macdonald and two other men from the west came to see me and told me about a scheme for watching helping sisters?. They have got good support and I said I would do what I could for them. Sir James and Lady Willcocks came. He is anxious to get his son into the CPR or some other job. Will go on to Montreal to see Beatty. A Mr. Darling, Director of the London Joint Stock Bank brought me a letter from Amery. He is busy over Exchange. His son and daughter came to luncheon. Also a Mrs Cotton who is going to the East (Europe) with some nurses. Seems a most capable woman. The Speaker and Mrs. Rhodes who knew the Willcocks came to luncheon also. Took the Willcocks for a drive in the afternoon along the Aylmer road and back by Chelsea. Very nice.

Tuesday Oct 19 The Willcocks left by the early train. Walter did also. Very sorry to lose him and I think he has quite enjoyed himself especially during the latter part of his time. The Angleseys arrived. English mail. Did some more hoeing in the afternoon.

Wednesday Oct 20 Real autumn day. I think there are signs that the strike at home will not be very prolonged. Saw McCurdy and Wigmore. Congratulated them on their elections. The sugar difficulty was soon disposed of by the Govt. and the order rescinded. Gave a Geneva? Medal to his nurse who represented Canada. Interesting talk with Sir Joseph Pope. Went to the Experimental farm with the Angleseys. Think they were interested.

Thursday Oct 21 Weather seems very changeable, but I hope the autumn and not really gone yet. Office. Interesting talk with the PM. He is going off to the west tomorrow. Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell came to luncheon. The Angleseys and Blanche started off on their journey home. Dr Robertson came to tea on the

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whole we had a satisfactory talk with him over Red X matters. Sir R. Lake arrived for the meetings. Went to Dr. Grenfell's meeting for his fund at the Collegiate Institute. Long but interesting.

Friday Oct 22 Really lovely day. Fresh but very bright. Red X – all day and useful meeting. Got through a lot of useful work. They all came up to tea here. Evie gave Marshall and Mrs. Plumtre their respective presents. Mr Shaughnessy came. Strike news from home looks bad.

Saturday Oct 23 Rather cooler but lovely day. Strike news from England is rather less gloomy as the railway strike is put off for a few days and time is a great factor. Red Cross meeting continued and made good progress. finished by luncheon time. Dr. Grant and Mr Darling came to luncheon. Darling was worried after his talk with Sir H Drayton. Mrs Beardmore came to stay. Very nice to see her again. Did some weeding. Children's tea party. They looked very nice.

Sunday Oct 24 Same weather continues. Church. The Rector of Halifax preached. Collection for children's fund. Miss Shaughnessy left. Got a bit of a walk in the afternoon and again in the evening. Got wet as a heavy storm came on.

Monday Oct 25 Rain and thunder cleared off and we had a lovely day. Cleared off a lot of letters. Talk at the office with Dr. Robertson and Dr. Macallum. Robertson would like \$25,000 from our Red Cross (English) fund for the boy Scouts. I asked Macallum to make some suggestions about my speech at Toronto. He was very pleased and said he would get something. I consulted him about a medal. Did some hoeing. Some of the representatives of the dominion council of Health came to tea. Interesting lot. Crowdys and Sladens came to dinner for a farewell to the Hendersons.

Tuesday Oct 26 Rain and raw. Hope this summer has not gone. Nova Scotia and the three Prairie Provinces have gone one dry. Strike at home seems to be approaching a settlement. The Mayor of Cork died yesterday but the news seems to be faintly? received. Very interesting talk with Sir Henry Drayton in the office. He takes a gloomy view and thinks we may have a bad time. The Hendersons left for England. Really very sorry now that the time has come for them to leave. In spite of certain defects they have both done well. A good deal of rain, but I did some more weeding. Presided at General Booth's meeting at the Dominion Methodist Church. Big crowd but the speech was in no way remarkable.

Wednesday Oct 27 Wet and muggy. A hitch is said to have taken place in the negotiations between the Govt and the Miners at home but the conference is still proceeding. Got on with letters. Maud and Arbell left for home. Seems too horrible without them. The house somehow seems quite dull and deserted. Did more hoeing. Strike is apparently settled. Dinner. Small but pleasant.

Thursday Oct 28 The place seems really dull and quiet without Arbell. Rather windy and wild, but bright. Day improved. Miss Saunders, Dick and Oswald went off to Montreal after luncheon. Evie, Pat and I went for a motor round along the Ogilvie road and back under the hill by Hull. Makes a very good tour. There is some good land and prosperous looking farms after getting past Alymer. Lovely evening and sunset and signs of frost. Interesting English mail and according to the evening papers the strike is settled.

Friday Oct 29 Official notification that the strike is settled. Hope that now conditions will generally improve. Raw and a feeling of snow in the air. Miss Saunders and Oswald got back from Montreal where they seem to have had a very successful time. Evie, Sladen Pat and Oswald came with us to the new Nickel works. Met the Speaker here and Mrs Rhodes. Works quite new and I suppose the last thing. Very interesting.

Saturday Oct 30 Damp and rain but improved later in the day. Got on with letters. Hoed in the afternoon. Dick got back from Montreal. Walk in the afternoon.

Sunday Oct 31 Nice morning, but clouded over later. Church. Walk in the afternoon. Went to the evening Service at St. Matthews. Dr Gardner of New York preached. He has come here for the Sunday School week. Very nice service. The Montreal party got back and brought Miss Cobbold. Very nice girl and I hope she will like her visit here.

Monday Nov. 1 Real row in the house again. Dick is very obstinate and stupid. The ? occasion as the Holian? Who lifted the ? has been stealing wine and spirits and some other things were found in his room. Then when Rachel got back she said Maud had missed her wrist watch. Miss Saunders has been told but had apparently forgotten. Between them all it makes it quite impossible for me to stick to my work and the sooner I get away the better. Office. Saw Christie who leaves for England tomorrow and Dougherty who

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has only some vague ideas about the Times getting an opening in Canada. Larry (Minto) arrived and announced his engagement to Marie Cook. Hope it will be alright. Did some more hoeing.

Tuesday Nov 2 Wet and cold. The American fishing boat won the second race and the rubber. Cleaned up a lot of letters and have now very nearly worked off the accumulation. Heavy rain. Did some digging. Am now going over the patch with a fork. Nickle of Kingston came to see me about his patriotic fund. He was as usual quite interesting. Sladen and Dillon came to play bridge with Dick and me. all the others went to the theatre. Hardings election appears to be quite certain.

Wednesday Nov 3 Some improvement in weather. Harding's majority seems to be overwhelming. Reported that Austen Chamberlain is going as Viceroy to India. Curious appointment. I should not have thought that he would have cared for it. Got on with letters and did some more weeding. The Robertsons mother and son arrived. Harold and Dorothy Stopped with them at Preston. Dinner party. Rather a mixed lot but went very well.

Thursday Nov 4 Nice day. The Republican victory in the US is overwhelming and I should think on the whole favouring to us. The Miners ballot showed an actual majority for continuance of coal strike at home but as a two-thirds is necessary the leader ordered them back. Hope they will go. Cold and rain in the afternoon and a good deal of rain. Did more weeding. Red X meeting under the Canadian (Women's) club. Bad night and poor attendance. Dr. Robertson made an excellent speech.

Friday Nov 5 Day shows improvement. Saw Professor Stiles. On the whole he was optimistic about the Scouts but there are difficulties. Also had a talk with one of the men at the Post office about the mail contract. He thinks an arrangement can be made. Interesting talk with Carrell. On the whole he was not dissatisfied with conditions. Did some more weeding. Dinner party. Rather a heavy and ponderous lot, but went off quite well.

Saturday Nov 6 Colder but fine. The Rausores left. Very nice people. Ld and Lady Shaughnessy came for luncheon but had to go back by the night train. They were very pleasant but are not quite easy. Very glad they came. Took train out to the Experimental Farm. A USA Professor Jameson came to luncheon with Doughty. Interesting and pleasant. Tried to get on with my Toronto speech but incessant interruptions are most disconcerting.

Sunday Nov 7 Colder but lovely day. Church. Got on with my Toronto speech. Must have a real go at it. Short walk in the morning.

Monday Nov 8 Lovely day. Sir E. Walker arrived for breakfast. Had an interesting talk with him about the war pictures. He thinks a certain number might be hung here.. Want on worrying about my speech. Interesting English mail. Did some more weeding. Left for **Toronto**.

Thursday Nov 9 Comfortable journey. Col Fraser was at the station. Breakfast Government House. Lt Gov and Mrs Clarke very well, but I am afraid the boy is seedy. Wet and muggy. Rather luckily the weather has put a stop on the golf. Evie had a busy day but I did not have much and tried to get on with various speeches. Sir Thomas White came to luncheon. He is in pretty good spirits and looked well. I went to the annual meeting of the Protestant Affairs Honor. Eve and Mr. Clarke came in afterwards. Quite a pleasant function. The house looks well cared for and the children bright and happy. Dinner GH. Interesting and pleasant.

Wednesday Nov 10 Better day. Spent a long time and got on with my speech. Eve went to two functions. ONE AT Havergal College which I ought to have attended. However, I had a very good game of golf with the Lt gov at the Hunt Club and managed to beat him. Came back after luncheon and went to the Horticultural Exhibition. It was really very good. Said a few words at the opening. Went to the Pearson Habs? opened the new building. Quite a big function and proceedings went well.

Thursday NOV 11 Armistice Day. Went to the Service at St. Pauls but afraid I was rather late. Very fine service and big congregation. Empire club luncheon. Think I got through my speech alright. Played golf again with the Lt. Gov. Managed just to win. Great relief to have got through most of my speeches big relief when tonight's is over. Afraid Evie is very tired. Royal Canadian Institute. I got off a speech and it really went better than I expected. As far as I know I did not make many mistakes. Anyhow it is a great relief to have got it off. Shook hands with all the company at a reception and I was told there were 1700 but I did not think there were so many. Eve did not come owing to her headache. She and Miss Saunders and Pat went off by night train to Ottawa. Oswald and I went to **Montreal**.

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Friday Nov 12 Comfortable journey but found a sprinkling of snow at Montreal. Went direct to Ritz Hotel. As usually every prospect of a boring day. If I could go about as ordinary individual there would be plenty to do. Luncheon at the club. Sir Vincent Meredith, A. Currie, Taschereau, Sir Charles Gordon, Beatty, Dr. Colby. Quite pleasant and useful. Tea with Meredith. They are certainly very nice people. Meeting to start the McGill drive. Went fairly well, but the audience was dull and heavy. The only excitement occurred when Taschereau announced on behalf of the Province that they would give a million. I gather they have nearly the five millions in sight.

Saturday Nov 13 Left by the early train and got to **Ottawa** at 12. No news there. Cold but not so much snow as at Montreal. The Fitzpatricks came. I laid the foundations stone of a Parish hall at St. Matthias Church. In spite of the cold weather a very nice little function. We all went to the theatre, a stupid piece and not suitable for girls. Dialogue was not bad in parts. Pity the Fitzpatricks were there.

Sunday Nov 14 The snow has all gone but it is still cold and dark. However it is a great thing to keep the winter off for a bit. Church. Little talk with Sir Charles. He is very wild and his latest idea is an arrangement between Crerar, Drury and Gouin. Walk in the afternoon. Cold wind but otherwise quite pleasant.

Monday Nov 15 Cold but fine. The Fitzpatricks left. Did some hoeing. Dinner. Mainly young for the May Court Ball. The Egans also came and we played bridge. Billy Coke, George Lescester's boy, arrived. He is a merchant f? and is traveling for the. Was in the Navy.

Tuesday Nov 16 Fine and cold. Ball seems to have quite a success. Got on with letters. Tried a few with a rifle which P.D. Ross lent me and got on quite well. Short walk. Dinner. Quite successful.

Wednesday Nov 17 Snow. Afraid winter has really set in and I suppose we shall have four month of it at least. However it may go as the snow is rather wet and not the real dry stuff. Miss Schofield wedding. Everything went off very well. They were married at the Arhbishops (RC) home and came on here afterwards. Both seem very happy. Got a walk in the afternoon. Went to the play. Goodness not a good company but the play was much to be preferred to more modern production. Left by midnight train with ? for a try at a moose.

Thursday Nov 18 Comfortable night journey and arrived **Mattawa** early where we found Mr Morsell formerly MPP and Mr Bell with whom Sir H Egan had made arrangements. They came on with us to the Camp which is close to the trail and about an hour from MATTAWA up the Ottawa river. There we found the Proprietor of the camp, Mr. Elms. He keeps the hotel at Mattawa and three guides besides the cook. The guides were French halfbreeds and very intelligent. Two of them had been overseas. The Camp is a little ordinary log hut, one room, kitchen on one side, table in the middle and bunks on the other side Got there about ten and had a large meal and we then proceeded out to try and get a deer. Morsell and Bell took rifles as well as all the ? and we went to various points along the river. Dogs were loosed and we heard them in the distance. The theory is that the deer when hunted come to the water but although the dogs got on the deer it did not do as it ought. Waited there till dark and when we got to the camp we had another large meal. Morsell and Bell went back by train to Mattawa at 7.30 and as soon as they had gone we went to bed. Guides, cook and ourselves were all in the same room. We had our own blankets and the guides had got a balsam bed ready. In spite of seven people in a comparatively small place we were very comfortable. One of the dogs returned in the middle of the night and shoved the door open and the old cook had to light the camp and get them in. Otherwise slept very well. The only drawback is that there is only one small basin in which washing of any sort can be indulged in. food quite good and all the guides most intelligent and attentive. One of the guides had killed a deer which he said was going right away back. The railway runs along the river and as there were three or four trains passed there was supposed to have stopped this deer from coming to the water.

Friday Nov 19 Excellent night and got up soon after seven. Good breakfast and tried more deer running but with no success. Got back to the camp and had a large meal. There had been some uncertainty about the train as there was another that we were to have a special engine. The only thing that did happen was that the ordinary train to which our car was attached was kept for two hours at a siding while the deer shot yesterday by the guides was brought over. However no one seemed to mind. We found Morrell there who had made all the arrangements. Jack and I stopped in the car and the three guides went on to the place where we are to try for a moose.

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Saturday Nov 20 Got away about eight in a sleigh and after a drive through an interesting country we got to the place where we are to stay. **Fort Eddy**. It formerly was the property of one of the Ottawa Eddys but is now the Schawanda goose Club which mainly consists of Montreal people. Charming situation on a lake. The guide had arrived and after we had had dinner we went off a different direction but saw no sign of moose although there was plenty of deer tracks. The guides said the snow was very bad and there was a crust on the top and the deer could hear us a long way off. Delightful walk through the bush at times it was very rough but I got along very well. The house was warm but no arrangements for comfort. Went to bed at 7.30 and slept well.

Sunday Nov 21 Walked all day but saw nothing. Jack found moose tracks but didn't get a shot. He also saw bear tracks and although we had no shooting. I enjoyed the day immensely. The guides are most interesting and well informed. Got a partridge.

Monday Nov 22 Repeated the performance of yesterday in the morning. Got back for dinner and then returned to car. Although the total bag was only two partridges, the expedition was most successful. Just as I was comfortably settled in the car, the train from Mattawa came in and Morell and Enis appeared. This was at 4.30 and they stayed till we had been at Mattawa for some time and left at 9.30. Rather a severe ordeal. Gave presents to Morell and Bell who appeared at Mattawa with an Anglican Clergyman.

Thurs Nov 23 Got back to **Ottawa** for breakfast. All well there. Big and most interesting mail from home. General Bettel and Colonel Thesne? arrived. They are certainly very casual, as they wanted to see some people here but never organized if they were in Ottawa. The Govt lost the Elgin seat but kept the BC one. Walk in the afternoon.

Wednesday Nov 24 Better morning. Crockett the new butler arrived. Seems a nice man but very much a stage butler. Very interesting conversation with Meighen. He is disappointed with the Elgin election result but otherwise he is pleased with the way things are going. Thinks we shall have difficulties in the winter. I spoke to him about going for a cruise and asked him to consult his colleagues. Also saw Dr. Robertson. His sister is very ill and he was just leaving for Toronto. The red X drive so far has only produced about \$125,000. Walk in the afternoon. Dinner. Very pleasant.

Thursday Nov 25 Same sort of weather. Got on with various letters etc. and arrangements for Montreal. Walk in the afternoon. Big dinner. Rather unwieldy as there was not quite time to get round, but otherwise most successful.

Friday Nov 26 General Bettel and Thorn left. Jack Lloyd has got a stiff neck. Hope it is not mumps. Walk in the afternoon. Admiral Pakenham and Curzon Howe arrived. The Admiral is very pleasant and interesting. He succeeded Admiral Napier.

Saturday Nov 27 Got through a good deal of writing. Rather stiff in the foot and did not do much. Small dinner party. Very pleasant.

Sunday Nov 28 Lovely day. Rather more snow but warm and bright. Church. Got through a lot of Commissions with Anne. Walk in the afternoon. Rachel and Joan? got back from Toronto. They seem to have enjoyed themselves very much.

Monday Nov 29 Colder. Admiral Pakenham left. I liked him and I hope it will be possible to get to Bermuda when the ships come. Foot was rather stiff so I kept quiet all day. Evie went to a concert and the girls went to a dance. Burrell, Gib and Sladen came to dinner, played bridge. Very pleasant.

Tuesday Nov. 30 Left for Montreal by the 8.35 train. Ld Shaughnessy, the Merediths and Mr Ross were at the station to meet us. Drove straight to the hotel. After luncheon went with Eve and Dick to the Art Gallery where we found Dr. Abbott. It ought to do very well for the reception. Spent the afternoon at the hotel. Eve and I dined alone with Dick as all the others were out for dinner given for the St Andrews Ball. We went there at tea. Long and dreary affair with a most tedious waiting go for supper. The girls seemed quite to enjoy it.

Wednesday Dec 1 Quiet day on the whole. Luncheon with the Merediths. Very pleasant. Shaughnessys, Governs, Curries, Hugh Allow. Played bridge at the club with ? Ld Shaughnessy and Hismer? Nice game but ? with the Beardmores. Mmice dinner. Holts, ? Mr McGibbon and Mr Jones and Meredith the KG had some more bridge. Heavy rain. Streets in shocking state.

Thursday Dec 2 Horrified to see in the evening papers that poor Walter?Desborough died quite suddenly. He was actually speaking at a dinner in Birmingham. Poor Ettie. She has had a terrible lot of sorrow. Col

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Gaudet who is an Hon ADC came to see me. Interesting and capable man. Also has an interesting talk with McCallum. Attended meeting of Board of Trade. Said a few words and shook hands with all the members. Luncheon with the officials. Interesting gathering. While we were at luncheon the Secretary told me that the Star had had a cable saying it was all ? about ?. Very remarkable. Played bridge at the Club with Dick, Lord S and McKeynes(?) Dance at the Shaughnessys. Eve had a headache and did not go. Very successful and pleasant evening.

Friday Dec. 3 Nice day. Luncheon at the club. 38 there including ourselves. Went very well and I think people were pleased. Eve and I went to the YWCA and I formally opened it. Delightful building and quite a good ceremony. Big tea party at the Shaughnessys. Everyone is very kind. I know we ought to be here more. Quiet evening. The girls went to Mrs Forbes Angus ball.

Saturday Dec 4 Rain and inclined to sleet. The ball last night was a great success and the girls enjoyed it. Roads almost impassible and the rain froze when it fell. Another luncheon. Got through it very well. Wish I could get a walk. Meeting of Boy Scout masters. Very useful and interesting. They seem to be in very good shape. We gave a dinner at the Club. 48 all told. Managed to get hold of a good number of French. Everything went well and I think it was really quite useful.

Sunday Dec 5 Again very slippery, but turned to snow in the evening. Church at the Cathedral. Nice service. Mr McGibbon came to luncheon. Went to see the Angus? Pictures. They are really charming. Big tea at the Ballantynes. People certainly are most kind and friendly. Dined with Jack Ross. Very pleasant. Music. Hear Dick had a letter from Ballantyne saying he hoped I would go on the cruise of the new ships in January. It would be delightful trip and I hope it can be managed.

Monday Dec 6 Snow. Looks rather more like the real thing. Another luncheon. Went very well. Dined with the Allans. Very pleasant. Theatricals at Lady Davis. Smart and fashionable attendance. Leacock gave an address which was amusing The rest of his performance, two plays were somewhat different. Dancing afterwards. We came home early but the girls and staff remained till much later.

Tuesday Dec 7 More snow, but pleasant feeling day. Walk with McGibb and went through several of the departments. As always it was most interesting. Wonderful work is going on there. Luncheon at the Mount Royal Club with Sir A Currie. Several of the staff of the University came and it was interesting and amusing. Rachel had a luncheon there also. Drove in a sleigh belonging to the Ballantynes. Very nice. Reception at the Art Gallery and as far as I could make out it went very well indeed. The place lends itself admirably for the purpose. About 1500 came. I think the French were pleased, as a good many came. This will practically end the Montreal visit which has I think been a great success but I am afraid the barrier between French and English is very firm and will not easily be removed.

Wednesday Dec 8 Fine and cold. Final luncheon at the Club and then we left for **Ottawa**. Rather a relief to get back but the visit was an undoubted success. Mrs. McCallagh had arrived after a rough passage. She seems very nice and Anne has taken to her at once. Mr Cazemire? arrived. Drayton and Pope came to dinner.

Thursday Dec 9 Inclined to snow. Got through a lot of papers etc. Walk in the afternoon. Grannard? arrived. Seems well and is full of gossip but he does not appear to have grown more intelligent.

Friday Dec 10 Raw and damp. Began skating. Seems only yesterday we were at it. The time certainly has gone very fast. Saw the PM at the office and told him I had settled not to go to the West Indies. It would have taken too much time. I shall go down to meet the ships and shall try to go to a few places on my way there. Sorry to miss the trip but it would have meant being away for a whole month. Dinner party. Quite successful and pleasant.

Saturday Dec 11 Cold but very fine. Skated and got a walk. Eve had a tea party. Granard went to the country with Dick and some of the others. Rather a relief to get a quiet evening. Nice English mail. Hope Eddy and Moucher and Blanche and Ivan will be able to come out in the spring.

Sunday Dec 12 Nice morning. Church. Walk with Granard in the afternoon. Got through a lot of letters. George Carludot? Arrived. Looks rather seedy. He has left the navy for good.

Monday Dec 13 Nice day. Telegram to say that the Lt Gov of BC died yesterday. Very sad. He will be a great loss. Very interesting talk with Dr. Tolume? And then with Dr. Reid in the office. Skated for a little and then had a walk. Eve had a tea party. Granard left.

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Tuesday Dec 14 Really bad day. Heavy rain and a very decided thaw. Very interesting English mail. Boy Scouts meeting. Quite useful. Had a talk with Dr. Robertson afterwards on the RedX Afraid we shall have difficulties in front of us. Martin, PM Sask. Came to tea and we had quite an interesting talk. Eve had a tea party which went off very well. Left for Halifax after dinner.

Wednesday Dec 15 Uneventful day in the train. Found a lot more snow going through Quebec. Played a good deal of bridge.

Thursday Dec 16 Arrived **Windsor** NS sharp at 10. Met by Mayor. Inspected Cadet corps. Very smart Address and reception in the public park. Luckily the day was fine and no snow on the ground. Went on to **Grand Pre**. The manager of the Dominion Atlantic railway which is really part of the CPR came with us. He was formerly at Vancouver. Useful and intelligent. At Grand Pre found the population on the platform. Received an address and also a box of apples from the IODE. The proceedings were run by a Miss Stuart who seems a most capably and commanding lady. Saw the statue just put to Evangeline. Rather too severe and masculine, but quite a nice ? By train on to **Wolfville**. Very good reception and admirably organized. Received addresses from the Mayor, YWVAs Acadian University in the Belfort? Church. Shook hands with I think quite 1200 people. One of the university buildings was recently built. Charming place and excellent spirit. Got another box of apples. Arrived **Kentville**. Excellent meeting. Visited Experimental Farms (Federal) Not large but good. Shorthorns. Visited Sanitarium. Lot of returned men. They seem happy and in good shape but it always sad. More apples. Visited an apple peeling house. Very primitive affair compared to BC. More apples. Very successful and useful day. Fine speeches and four boxes of apples. Weather quite perfect.

Friday Dec 17 Quiet night on siding. Before starting a man from Rutland – Evans – came to see me. Quite nice and interesting but rather disgruntled about the country and the railway especially. Arrived **Annapolis** at 10.30. Mayor took us to the old Fort. Received address etc. there. Very interesting to see it all. I suppose it is one of the most historic spots. Went on to **Digby**. Rather sticky but people friendly and keen. A cadet fainted in my speech. Rather disconcerting. Stopped at **Weymouth, Church Point and Netegan**. Said a few words at each with a French sentence at the last. At **Church Point** the staff and students from a RC college came. All French. It was very good of them to come as it ? Before reaching Yarmouth I thanked the train crew. Very good reception at **Yarmouth**. Returned men and cadets Smart. Visited the hospital. Good location but poor otherwise. Mr. Skinney the members of the Govt was there. He is a very prominent local Merchant. Very good day. People keen and appreciative.

Saturday Dec 18 Comfortable night in the train. At 10 we got to **Shelbourne**. Excellent reception and address and handshaking in the Opera House. Reached **Liverpool** at 1. Day came out very fine and I was able to see a lot of the country from the back of the car. Very good reception at **Liverpool**. Spoke from the steps of the Town Hall. Picked up Mr Duff the local MP who came on with us. Rather an unpleasing type. Very good reception at **Bridgewater** but the meeting was so good that I had to speak rather longer and we got a bit behind our time. However we got alright to **Lunenburg**. Duff is also Mayor as well as MP. Large crowd and enthusiastic. Drove the first spike into a new fishing schooner. She is to compete next year in the international races for fishing boats. Very good reception. This concluded the tour which has been a complete success. Everywhere I had excellent receptions and found people most friendly. On the whole conditions are favourable but there will be a certain amount of slack trade. They will have to get through it. Got to **Halifax** and stopped in the train for the night.

Sunday Dec. 19 Lt Gov came about 10.30. Very well. Went to Church at the Cathedral. Beautiful service. The Archbishop preached an excellent sermon. Sir R. Borden, Ballantynes, Mr Dean and Mr Lloyd came to luncheon also the RC archbishop who is Irish and most amusing. Got a really good walk with the Lt Gov. Rather late in getting back for tea where I found a large party. Got rather confused as to who they all were.

Monday Dec 20 Bright frosty morning. Went to the Academy – High school. Said a few words. Luncheon at the RA and RS mess. Very pleasant. Nice lot of officers. In the afternoon visited the VON house. Very bright and cheerful. The order certainly seems strong here. Went across to what was now Admiralty House. The Massachusetts relief fund is running a clinic there with the remainder of the money for the Disaster Fund and appear to be doing really admirable work. Ballantynes came to dinner. Canadian Club. Rather a formidable meeting. But I think I got through my speech fairly well although I had to go over some very thin ice. Very representative audience. The meeting was held at the Institute for the Blind and I had an

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opportunity of inspecting the troop of Boy Scouts. Supper at the Club and more speeches. Sir R. Borden, Prime minister Murray, Ballantyne, and Maclean. Interesting gathering of representative men. They think we shall have a period of depression but that we shall come through it successfully. Great relief to get my speech over.

Tuesday Dec 21 Lovely morning. The new Canadian change? arrived. Capt Adams, Aurora and the CO Patineau and Palnot called at Government House. They are all keen, typical officers. Went on board the Aurora, then the Patrician and Patriot. Introduced to the respective officers and inspected the ships. The officers and men were keen and smart and the ships looked in excellent order. Altogether I was very favourably impressed. Luncheon on board the Aurora. After coming in shore I went to the new Sailors Home which is being built by the Navy League. It is really a very fine building and well arranged. It ought to be completed in a few weeks. Inspected the Boy Scouts at the Armoury. Made quite a good turnout. Dinner at Government House. Lt Governor insists on all occasions having speeches which are really very tiresome and tedious. However we got off at 11. This concluded a very satisfactory and useful visit. Capt Howe? came with us.

Wednesday Dec 22 Peaceful day in the train. Got out at **Matapedia** and saw Baker. He looks ill. Played bridge. Interesting mail arrived. Levis. Letter from Milner in reply to mine. Rather ambiguous.

Thursday Dec 23 Got back to GH [**Ottawa**] for breakfast. All well there, but afraid Dick's brother has had to have an operation for gall stones, but he seems to have got through it very well and it is now nearly a fortnight. Hope it will be alright. Some very interesting letters. Got everything straightened out. Telegram from Luce to say that Charlie has done "excellently" in trials. Very satisfactory. Got several matters cleared up and read the back numbers of the Times. Short walk in the afternoon. Went to the skating Club to see the opening of the season. The Minto and Rideau Clubs have combined and have made a very nice place. Rachel was acting very well. Rounthorne and Genchen from the Washington Embassy arrived.

Friday Dec 24 Bright and fine and much colder. It would be a good thing to get some steady winter. Office. Gave presents to the staff. Had a talk with Sir Joseph. As usual he was most interesting. It seems literally only yesterday that we had done it and now another year is gone. It is awful how quick the time goes. Mida Scott and Katie Ryder arrived. They have had a good journey and seem to like being here and they ought to be quite acquisitions. Skated for a little but the ice was very rough. Hope they will soon get it better. Every appearance of a hard frost.

Christmas Day 1920. Beautiful Bright day but cold 8 degrees below. Every one very busy with presents etc. Shall be very sorry to leave Canada but rather a relief to think it is our last Christmas here. Interesting letters. Got a walk with Eve. Roads very slippery. Afraid Rachel is rather feeling her knee again. It is really very tiresome. Sladens, Crowdys, Bony? Germans came to dinner. Children dressed up and danced afterwards. Most successful evening.

Sunday Dec 26 Bitterly cold day. 12 degrees below. Cutting wind. Church. Did not go out any where and got through some letters. Big mail, but mainly local.

Monday Dec 27 Heavy snow. Low temperature but there is not the same bite in the wind as there was yesterday. Office. Mr ? from Providence Rhode Island came by appointment. He has started a British Club there and is keen I should go to it but I don't think I can. He was interesting and I should think capable. Also saw the PM. He is going to Winnipeg for a week, but was rather mysterious about it. He is worried about unemployment and also about ? in England, the embargo, butter, bacon, etc. Snowed most of the day. Got a walk with Evie and Anne. The rest went to a tea at the Country Club. Hockey match. Ottawa and Hamilton. I "faced the puck" Quite a good game. Ottawa won by 3 to 1.

Tuesday Dec 28 Nice day. Eve had a letter from Lady Minto and I am afraid she is very worried. Got some letters off. Skated for a bit. Lovely afternoon and evening. After dinner the girls and others went out on skis. I went with them on snow shoes. Really very nice.

Wednesday Dec 29 Snow flurries. Moyra sent the Life of Empress Eugenie to Eve and the Grenfell twins to me. Both delightful books and we have not got them. Saw a Miss Loe? at the office. She is one of the Secretaries of the Lord mayors fund for Armenians. Quite an interesting talk but I am afraid we cannot do much for her here. Had two murder cases, one pardoned but the other quite clear. Got a walk. Quite a lot of snow has fallen. Going much improved. Capt Adams (Aurora) came to luncheon. He seems well satisfied with arrangements here although the men feel the cold at Halifax. They will however soon be going south.

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Captn Forneret also came. He was at the Bases hospital at Ashgate and is now with CSR at Toronto. He thinks we are in for a difficult winter.. Unemployment is bad in Toronto and will be much worse before we are though.

Thursday Dec 30 More snow in the night, but fair and mild. Capt Hazen came to luncheon and I gave the MC and bar He has done well and is now at McGill but hopes to go out to the Army. RE when he has completed his course. Skated. Ice very good. Children Xmas tree. About 200 came and proceedings went very well. Lady Minto arrived. Very well. She has been worried about Larry but hopes that things will work out right.

Friday Dec 31 Lovely bright morning and not too cold. Got on with letters. Skated in the afternoon. Lady Minto also tried, but said she was not up to it. However she managed very well. Nearly everyone went off to the Country Club for the New Years. The Popes came to dinner.

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New Years Day 1921 Nice cheerful morning and hope it means a good opening for the New Year. Levee well attended. Rather more than the average. Skated in the afternoon. Some of the good skaters came up. Turned much milder and inclined to rain.

Jan 2 Sunday Mild and damp. Roads very bad. Rather tiresome to have another thaw now. Church. Stayed for the second service. Lady Drummond came to luncheon. She was rather strained still but better than she was and was interesting and amusing. I had rather a warning of gout and kept quiet. I don't think it will come to much.

Monday Jan 3 Fair and mild, but looks more like taking up for frost again. English mail, but no very interesting letters so far. Walk with Eve. Most of the snow has gone and it is still very mild. Found a nice letter from Eddy on the second post. George Cavendish is in a very odd state and left a letter which Rachel which was only to be opened if he did not come back. Evie had a talk with him. He will probably be better when once he gets away from here. He leaves tomorrow for Quebec where he will join one of the Sir William Phips's sons. Hockey. Ottawa beat Montreal very easily. They are certainly a very good side.

Tuesday Jan 4. George left by the morning train. I do hope he will be alright. Lovely morning. Fresh springlike although it is not seasonable. Mr. Plant was elected mayor of Ottawa by a very small majority. There also are several new members of the Council. Skated in the afternoon. Ice very good. Dr. Eade and Capt'n Hocht came to luncheon. They are Norwegians who have come over to try and get something fixed up about the nickel works. Both were interesting and pleasant. Capt'n Dr. Dales who is on the Washington Embassy staff came. Seems intelligent and keen. Children party. This was for the bigger lot. Went off very well. A good many had fancy dresses and looked nice.

Wednesday Jan 5 Nice morning. Little less mild in the morning, but quite soft later. Impossible to skate. Nice English mail. Got a good walk in the afternoon. Theatre. One of the soldiers composers? The Maple Leaf. Really quite amusing and not nearly as vulgar as might be expected.

Thursday Jan 6 Cold and bright. Papers announce Lord is to go to India. Cannot say the appointment appeals to one. Depressing letter from Eddy about trade and unemployment at home. Skated for a short time but the ice was hard and brittle. Walk. The children and staff went to the Burstalls ball at the Country Club.

Friday Jan 7 Cold and cloudy. The dance last night was a great success and they all seem to have enjoyed it. Short walk. Small children's party. Most successful. Big number and a lot of parents. The movie show was quite appropriate and suitable. Show at night.

Saturday Jan 8 quite an appreciable snow fall but lovely bright day. Apparently Ld Reading appointment is confirmed. Think it unsatisfactory and open to criticism. Tried to get on with speeches for Quebec but cannot make any progress. Eve and I went to a ? which had been got up by the Naval Dept. for poor children. Quite a nice entertainment. Skating party. One of the biggest we have ever had. Lovely afternoon for it and ice in good order. Over 800. Went alright. I believe it was a record attendance. We all went to the hockey match. The opening games of the Civil Service sen? Two games. Quite good hockey but not to the professional standard. Dudley Ryder ?

Sunday Jan 9 Lovely day. Some more snow, so the going will be ? Church. Rachel went to the rink to practice her skating a most of the others went to the County Club for skiing. I got a good long walk by the rille range.

Monday Jan 10 Another lovely day. Big and very interesting mail. Larry and Miss Cook arrived. Both look very well. Rawstorne and De Salis left. Skated. Ice good and a really delightful afternoon. Sir J Pope came to tea and I had a talk with him about my speech at Quebec. He generally approved. Dinner. It was not quite what we wanted as the intention had been to have something for Lady Minto and Larry but in point of fact it went very well indeed. Young Dudley Ryder had been to see Bats and was making arrangements with ?

Tuesday Jan 11 Inclined to snow. Office. Very interesting conversation with Sir George Foster who has just got back. Gives a gloomy account of things on the other side. Also had a talk with the PM. He was worried over several matters. Walk. Big dinner, but the house party is reduced as several have left for Montreal.

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Dinner went off all right. Lady Minto met several of her friends and seemed to enjoy it.

Wednesday Jan 12 Lovely day. Wasted a lot of time in trying to get a speech ready for Quebec. Some of the skaters came up to photographed. Matinee – Martin Harvey in the Burgomaster. Good play but harrowing. Got a short walk and made preparations for departure for Quebec. Big dinner. Went all right. Several people came in afterwards for a concert by the Ottawa Choral Society. Quite a good performance. Left for Quebec.

Tuesday Jan 13 Comfortable journey. [Quebec] Lt Gov General Landry and others met us at the station and we drove out to Spencerwood. Very fine night but cold wind. Our party consisted of Joan, Oswald and Jack? Several people came to luncheon. There is absolutely no news in Quebec except that Mrs. Williams, wife of the Bishop, is very ill. She had apparently quite broken down. We went to the Parliament buildings where I received an address from the Legislature. Assembly moved by the PM and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. I replied partly in French and English. Very formidable ? but I got through somehow. Had a drive afterwards. Lovely evening. Dinner at the Parliament buildings given by M and Madame Turgeon. (He is speaker of the Legislative Council and has rooms in the buildings) very pleasant.

Friday Jan 14 Cold and fine. Nice. The work for all our doings of yesterday. Visited the Ursulines. No formal ceremony, but we went all through the buildings etc. Saw the children in the various schools. Heard that Gerran Elwes? who was to have come to us for a concert had died as a result of an accident. No details. Luncheon Garrison Club. Very enthusiastic and representative gathering. I think I got through my speech fairly well. Had a little difficulty at the beginning as there was such a lot of movement in the room by the servants. However several people said they were pleased. Quite a long extract from Macaulay. Got back to Spencerwood for a little and then went to a tea and reception at the Rhodes. Delightful house. Very English and most kind people. Very good gathering of the English, but it is sad to think they are leaving Quebec and are fast disappearing. Big dinner at Spencerwood and Pleasant and interesting.

Saturday Jan 15 Good deal of snow in the night. Went to the Cathedral and had a good look round. ? big heaps of snow. It would not be convenient or comfortable to stay here. Went to the Lt Gov office where the Mother and Father of a boy called Codemme? came to see me. The boy had joined the army early in the war but was condemned to death for a really old murder in England and the sentence was commuted. Afraid nothing more can be done. He was very lucky not to have been hanged. Luncheon at Spencerwood. The Cardinal and Archbishop appeared quite interesting. A Doctor came and syringed my ear and did me a lot of good. Big reception at Spencerwood. Over 300 came. Dined with the Prices. Very nice dinner. Certainly people are very kind, but we really are rather overwhelmed. Luckily we got a bit of a walk in the evening. So far the visit has been a great success.

Sunday Jan 16 Nice and bright. Cathedral. Nice service. The Dean preached and was very ridiculous. Went on to the Presbyterian church St. Andrews where I unveiled two war memorial tablets. Impressive service. Troops marched past afterwards and I took the salute. Luncheon with the Hamiltons. Nice People and a charming house looking over the river. Got back to Spencerwood for a short time and then went to a reception at the Prime Ministers. A lot of people came and there was also some music. People are certainly very kind and do everything to make our time pleasant and interesting. French dinner at Spencerwood.

Monday Jan 17 Lot of snow. Heard from Sladen that the opening of parliament was put off till the 14th. Apparently the PM did this on his own account as the role was unofficially given out and he did it as a protest. Evie went to an IODE luncheon. Seems to have gone off very well. I ? here at the hotel and then addressed a meeting got up by the Women's Canadian Club. Good gathering and a number of men. Mainly dealt with the League of Nations about which very few of them knew anything. They said they were interested. Big dinner at Spencerwood. Nice lot of people and very pleasant. Left for the train at 11. This concluded our visit and I think it has been a great success. Everyone was very kind and they all said they appreciated our coming. My difficulty apart from not talking French is that we got so little below the people who came within the "dinner" list, but I suppose it is unavoidable.

Thursday Jan 18 Very cold, but bright. Got back to **Ottawa** about eleven. Nice English mail. The girls had gone off to Montreal by the morning train. Got letters all cleared up. Went to the winter fair in the afternoon. Good lot of exhibits. Musical Ride by the MP. DID VERY WELL.

Wednesday Jan 19 Left by the early train for Montreal and met the Merediths at the station. WE went to their house here we had luncheon. His brother the lawyer and Lord Shaugnessy and the Owens were

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there. Larry's wedding at 4.50 in the hall net to St Patricks Church. Strange and peculiar performance but luckily no hitch. There is a most unreasonable amount of talk and gossip but Larry is quite confident that everything is all right. Miss Cook looked very well. Reception at Beardmore house. Everything went well. Got back to Ottawa by the last train. Long but quite an interesting and successful day. Afraid there is a very report of Mr. Sifton and his condition is critical.

Thursday Jan 20 Milder. English mail, but nothing in the least interesting? Interesting conversation with Newcombe. Deputy Minister of Justice on the mixed marriage and affinity questions and went into the whole question of the RC church claims. They are certainly very grasping. Skated in the afternoon. Very mild and ice good. Vaccinated by Gibson. Skating party at the Minto Club. Some excellent performances and a large attendance. Afraid Rachel with JR Booth are not nearly up to the standard of the others.

Friday Jan 21 Mild, snow later. Heard that Mr Sifton died this morning. More English letters. Eve had one from the Queen saying she hoped we would come home earlier and taken in conjunction with Lady B? Dawkins? that she had heard we were coming home in April rather points to something being done. Walk in the afternoon. Very mild but not too bad. Ottawa symphony concert. Very good indeed. Considerable advance on previous performances.

Saturday Jan 22 Fine and spring like. But very bad for ice Afraid there will hardly be any. The servants had their ball last night and seem to quite enjoy it. Rachel birthday. She is 19 It is terrible how quickly the time slips away. Mrs Meighen bought her boy to be fitted with the pages dress and stayed for luncheon. Skating party. Considering how mild the day was the ice was quite good. 360 came. Hockey match. Toronto beat Ottawa by one goal after playing over time.

Sunday Jan 23 Still very mild. Church. Collection for repair to Church property. Skated and got a walk in the afternoon. Wonderful sunset.

Monday Jan 24 Fine and colder. Very interesting conversation with Rowell at the office. I am afraid he wants to leave Parliament. He will be a loss to the HofC. Also saw Sir Joseph and had a long talk with him. Mr Curtys came to luncheon and brought their boy up who is to be fitted for one of the pages. Pat went to the Sifton funeral. Eve, Oswald and I got a good walk. Quite a cold wind. Canadian Clubs (mens and womens) meeting at the hotel. Sir George Foster spoke on League of Nations. Spoke quite smartly for over an hour without a note. Lady Foster was there. Nice looking lady.

Tuesday Jan 25 Nice and bright but much colder. Dr. Robertson came to luncheon. Had an interesting conversation about Red X and other topics. Some young people came from Montreal for a dance tonight. Hopes and Parnots. I found that another young man had arrived named Paterson about whom I had heard nothing. Walk with Eve. Dinner dance for Rachel's birthday. Nice looking lot of boys and girls and they all seemed very cheerful and happy.

Wednesday Jan 26 Lovely morning. Think my arm is swelling where it was vaccinated and that it will therefore take. Got several letters off. Several of the good skaters came up in the afternoon and stopped for tea. Dinner. Lady Foster sat next to me. She is well informed and pleasant, though possibly conceited. Quite a pleasant dinner. The children went to a ball at Mrs Rowleys Very sorry to see a cable in the evening papers that Rector Tenfer? had died from infusing received in a railway accident. Sad ending for him.

Thursday Jan 27 Milder and light snow. Big row over the hockey match at Montreal last night. Great pity that the game cannot be kept clean. Interesting conversation at the office with Doherty and the new Mayor. Had a look round the office and saw the method of filing and ordering. Seems very complete but if anything it is too elaborate. It is certainly very well done. Mr Mildmild? Chief? in the historic Department and Dr. Herridge? came to luncheon. Telegram from Harold saying Dorothy had got a son 8 lbs 10 oz and very well. Delighted to get the news. Seems strange to think of Dorothy as a mother. She is only a baby herself. Skated. JR Booth and Rachel practiced hard. They are getting on well.

Friday Jan 28 Mild and light snow. The vaccination seems to be taking on several points. Dr S? came yesterday and said mine had taken and was going on very well. Got through several letters. Skated and afterwards walked across the river. Very nice and better going than usual. Cable from Milner to say that I could arrange to return in June. So now we can begin to make arrangements. Shall be very sorry but I expect it will be for the best. Dinner. Mainly for Lady Minto and friends. They were certainly somewhat elderly.

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Saturday Jan 29 Fine morning and milder, but looks as if more snow was coming. Went over the Senate Chamber with McCurdy, D. Hinter, Col Chambers and Mr Pearson. Made final arrangements for various point about the Opening of Parliament and the Drawing Room. Had a look round. There is a big advance since I was there but a good deal more has to be done. Very interesting talk with the PM and mainly about my successor. Several names were suggested to Foster when he was in England. Byng, Desborough and Sontilands? I told Meighen to rule out the last. Milners and A Lawleys names were also mentioned. Told him I should like to go in June. He was sorry but I think he quite saw the point. Lady Minto left for Quebec. Very successful skating party. The Children all went to the Country cLub. McCurdy and Burrell came to dinner ad played bridge with Dick and me.

Sunday Jan 30 Very mild. Church. Mr Wollcombe preached. Got out some alternative tours for the west. Heard from Mather? that Charlie might have leave so we shall get him out early in March. Walk with Anne. Watched the ski jumping.

Monday Jan 31 Much colder but fine and bright. Bad fire in the city on Saturday night and one man killed and others badly injured. German indemnity settled at Paris but Germany refuses to accept. Got through some letters for the mail and had some from home. Skated and got a walk. Lovely evening. Women's Canadian Club Ball. Quite a successful function.

Tuesday Feb 1 Another lovely day. Temperature low in the morning and below zero but sun is getting quite strong. Interesting English mail. Felt rather seedy all day, but I don't think it is anything to matter. Skated for a time in the afternoon. Watched the team playing against the village. Some of them were really quite good.

Wednesday Feb 2 Candlemas day. Doubtful what the bear would do as there is a damp rain in the ? with light snow and the sun fitfully. Saw Christie who is just back from the League of Nations meeting. Calder and Kemp Christie was very interesting, but not enthusiastic about the League of Nations. He was more sanguine than I have found him before on the prospects in England. Skated and got a walk the ice was quite good Young Ryder reappeared. He had quite an adventure as he went to the fur sale at Montreal and thought he was buying both, but they were separate skins He had to ? on them again and of course lost heavily. However he will have collected some experience. He did not seem to mind in the least. Hockey. Ottawa and Toronto. Very good fast game. Ottawa won by four to three as it was Blanches birthday, Anne came and thoroughly enjoyed it. Serbys? child develop smallpox and he later in the day heard that Cacoux child must have had it, but it was kept quiet. People really are very tiresome.

Thursday Feb 3 Mild and snowy. Went across the river on snowshoes and saw the ice cutting. Most beautiful evening and quite soft and mild. Lady Minto returned and seems very pleased with her visit to Quebec. Left for **Toronto**. Eve, Midas? Kadie? and the two ADCs came.

Friday Feb 4 Col Fraser met us at the station. We got up to Govt House for breakfast. The girls went on to Niagara. Clarke very well, but the boy has been very seedy. I am afraid they are both rather disgruntled with the whole thing. Quiet morning. Luncheon at the Stanley Barracks. Nice lot of officers. Commercial Traveller's dinner. Good gathering and interesting lot of men. I said a few words. Rowell made an excellent speech on South Africa Went to the Concert in Massey Hall. Very good. Found Eve and the rest there. Heavy rain.

Saturday Feb 5 Nice morning. Exactly like November day at home. Played golf with the Lt Gov and had an excellent game. He beat me but was rather lucky. Luncheon at the Hunt club. Very nice to get a good walk again and the going was excellent, although the grounds were poor. Eve went to the concert. Tea party. I got rather mixed as there were a some musicals and also the inevitable dancing. Another concert. Rather an ambitious effort. Went direct to the train.

Sunday Feb 6 Arrive Govt House [**Ottawa**] in time for breakfast. Lady Darling? arrived yesterday. Seems very well. Everything seems alright. The skating party yesterday went off very well from what I heard. Church. Stayed for the second service. Skated for a short time and got a bit of a walk. Really nice mild day.

Monday Feb 7 Nice day. Rather cold. Interesting English mail. Saw Guthrie and Robertson at the office. They both were interesting and especially Robertson on the Labour outlook. He is confident we are passed the peak of unemployment and conditions will mend as the spring comes on. Just before leaving Sladen had a telephone message from the Press saying Desborough had been approached with a view to his coming

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here. I think it is extremely probably, but these premature announcements are very unfortunate. Skated. Lovely afternoon. Some more letters from home. Very interesting.

Tuesday Feb 8 the Govt had a severe rebuff in the Peterboro election. The Liberal won by a thousand and the Farmer was a good third. Papers are inclined to press for a dissolution. Skated. Really wonderful afternoon. Tea party for Lady Minto. There must have been nearly three hundred. Had it in the ball room. Went off very well. Ottawa amateur Dramatic. Very good performance.

Wednesday Feb 9 Ash Wednesday. Went to church. Rather a long service. Damp and snowy. Eve very worried as evidently Rachel and Jack are getting very fond of one another. Of course it would be much better if Rachel had more opportunity of seeing more people in England. It will be a great mercy when we get home. Office. Saw Captn Edwards, Trade Commissioner. I think he is keen and energetic but one of the most conceited men I ever met. Walk in the afternoon. Several went to the Hockey match. Eve and I did not owing to it being Ash Wednesday. Seems to have been a good match. Apparently Lady Minto has been saying very disagreeable things to the staff about us. It is quite likely she has said them outside. It is certainly not nice of her as we have taken a lot of trouble for her and Larry. She must be a little overwrought.

Thursday Feb 10 Mild. Lady Minto and son left for England. Sorry Joan has gone but glad to be rid of the others. Got through a few letters. Skated in the afternoon. Best we have had.

Friday Feb 11 Mild. Very tiresome cable from Maud saying that they won't start till the April 1. Quite cuts into all our plans. Really very tiresome. Went through draft of the speech for the Opening of Parliament. The general substance is satisfactory although not striking but the phraseology is very indifferent. Skated and then went to the arena with Eve and Lady Dartrey to see Rachel and JR Booth practicing. They have come a lot and are keeping together in good time. I went with Oswald to the GGXC boxing. Quite a fair show and the boxing was clean and fair and some quite of a good standard. Eve and some of the others went to the theatre.

Saturday Feb 12 Lovely morning. Fine and mild. Very interesting talk with the PM. Canadian Club. Rowell made an admirable speech on SA. Very useful from our point of view here. Good audience and the speech was well received. Skating party. Well attended, but people came late. Lady Dartrey, Anne, Mrs McCullough Dick and I went to the hockey match between Ottawa and Montreal. Montreal won after a good game. The others went to the country Club. Eve remained in bed all day.

Sunday Feb 13 fine and mild. Church. Inspected the Senate Chambers. It will be rather crowded but the arrangements appear to be very complete. Went out to Fairy Lake and watched the ski jumping. Quite a good performance and very nice out there.

Monday Feb 14 nice mild day. ?? reading my speech but I am afraid I shall make a bad mess of the French. Parliament opened in the afternoon. Luckily it was a nice mild day. Everything went of extremely well as far as I could see and hear. The Senate Chamber looked very well and was very well filled. I got through the speech quite as well as I could expect. The arrangements were well carried out all through. State Dinner. Went off very successfully as did the party afterwards.

Tuesday Feb 15 Quite a nice day. Saw five members of the HofC at the office. Looks by this method I shall be able to see a good many. It makes all the difference to have a few words with each. Col and Mrs Bishop came to luncheon. Also Mrs Forefit?. She is certainly a tenor?. Skated. Telegram today that Winston Churchill had taken over the Colonial office.

Wednesday Feb 16 another glorious day. Quite warm. Saw eight MPs and then Senators. Quite interesting conversations. Think these talks are very useful. The PM sent me some most interesting letters from Rowell giving an account of his interviews with Pool? and others? also with General Smuts. Wish Rowell was still in the government. Another tiresome telegram from Maud asking us to wait for the train in BC. They are really very? Got a good walk. Went to watch the skating competition. Some really very good performances. Everyone except Lady Dartrey and Eve and me went to a reception given by the Ministers wives. Regular rain in the evening.

Thursday Feb 17 Wild and stormy night, but clearing in the day. Saw 7 MPs and 4 Senators and had some interesting and useful conversations. The operation of such as I have seen seems to be hardening against an election, although it will take time for the house to come to any settled work. Walk with Eve and Lady

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Datrey. Minto Club competitions. Rachel and JR Booth did very well in the doubles but the award is to be held back till after Montreal. On the whole the skating was very good, but the ice was rather rough.

Friday Feb 18 Very fine and bright but colder. Saw some more members and had interesting talks. The mover and seconders of the address in both houses except (the Senate came)[crossed out] newer in the Senate came to luncheon Skated for a bit. Long talk with Dr Robertson. Red X going fairly strong, but there are several big problems. Eve had a tea party which went off very well. Ball at the Chateau for the Protestant orphan home. Very successful and well attended.

Saturday Feb 19 fine and bright. The Lt Gov of Ontario, Mr and Mrs Clarke arrived. Col Fraser came with them. Had a look round the Senate Chamber and settled some last details for the Drawing Room this evening. Skating Party. Large number came. Probably the last we shall ever have as next Saturdays is to be in the evening.. Shall be really very sorry. The Drawing Room went off very well and was quite a successful function in spite of one or two small slips. About 900 came. Now all that had been said about it I thought rather more would come. People like it very well.

Sunday Feb 20 Cold wind. Church. Walked across the river with Oswald. Delightful afternoon and the view was beautiful. Much of the party went to the country Club for skiing. The Kingmills came to tea. Clarkes left after dinner.

Monday Feb 21 Fine and bright. English mail and some interesting letters. Saw an interesting lot of MPs Opinions on the prospects of the session vary very considerably but on the whole there is no strong desire for an election. Junior Minto competition. Anne did quite creditably but was rather nervous in her free skating. Very good exhibition on the whole. Had a practice for the March at the Carnival on Saturday.

Tuesday Feb 22 Nice day. Final curling. Looked in for a few minutes. Swore in the two speakers Bolduc and Rhodes at Privy Chambers. Eve and I with Oswald and Jack went to **Smith Falls**. Received by the mayor etc. and had a very large gathering in the Skating Rink. Presented the cup to the Cadet Corps. Visited Collegiate Institute and two hospitals. Most successful day. The Cadets won the cup which I gave to the Canada team which does best in the Imperial Competition. It was only 32nd on the list, but I hope in future they will do better. General May? and colonel Plumtre? came back with us. Got home about 6.30. The Montreal Club won the curling match and I presented the cup to the President. The match was very closely contested.

Wednesday Feb 23 Very snowy but mild. Members luncheon. About a hundred came and I think everything went off very well and they all seemed pleased. I said a few words. A lot of children came up and luckily the ice was quite fit for skating. They had tea in the back room. Hockey match vs. Montreal. Ottawa was beaten by three to one. They have quite lost their form, but it was an interesting match to watch. Eve and some of the others went to a lecture given for the May Court by Sir E Shackleton on his voyages. They said it was very interesting. Rather mild but looks more like some more frost.

Thursday Feb 24 Cold in the night, but fine bright day. Evie had signs of a cold so in view of Montreal tomorrow she stopped in bed. Rachel went off to Montreal with Miss Saunders. Attended meeting of Artillery Association and said a few words. Very well attended and interesting speeches from Morrison who was in the chair. Guthrie and Macknew? Members luncheon. About the same attendance as yesterday. Said a few words. I think they liked coming. Rather inclined to be gouty and kept quiet all the afternoon to try and get quit of it. Sladens came to dinner and played bridge. All the others were out.

Friday Feb 25 Left by the am train for **Montreal**. Large party. When we got there I went up to the CPR offices. Saw Beatty? and had some talk with him. Luncheon with the Forbes Angus. Taft was there very pleasant. Walked to skating. Got a game of bridge at the Club and dined with the Merediths. Free skating at the Minto Club. The Montreal was all the four events. Rachel did hers quite well but not up to the others. Slept in the train.

Saturday Feb 26 Got back to **Ottawa** 12.15. English mail. Afraid children's plans still very vague. They are rather troublesome not to let us know definitely. Watched the ski jumping. Quite good performances. Carnival in the evening. Rather a cold wind, but very great success. Biggest crowd we have ever had. Upward of 1300. Some of the dresses were very good. The four from New York who are to compete on Monday were there. The Minto Club pairs and fours and Mrs Jenkins all did their figures. The whole place looked very well and Croal deserves the greatest credit.

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Sunday Feb 27 Raw and damp.. Church. The Americans who are up for the skating came to luncheon and also Col Edwards. President of the Minto Club. Seemed quite a nice lot. Went down to the Minto Club and saw them practice. Think they are much better than anything we can do here. It is rather a pity better arrangements have not been made for getting a four into shape. Lorne Scott came yesterday. Very nice man, but interestingly he is not skating much. Eve Lady Dartrey and I walked back from the rink.

Monday Feb 28 Very mild. Announcement in the papers that Ld Milner had married Lady Edward Cecil. Very strange. Wonder if they would come here. Got through a lot of letters. Walk in the evening. Very mild and rain later. Minto Club skating. The Montreal four won the Connaught Cup and the Americans were second and Rachel's four third. Rachel skated very well. Anne performed with the children in the march and also the ? and did quite well. Very successful exhibition. Good attendance. It ought to do a lot for the skating here and Montreal. I suppose this will be the end of the skating as far as we are concerned.

Tuesday March 1 Very mild. English mail. Charlie is apparently on the Empress of France and ought to be here by Sunday or Monday. The others will be starting on the Victorian on April 1. They should catch us up at Calgary or Banff. Maud seems unsettled, but it ought to do her good to come out here. Blanche will not be able to come as she may be starting another baby. Very good thing if she is. Rifle Association meeting of Council. Well attended but with no particular features. Very interesting talk on public health with Dr. Amyot? in view of the Red X meetings. Also saw the PM. Seemed tired and rather worried. Press gathering lunch. Most successful affair. Said a few words. Rachel seems quite seedy, but the doctor says she is only tired. She settled not to go to Washington. Eve also stopped in bed and settled not to go to Toronto. The house is certainly very groggy. It will be rather a relief when we can get a lot more settled, but the end of the skating season is always rather a disturbing time. Left for Toronto with Pat.

Wednesday March 2 Arrived for breakfast in **Toronto**. Wet but cleared later. There has been quite a snow fall but it is going very fast. Red X meetings. Good attendance and got through some useful work. Meetings in the morning and afternoon. Clarke seems alright but he is very anxious for a change. Dinner party. Quite a nice lot. Interesting conversation with Ferguson, leader of the opposition.

Thursday March 3 Colder. Red Cross Council. Most interest reports from all the various Provinces. Certainly the Peace time policy is justified to the full. Annual meeting. I made rather a long speech. Bennett said some very nice things about me and so did Lady Drummond. Meeting went very well. Inspected the St. Andrews cadets at Govt House. They were on their way to the Inspection by General ? very smart looking lot. Dinner GH Very pleasant.

Friday Marh 4 Much colder. Movie show. Red X work in Alta and NS quite excellent and useful for education and propaganda. Red X council morning and afternoon. Made considerable progress Looked on for a few minutes at the Victorian Order. Toronto Branch seems in very good shape. Dinner. Quite a nice lot of people. Left by the night train.

Saturday March 5 got to **Ottawa** for breakfast. The invalids are getting on. No news otherwise. Worries as usual in the house. They certainly are a nuisance. Raw and cold morning. Roads very slippery. Cleared up some letters. Got a walk in the afternoon. Theatre. "Beggars' Opera" Quite good. Charlie arrived in the evening and looks very well. He has grown a lot and seems to have developed in every way. He is very pleased about getting out.

Sunday March 6 Very mild and rain. Roads slippery. Church. Walk with Lady Dartrey. Went through the cemetery. Tried to find the grave of the Drummond child but could not do so. Lady Dartrey stopped at the Kingsmills. After tea I walked down to the Rideau but the ice had not begun to break up. Sun came out in the afternoon. Snow was melting fast, but it is very early for the regular rain to return.

Monday March 7 Colder in morning but sun quite hot. Roads very slippery. Saw a number of members at the office and had some interesting conversations. Also saw Parker. Manager of Bank of Montreal. Went over Eddys Mill with Lady Dartrey, Charlie and Jack. They were short of power and only working short handed in the paper works. Eve and some of the party went to the Theatre. Rest of us went to the Hockey match. Ottawa beat Hamilton easily as Toronto beat Montreal. Ottawa and Toronto will have to play off.

Tuesday March 8 Very mild. Snow going fast. Saw more members. Very interesting lot. Walk with Eve, Lady Dartrey and Anne. From Rockcliffe point we saw that something had happened on the river and afterwards heard that a team had gone down. Charley went to bed with a high temperature but Gibson does not think that it is much the matter. Dinner. Quite pleasant.

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Wednesday March 9 Rain and sleet. Snow went fast. Colder in the evening. Saw more MPs. Not as interesting as usual. Annual meeting of St. Johns. Long and rather tedious meeting but nice references about Evie and myself. Eve had a tea party. I did 2 ½ miles on the sidewalk in the evening. Quite good exercise. Dinner. Quite pleasant. Margaret Rachel and Jack went off to Toronto. Lady Dartrey left by night train for the west.

Thursday March 10 Fine and colder. Saw more members and had interesting conversations. Mr Orde came to luncheon and we had a talk over Red Cross and St. Johns which was not at all satisfactory at that stage. Boy Scout meeting. Got through a lot of work. Talk with Dr Robertson and proposed a scheme for the distribution of the Red Cross (British fund). He then saw Mr. Orde who came up to see me again and I think we have now got the basis of a settlement. Hockey match for the play off. Ottawa beat Toronto five love. Good game but the ice was soft. Anne and Charlie were much excited. This will be our last match.

Friday March 11 Tiresome telegram from Maud about changing her house. It is really inconvenient. Eve very worried. Saw a lot more MPs. A Colonel Hart who traveled with Charlie came to Cluncheon. He is working in the SCR and looking after tuberculosis. Interesting and pleasant. Walk before and after tea. The ice in Rideau river is breaking up fast. Lovely evening and very mild.

Saturday March 12 Fine and mild, but heavy rain later. Saw the Armenian Lady. ? she is very persistent about the funds she wants to collect in Canada and I finally told her that if she could form a strong Canadian Committee I would be willing to consider it. The PM also came. He is depressed as he can make no progress with Quebec, but was pleased with the way the House of Commons had got on. Talk with Sir Joseph. Walk with Eve and the others

Sunday March 13 Frost in the morning but lovely bright day. Really typical early spring morning. Church. Good walk in the afternoon Slushy and slippery in places, but delightful to be able to get about again.

Monday March 14 Mild, after sharp frost in the early morning Tried to get on with the addresses in the Eastern Townships but they are really very difficult, Lady Laurier and Lady Forget came to luncheon. Lady Laurier in great form. Got a walk.

Tuesday March 15 Left Ottawa in the early morning for the Easter Townships. Arrived at **St. Hyacinthe** 9.45. Met by the mayor and town committee and drove to the Opera House where I received the address. I said a few words in French and then broke off into English. Visited the Bishop's Palace and then the Seignury, the convent. Got through various addresses. Really a strange similarity? over all the proceedings but the arrangements in the case were very good. And I think the people were pleased with our visit. Our party besides ourselves were Anne, Mrs. McCligh, Oswald and Jack. The next place was **Astonville**? also French. The mayor who is the federal MP had charge of the proceedings. Very much the same proceedings. Finished up with **Richmond** which mercifully was English except for a convent at the end. There we found a guard of honour of returned men and Boy scouts, Girl guides. All the signs of British feelings compared to French. On the whole the day was quite successful. Mild, but sprinkling of snow. Good thing we have come here, but the French is very tiresome especially the convents.

Wednesday March 16 Lot of rain in the night but day improved. Began with **Coaticook**. Excellent ? address and reception in the Armoury. French and English. Mayor very capable and made excellent preparations. Usual business in convent but very elaborate. Called at **Lennoxville**, all English. Inspected cadet corps from the school. Presented badge to Scouts. Cordial and enthusiastic. Afraid Eve got very tired and settled not to do **Sherbrooke**. Unlucky as it was the biggest place. Large crowds and good receptions. But the formal part was limited to very few. The addresses and good reception as there was both places at the station. Visited two hospitals and had a very elaborate business at the convent. The hospitals were quite good. The Protestant is better. Capable matron who had been overseas. At the convent Anne received the flowers and was given the badge of the institution. She did very well. Got back to **Lennoxville** and went up to the school. Saw Jimmy Crowdy and a young Pierce Crowdy did very well fencing. Said a few words to the boys and asked for a holiday. Eve got a good rest and seemed better.

Thursday March 17 Much colder and quite a lot of snow. Arrived **Magog** at 11. Mayor and address and reception at station. Cut the proceedings short as the wind was quite cold. Visited the Dominion Textile Works. Very interesting. Plant efficient and up to date. The place seems ? and progressive and the people keen and enthusiastic. Arrived **Drummondville** at 3. Big crowd. All the proceedings took place in the church which is large but was quite full. Mayor capable and keen and had made excellent arrangements.

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There was something very comic in having all the proceedings in a church. Drove round the town and saw some new buildings. The Municipality had ?itself of the government loan for buildings and the resale was working out well. Eve stayed at the Mayor's house while I went to a Club which had recently been started. Nice lot of people. Looked at the English church and quite interesting.

Friday March 18 Quite wintry. Low temperature and a covering of snow but no wind and bright sun. Arrived **S Guillaume** at 11. much the most French place we have been to. Typically agricultural. Church. Mayor spoke English quite well. Escorted from the station by a number of men on horses who had managed to borrow uniforms, but none of them had been overseas. Reception took place at the mayors house where we were given champagne. Address etc outside. Visited the priest. Seems a nice man, but these visit to the clergy are mush to be represented?. Arrived **Farnham** 1.45. usual proceedings.in the town hall. Visited convent and High School. Afraid there is a considerable contrast between the High School which is entirely English and the Convents. Reception at the mayor's house when we had some champagne. There is also to be ? Arrived **St. Lean**? 8.15 This is mainly French but with a certain amount of English. Reception and address at the station. The Mayor who is a doctor and MA seemed capable and pleasant but inclined to be cynical over the churches. After the address etc. Eve went back to the train. I went to the College where I found the pupils and also Home of the academy. Then went to the Leigh school. English, but ? at the Convent and finished up with the hospital, but it is the last we only saw the children and not the other patients. Drove across the Richelieu and through Iberville. Beautiful bit of country. Left for **Ottawa** 5.15. This concluded this tour which on the whole was a great success. Afraid Eve was rather tired, but it is much more from anticipation. My French is a sad hindrance but I managed to get through somehow. Think it is a good thing we went and the country was interesting. The Convents are oppressive, but our going to them pleases the people.

Saturday March 19 Cold and raw. Several of the party left for Montreal for young Ryder's wedding. Evie stopped in bed. Got on with western tour arrangements. Went to the ? Chile and watched the skating and had tea there. Rachel had her cup over as there is a chance of skating there is to be a competition on Monday. Went to a music show a strange performance.

Sunday March 20 Milder, Very sloppy. Eve has got rather a sore throat and stayed in bed. I think there is a mild epidemic of flue going through the house and I feel rather shaky myself. Church. Nice sermon from the new man at all Saints. George Cavendish appeared somewhat unexpectedly. Sir William Price had given him a trip to New York. It is really very good of him. Margaret Wright and Pat suddenly announced they were engaged. There is certainly no delay in getting on with these arrangements and there must be something very conducive to them in the atmosphere. Walked up and down the sidewalk and it was so dirty and sloppy everywhere. English mail. Letters from Bardy saying that he among others had been offered the Governor Generalship. Wanted to know the answers to a number of questions. Asked the PM to come up and told him. He did not seem inclined to take him and preferred Byng.

Monday March 21 Very mild, but colder later. Saw the PM for a few minutes, but he had no news. Great accumulation of letters and papers. A nice lot from home arrived. Fro the first time this spring I was able to do hoeing. Dinner with the GSFG. Quite pleasant and interesting but there were several speeches and some of them of very great length. Played bridge but none of them knew the elements of the game. The Minto club had their final skating and Rachel presented her cup.

Tuesday March 22 Colder but fine and bright. Evie very worried as Margaret tells her Jack wants to have a talk with her. I suppose he and Rachel have come to some sort of understanding. I think Evie is somewhat unnecessarily worried as I really do not know where the young men whom she thinks would be right for the girls. Walk in he afternoon. Went to a movie show after dinner. I could not imagine that anything could be so bad.

Wednesday march 23 Cold at night, but bright sun. Real March winter. Very sad that it is Rachel's last day here. She is very sorry to leave. Boy Scout meeting at 10.30. Good attendance and very interesting. Did some useful work. Went to the station to see the departure. Fred and Katie also went. Quite a crowd. Chiefly skaters. Rachel is really very popular with them. Dick, Jack and Charlie went to Montreal. Went back to the Boy Scouts. Eve had a tea party. I did some hoeing and got a walk. House seems very empty without the girls.

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Thursday March 24. Delightful day. Office. Interesting talk with PM. Also saw McGill the CPR official in Ottawa who arranged much of our trips and Mr Powell. He is advising me about Blue Sea and remembered that the line we marked with Charlie should not be made to subject of a formal agreement as there is some doubt about Charlie's title. Herriage? of Victoria BC came to luncheon. He is not quite as deaf as he was. Walk with Eve. She had another tea party. Went out with Charlie after tea but it soon began to rain. Felt rather stiff, shaky. Hope it is not influenza.

Good Friday. Unsettled and windy but very mild. Church. Got a good walk in the afternoon and evening? Weather improved and it was a really typical spring day. Sir Charles and Lady Tupper came to luncheon. Got through a number of letters.

Saturday March 26 Very mild and one or two showers. Got through some letters. Hoed in the afternoon and got a walk in the evening. Herridge the new secretary of the VON came to tea. He is keen and capable but rather out of heart over the ? I think we cheered him up a bit. Went to the dress rehearsal of the performance in which the MayCourt are organizing. Really quite excellent.

Easter Sunday. Very mild. Quite a feeling of spring. Showers in the afternoon. Invested a tablet in the Parish room which the Sunday School had earned by a contribution to the collection for Missions. Quite a good gathering. Mrs. Wright left for New York. Got a good walk in the afternoon and evening. Quite lovely. Got a twist in the back of my calf which was rather painful.

Monday March 28 Showery. Very long making final arrangements for departure west. Got through a lot of letters. Christie came up with a memo on the Bishops (RC) about Ireland. Discussed it with him and Sladen and settled to try and get it withdrawn privately. Christie stayed to luncheon. **Left for the west 2.30.** The servants in the train were rather unsettled at first but calmed down later. Left in a snow storm. Got a walk at **Chalk river.** Very cold but the snow had gone.

Tuesday Marh 29 Comfortable night, all going well. Covering of snow. The Northern Lights last night were very bright, but the cold snap does not up to be lasting. The sun is getting quite powerful in the day. Uneventful journey as nothing occurred on the way. Reached **Fort William** punctually at 9-5pm. Met by the Mayor and proceeded to the Town Hall. Quite a good gathering and reception. Everyone very cordial. Saw several Derbyshire people.

Wednesday March 30 Much colder. Arrived **Winnipeg** 10 sharp. Met by Lt Gov., Chief Justice, PM GOC and others. Drove direct to the City hall where the Mayor made a formal speech of welcome but had no address. The English Societies presented one. Reception. Everyone very friendly and cordial. Got to Gov House by eleven. Took a walk with the Lt Gov. Mr Aikins. Anne and Charlie. Had a look at the old gateway of Fork Farming? Found young K? at the Hudson Bay store. He was at Charlie's house at Eton and ? around in the be BC? Nice boy. Luncheon with the members and staff of Legislative Assembly. Very pleasant and interesting. Said a few words. Went all over the new buildings which are now finished except for the grounds. They are certainly very fine both internally and eternally but the Chamber itself is magnificent in comparison with the rest. All the members were very friendly, but they are a very mixed lot. Inspected the Boy Scouts. Very good turnout. Presented some medals and Eve went to the Women's Canadian Club which seems to have been a great success. Dinner at Govt House and then a part at the Parliament buildings. It was really a most cordial affair and the place looked beautiful. All the arrangements were ? Heavy but interesting and useful day. Everybody is extraordinarily nice and keen.

Thursday March 31 Visited Military Headquarters and Hospital Tuxedo. Met by General Kitchener and the staff. Inspected Guard of Honour. PPCLI and Canadian Dragoons. The greater part of the hospital has been converted into Barracks and is quite suitable. The married quarters are also good. Went round the hospital which is still under the Military Department. Canadiana Club luncheon. Large and representative but I am afraid my speech was rather sticky. Everyone very keen and cordial. Drove direct to Parliament buildings. Shook hands with all the members and was then conducted to the speakers chair. The PM made quite a nice speech about me and I replied. Interesting function. Visited Building Exhibition which is arranged by the City. Reception at Govt House of Manitoba teachers About 1500 present. This concluded our visit to Winnipeg and I really felt very sorry to say goodbye. There is a somewhat uneasy feeling on the smallest tendency but the general impression I received was if the loyal population would exert itself that the extreme party had shot their bolt. Drew out from Winnipeg at 6.30 and had a quiet night on a siding.

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Friday April 1 Arrived **Brandon** at 11 and met by Mayor and Council. Reception at the Town Hall. At first no one except the Council and their wives were present, but the general public turned up in quite respectable numbers. Donglu Thornhill? appeared. He had just heard that his father had had a serious accident at Holker. Very nice to see him again, but I did not gather he was getting on very well. Drove round the town and visited hospital. Crowded and out of date and a new one is to be built. Very nice lot of people. Left at 7.30 and got to **Brad?** About 6.30 and spent the night there. Got a walk. The CPR constable came with us. He came from Fotherstorm? And his wife from Buxton. She was servant at Mrs. Cooper when the children went there years ago. Curious how small the world is. Telegram from Rachel saying they had arrived alright and had a good journey. Afraid the miners are going on strike again in England. Very serious.

Saturday April 2 Lovely morning. Arrived **Regina** 9.50 . Met by Lt Gov PM Mayor, Military. Inspected Boy Scouts. Royal Salute 19 guns. Inspected battery and drove to GH. It has been improved in several ways since the Lakes left. Miss Newlands the daughter. is hostess for the Lt Gov. Pleasant and capable. Mrs Clements and Captn Attard? are also here. I went to the normal schools. The principal Col ... was wounded in the war but is doing extremely well. Luncheon Board of Trade. Enthusiastic audience and representative of all classes in the City. Reception City Hall in the afternoon and dinner in the evening The day was quite successful and everyone very friendly and cordial. Had interesting conversations with various people in the province generally seems in very good shape. Dinner GH. Interesting lot of people. Played bridge and had good games.

Sunday April 3 Nice morning but cold wind in the afternoon. Church. Very nice service. Cannon Davidson came to luncheon. Eve went to the General Hospital and the Grey Nuns and I took the Earl Grey. All returned men and the GWVA. The last was well attended. They have their own Bus? Wing and are in good shape. Said a few words and shook hands with all present. Walk with Oswald. Small dinner party and bridge.

Monday April 4 Cold and grey but we are an hour earlier owing to the change of time. Visited RMP barracks and inspected the men. As smart and efficient as ever. Went round the quarters and stable and finished up at the mess. Nice lot of officers. Luncheon given by the Government at the Assinaboine Club. Keen and enthusiastic audience and quite representative. The PM presided. The province appears in very good shape. Played golf with the Lt Gov. The Chief Justice and Mayor Worsley. RCMP Played very badly but the course was very rough and there was rather a wind. Very sorry to say goodbye to Regina but our visit has been most successful. Left at six.

Tuesday April 5 Arrived **Saskatoon** sharp at 10. Met by the MAYOR and Councils. Inspected guard of honour. University Cadets. Very smart. Mayor same as he was when I first came here. Drove round the town Inspected Boy Scouts and stopped outside two schools. Said a few words on each occasion and called for Cheers for the King. Visited collegiate school. Big lot of students and a very smart cadet corps. Said a few words. Got back to train after quite a successful morning. Luncheon given by the Confederation at the hotel. Small but representative. Said a few words. Got a walk on the platform with Charlie. Reception at the Club we were to have it at the University but the roads were too bad to get there. This concluded a most successful visit. The place seems in good heart. Left about 5.30.

Wednesday April 6 Travelled all though the night but the train went very steadily and comfortably. Arrived **Edmonton** sharp at 10. The Lt Gov was late – a not unusual occurrence. Drove up to Govt House. Mr Brett was in a curious state. Colonel Rogers came up and we settled plans for Jasper. Women's Canadian Club. ? a speech on Red X. Reception at Parliament buildings. The colours of the 218th were deposited? Very interesting ceremony. I inspected the boy scouts and then received an address from the PM. IODE tea. Large gathering. Drove Govt House. Cabinet and their wives and speakers. It is quite amazing how anything ever gets done Govt house is more vague and casual than could be imagined.

Thursday April 7 Lovely morning and certainly nothing much to be done in the morning. Luncheon given by Legislative Assembly. Rather long but quite pleasant. Met a lot of the ? on the southside. Asked for a holiday. Reception of teachers afterwards. Visited university. Interesting and quite impressive function. Met the staff etc. walked to the residential area where we saw Bickersteth. He has had a very serious operation and nearly died but he is making good progress now. Left for Calgary.

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Friday April 8 Lovely morning. Reception at the hotel and reviewed boy scouts and Girl guides. Visited the Horse Show and saw the airdale I sold an arrival and in the afternoon I sold the champion shorthorn for \$850. Canadian club luncheon. Big attendance. Very nice lot of people. Visited the Show again in the afternoon. Everything seems in fine shape here. Dinner given jointly by the city and the Horse and cattle associations. Returned to the show. A good but rather long programme. Looked in at a Dance given by the IODE. Long day, but interesting and satisfactory. Pat left for Ottawa.

Saturday April 9 Went to the show again and had a good look round. Saw the pony that finished so well. Interesting morning. Went up to top of hotel where there is a good view of the Mountains. Left at 1 for **Barsans** which we reached about 4.30. Got a good walk in the evening. Charlie and I walked a long way with a man who was ploughing with a tractor. Mr. Dawson Engineer with the CPR resources section came to show in the plans etc. Interesting man.

Sunday April 10 Church. Nice service and sermon and quite a good sized congregation. Looked round the hospital. Municipal. Quite nice. After luncheon drove out to see the dam. It is certainly a great work and from what the engineers say it must be a paying proposition. Very interesting trip. Left for **Brooks** and when we got there our engine went off the rails. At least the two front wheels did. They soon got it right.

Monday April 11 Lovely morning. The strike news from England looks rather better. Drove about 12 miles to a place called **Duchess** after Duchess of Sutherland. Quite in the making but the land looked good. Asked for a holiday at a small school and after luncheon took a long drive. Saw the aqueduct – 2 miles in length and a great structure. Visited several farms on the Sutherland property and had tea at his bungalow where the manager lives. The effect of the irrigation is wonderful. The land looks most promising. The CPR works are very wonderful. Most interesting day. Got to **Calgary** about one and with a good of shunting moved on to CNR.

Tuesday April 12 Rather late in starting. Stopped at several way side stations down the Red Deer River and got to **Drumheller** about 12.30. Big crowd and excellent reception. Boy Scouts. Returned men. After the address drove to Opera House where we shook hands with a considerable numbers. After luncheon drove up the valley. Most interesting. The formation is very curious. Lovely view from the top. Went down a mine and saw the coal being electrically cut. Inspected the hospital which is municipal. Excellent. The coal deposits are valuable but all house coal. Great possibilities. Very good thing we visited these places as there are a lot of foreign elements and our going cheers up the British. Most successful day. Got to **High River** at midnight.

Wednesday April 13 Cloudy and some showers. Mr Lane and Mr Carlyle met us at nine and we drove off to the Bar U ranch. Nice drive of twenty miles. Looked round the stock. Percherons? and Shorthorns. Herefords and sheep cross south? down and shropshire. Delightful place. Most successful? At his house his wife and daughter were here. Went on the **Prince of Wales ranch**. Really very nice but no pretensions. Saw the stock he brought out from England. Quite good. Anne, Charlie and Jack rode and Anne very pleased. Motored across to the ? very interesting day but rather perplexing. Lane and Carlyle differ a good deal but there is a general consensus that Larry has made a fool of himself. Strike news from England very bad. Telegram from Dick to say that the children had left Montreal by the ordinary train, but that Maud was bringing a steerage child aged 3 to Vancouver. Strange thing to do. They ought to reach Banff on Saturday.

Thursday April 14 Left **Calgary** at nine. Foggy and misty, but sun came through at times. Found the Superintendent of the part and his staff at **Banff**. Got a short walk before luncheon and looked round the zoo. Quite interesting. In the afternoon we went to see the Buffalo etc. and then returned through the town and went in opposite direction where we saw the sheep cross close to the road. Hazy but might have been worse. The children ? and enjoyed it. Heavy rain at night.

Friday April 15 Lovely day and brilliant blue sky. Very lucky. Strike news rather less unfavourable and there seems to be a prospect of settlement. Started 11 10 and drove round the golf links. Saw the fish hatchery [**Banff**] and went to the Upper springs. Bathed. Water quite warm. After luncheon we all rode to Lake Minewanka. Lovely views. Good road. Very successful expedition. Visited hospital. Found seventeen returned men. They are making good progress. The Superintendent and his wife came to dinner. Nice people. Played bridge. Eve rather tired.

Saturday April 16 Another lovely day. Dramatic development in the strike. Seems to be a split in the labour Union. Moucher and Maud and Eddy arrived about ten and the baby which they found on the ship and are

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taking to **Vancouver**. Quite an intelligent child. Left about eleven on horses ? and went up the spring valley. Lovely views. Luncheon there. They all bathed except Evie and me. Very successful time at Banff. Left about four and had a good view of the mountains. Stopped the night with Gordon Oswald. Went on in the morning to Vancouver

Sunday April 17 Left **Golden** at six CPR bulletin says there is a serious split in the Union at home. Travelled slowly and got a good view of the mountains. Stopped at **Revelstoke and Kamloops** where we found people. At the lake Evelyn Penrose? Was there. Got walks at **Sicamous and Wallachen?**

Monday April 18 Arrived **Vancouver** 6.05 Met by Mayor etc. Inspected Boy Scouts. Girl guides and RNMP Went for a drive round Stanley Park and the Marine Drive. Canadian Club luncheon. Good attendance. Eve was at the Women's Club and I got a message asking me to go in for a few minutes. Rather hard having to do two at once practically. Saw Executive Boy Scouts and had ? there. Also a man who wanted me to buy pictures. Said his grand father has worked for some Duke, but he was very hazy. Went to see the Lt Gov in hospital. He had a severe operation and looks very ill but is said to be going on well. Reception at the hotel. Rather a slack affair. Good Red Cross meeting where I said a few words. Maud, Moucher and Eddy went to the Country Club. Afraid there is a good deal of unemployment and a certain amount of Bolshevism. Fine day to start with but heavy rain afterwards. Civic Dinner. Rather a long but interesting lot of people connected with various civic offices. Cabaret on behalf of Victorian Order. A most tiresome for entertainment. I was made to auction some sketches. Eddy was suddenly called upon at dinner to say a few words. Got through very well. Went on board for Victoria.

Thursday April 19 Arrived **Victoria**. Boat very comfortable and excellent crossing. Meet by Chief Jubien? who is acting as Administrator, Prime Minister and Mayor. Drove over to G H where we found Mrs Nicholl. She is very busy and rushed in getting into the house. There appear to have been a real rumpus over precedence and the administrator has been very tenacious of his so called rights. Invested the statue of Queen Victoria in front of the Parliament buildings. Very effective ceremony. Guard of Honour. Naval cadets. Boy Scouts etc. Well arranged. The statue itself is quite a fine one. Went into the Parliament building and invested two tablets as war memorials. In the afternoon Eve went to a YWCA and IODE meeting. Both very successful functions. I went to the University school. It is by way of being a military school though not long in existence has had a useful career. Nice lot of boys. Inspected them and took the salute in the march past. Very smart and keen. The School must be doing good work. Received a ? at Govt House from returned men and their organizations. The object is to get a military hospital and I think there is a good deal of justification for it. Lots of men are coming in from elsewhere and are more or less permanently crippled. Shall have to take up the matter in ? Boy Scouts presented in garden. Excellent show. Had a talk with the local ? Afraid the feeling against ? is very pronounced. Got a walk with Jack Eddy, Moucher, Maud. Charlie and Anne went off to Alberni. Hope they will get some fishing. We had quite a successful day but I hope the precedence row will not have any ? results. Nice dinner and reception on GH ?? Rather ?

Wednesday April 20 Much nicer day. Visited ? rooms. Founded on the English workshops and are doing good work. Went on to **Esquimalt**. Visited naval College. Nice lot of boys and rugby seems to be going on well here. Glad to see it again. Warm in the afternoon but we went for a drive and had tea at Mrs Butchart's house. She was away but her daughter was in charge. In spite of the rain we were able to get round the garden. On our return I saw a Mrs -- who had a grievance about a pension case. She had something of a case. Two or three people came to dinner. More show – not too bad – Played bridge very bad.

Thursday April 21 Left Victoria at 9.15 and motored to **Nanaimo**. One or two showers but the day came out well. Met the others on the boat. Reception was quite successful. On arriving at **Vancouver** I went to the P of W? Barracks and invested a Memorial Tablet. Quite a good ceremony. Eddy, Jack and Charlie came with me to Hastings Mill. Had a good look round Started off for Jasper at 5.30.

Friday April 22 Unluckily the cloud was low and the views were dull through the mountains and Robson was not on view. Col Rogers got on the train just before we reached **Jasper**. Nice evening there. Rode out to Pyramid Lake. Not nearly as much snow as I expected. The Mountains looked beautiful. Regers? came to dinner.

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Saturday April 23 Lovely day and views really magnificent. Rode to the **Maligne Canyon** and had a good look round. Luncheon at the cabin. Made a detour on the way back and saw the Beaver dams. Very interesting trips and great luck in having so fine a day. Later a show and some movies at the hall. Quite good and picturesque.

Sunday April 24 Eve and I and Eddy and Jack went to the early service. Nice little church. The clergyman seems a nice man. Rode up to Hibernia Lake and the others in the chair. Lovely country. Luncheon in the car and then we road up the valley. Another delightful trip. Anne and I motored back and went on down the valley. So we have seen all sides. Most successful expedition all together. The only drawback was not seeing Robson. Anne not at all tired with all her running and walking. Left for **Wainwright** at 8. Gave various presents to Col Rogers and came on to Brule with us where one of the wardens gave Eve a timber wolf skin. Very fine specimen.

Monday April 25 Travelled through the night and got to **Wainwright** at 12.15. Lovely day. Mayor, cadets, etc on the platform. Address from City and also Literary Society of the High School. Shook hands with a number of people. Drove out to the Park. Most interesting. The buffalo herd now is over five thousand and they have also Elk and Yak and the hybrids called Cattalo. The park is run by the Dominion Govt and the breeding experiments are most interesting. Very pleasant and successful day. Returned to Edmonton in the evening and left for our way east.

Tuesday April 26. Comfortable journey through the night. Arrived **Medicine Hat** at ten. Received by Mayor and drove to City hall. Reception there and said a few words from the steps. Visited the pottery factory and the ? Mills. Both very interesting. Found a number of people from the old country. Left ? after twelve. Most interesting country. This is the place where the rain production is to be tried. Arrived **Swift Current**. Excellent reception. Invested a tablet on the bank and then went to the new City Hall. All went on well. English mail and some interesting letters. Dinner in the evening at the hotel. Interesting lot of men.

Wednesday April 27 Spent the night at **Swift Current** and arrived **Moose Jaw** at 10. Very good reception. Inspected the Cadet Corps. ? was very smart. Address and reception on the Presbyterian Church. Well attended and enthusiastic. The Children - about ? - were collected in the Armoury. Very fine show. Asked for a holiday. Left for East at noon and got to **Regina** at one. We had tried to get the Lt Gov to come to luncheon. He could not come as he is very seedy. His daughter and the ADC came. I am afraid she is very worried about her father. Stopped at **Indian Head** and visited the Govt Farm. Seems a very good shape. Good lot of shorthorns and clignes. Passed through Winnipeg in the night.

Thursday April 28 Woke up to find snow on the ground. I had been in hope that we might have stopped for a ? got some fishing but it was out of the question with the weather. Went on to **Fort William** where we found the mayor of **Port Arthur**. Drove to an elevator and went all over it. Reception and address. Very well arranged and people keen and enthusiastic.

Friday April 29 We were stopped at **Nipigon** at 1.45 as about thirty miles further on a bridge was damaged. The rains must have been very heavy as damage was done all along the line. Had to cable and put off Hamilton meeting. About 1pm we were shifted on to the CNR and resumed our journey Had a look at the river, some of the party went out in canoes and shot the rapids.

Saturday april 30 Made steady progress Got a good walk at a place called Pirae de bank? near Georgian Bay. In **Toronto** Col Fraser was waiting for us. Afraid Lt Gov is far from well.

Sunday May 1 Quiet night in a siding and got to **Niagara** at 10. Eve and I went to church. Spent rest of day in seeing sights. Unluckily the day was cloudy but no rain and inclined to be cool. Very successful.

Monday May 2 Got back to **Ottawa** at 10.30 summertime. Afraid Dick is very seedy but will not lie up. Doctor gives bad account of his heart. Very puzzling as to what we ought to do. Long talk with Sladen but nothing very exciting. Letter from Winston about my successor. I took it down to the PM who read it with considerable interest. He has told me that he and his colleagues had been discussing matters in connection with the appointment of my successor and strongly urged me to reconsider my decision. It is of course complementary but I think it would be a mistake.

Tuesday May 3 fine and Warm. Big English mail and some very interesting letters. Afraid Lowther - ex speaker - will arrive just at the time we shall be in Toronto for the race meeting. Saw Sir Robert Borden. He was very nice but expressed his strong desire that I should remain on for another term. Afraid it is

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impossible. Also had a talk with the speaker about arrangements. Think we shall be able to get something settled about Wightman, Zionist. Arrived in the city and was given a luncheon by the Ottawa? Very interesting man. I attended the luncheon. Both he and Meighen made excellent speeches. ? Fletcher who was Eddy's tutor at Cambridge arrived. Interesting man. He and Eddy went to the HofC and had an interesting time. After tea I took them to the Experimental Farm and I think they were interested.

Wednesday May 4 Fletcher left by the morning train. Another lovely day. Everything growing fast. Office. Swore Mr Smith as a PC. Gave a cigarette case to one of the Privy Council officials who had done a lot of translation work for me. Interesting conversation with D. Tolmie. He is making preparations for a statement on the embargo for the Royal Commission. Cleared up a number of papers in the afternoon.

Thursday May 5 Glorious day. Eddy went up the Echo Beach. He ought to have a delightful trip and I wish I could have gone but I have really a lot to get settled up. Slight attack of gout, but think it will not last long. Patriotic fund meeting. Interesting and useful. I was presented by Mr McGrath? with a bound volume. He made a very nice speech which was very cordially received. Went up to the Cantley road. Eve, Moucher, Pat. It was really quite lovely. Lot of flowers and crocuses? Ottawa symphony concert. Not a particularly striking performance.

Friday May 6 Eddy's birthday. Another glorious day. Gout better. Saw Sir James Lougheed at the office. Very interesting talk and showed him the memorial which was given to me at Victoria by the returned men. He was far from sympathetic but said he would look into it. Also saw the PM. He accepted my letter and seemed inclined to Desborough. He had made no arrangements about his presentation of the Chair by Lowther but I think it would be safe to fix the 20th. Went to an exhibition of dancing and exercises by the Rockcliffe school. Quite excellent and very well done. Anne took part and did very well. Got on with some letters.

Saturday May 7 Weather continues the same. Tried to get on with letters, but constant talking prevented any real progress. Very nice picnic at Meach. Country is looking quite beautiful.

Sunday May 8 same weather. It has been a wonderful spell. I invested a War Memorial Tablet in the Cathedral. The Bishop preached. Very nice address and service. Got through a lot of letters and papers. Charlton from the Washington Embassy arrived.

Monday May 9 Looks like a change of weather. Cleared up later. Got through a lot of letters. Played golf in the afternoon. Moucher, Maud, Charlie and Pat came. Charlie would be quite good if he had a little coaching. Eddy got back from his fishing and seems to have liked it immensely. Eve and I went to a Bazaar for a RC Hall. Really quite amusing and I think useful. It promised to be a great success. Very few things to buy and we were not asked to do so apparently everything is done by raffles. The rest went to a music show.

Tuesday May 10 Lovely day. Sir H Drayton made a good budget statement last night. His proposals are reasonable and sound. Interesting morning at office. Saw Cook, Burns and some others on St John matter. they are not easy to manage but I hope they will get themselves into a better frame of mind. McGrath came about the St Lawrence route and was distinctly interesting. Dr Robertson had called to see Sladen luckily and I had a useful conversation with him on Red Cross and the other societies. Also Boy Scouts. Picnic at MacGregor. Very successful. But we went back by the long wall and unluckily burst a tyre. Charlie had gone by the road and caught his train for Quebec. We shall miss him a lot, but he has had a good holiday and it certainly had been very useful for him to see the west. I don't think he minded going back, especially as we shall be coming over so soon. The PM sent a cable to the CO asking for Willie Desborough. I think they have done the best in the circumstances.

Wednesday May 11 fine and warm. Office. Talk with PM. He seemed to be inclining to a fall election and stated that he was in hope that I might stay but it was very indefinite. Also had a nice talk with Sir J Pope Annual meeting of VON. While I was there it was very calm and orderly, but I heard later that they had a good deal of acrimonious discussion in the afternoon. They came up to tea here. Eddy, Moucher, Maud, Fred and I left at 4.30 for **Alcove**. Stopped the night there. Got a good walk. We were playing bridge after dinner and Eddy suddenly fainted, but came to in less than half a minute. He was quite right afterwards. I think it must have been indigestion.

Thursday May 12 Nice day. Eddy was quite right. Got away in good time and drove to Mullen? lake and fished all day. Maud got a salmon. Rather a long and ugly fish. Eddy and Moucher got seven red trout.

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Beautiful fish and I think we ought to have got some, that is one boat. Maud, Jack and I went in one and Eddy and Moucher in another Charming place. Series of lakes with short portages. Long but delightful day. Eddy none the worse.

Friday May 13 rain in the morning. Got back to **Ottawa** for breakfast. Every one alright there. Rain will do a lot of good. Call from CO to say that Willie would not accept the offer. Really very tiresome. Meighen came to luncheon and I had a short talk with him. He thinks he will call for Byng but ask that no announcement should be made till later on. The Masseys also came to luncheon on their way to England. They seemed in good spirits. Eddy, Moucher, Mrs. McCullagh, Diane and Anne came with us to see Booth work? Quite interesting. Saw JR there in his working clothes. Theatre. Martin Harvey in the Only Way. Quite admirable.

Saturday May 14 Fine and cool. Rain seems quite to have cleared off. Miss Saunders and Maud went to Blue Sea by the morning train. George Lane? Came to luncheon. He is worried about the Embargo and US tariffs. Baseball match. Lansdowne park. I threw the first ball. Most tedious game. I suppose there are merits in it. Went up to **Blue Sea**. Started for a short walk, but finished by going all the way to Bear Point. Luckily we met a car and sent a message back to the train asking Allen to send a rig to get us back. As it was Evie and Anne stayed there and Moucher, Eddy and I drove back in the rig which luckily rushed up the house etc alright although the mice have been very busy.

Sunday May 15 Moucher, Eddy and I drove over to Bear Point. Found them all very comfortable. Spent the day there. Rather chilly but the place looks very nice. Eddy tried various expedients to get a bass, but we only managed to secure a perch. Saw several just off the wharf. Eve, Anne, Eddy and I returned to the train. The rest stayed and will comeback on Tuesday.

Sunday May 16 Got back to **Ottawa** at 11. No news. Cleared off a number of matters. Saw the Speaker at the office and discussed Lowther's arrangements. Also had a talk with Sir G Foster. He came about the League of Nations and hopes to have a meeting before Parliament rises. Did some hoeing. Had a charming letter from Professor Wrong?

Tuesday May 17 Fine and bright and rather warmer. Got on a little with plans, but uncertainty about prorogation and my successor makes everything very difficult. Saw some Rev. H Buxton and two others about the Armenians. They had to a list of names, some of which were fairly useful for a Committee but I don't think they will do much good in the collection of money. Also saw Bertram and Faugmen? And settled to have Boy scout rally here on the 28th. Charlton left. The others came back from Blue Sea and seemed to have a really nice time.

Wednesday May 18 fine but windy. Shower would do a lot of good now. Office. Received the addresses from both houses in reply to the speech at the opening. The senate had mislaid theirs. Very careless. Interesting talk with Meighen. Also with Sir J Pope. The Royal Society came up to tea. Interesting lot of men. Dr. Coleman spoke on Gaspé and there were also some biological slides. I quite enjoyed both.

Thursday May 19 a good deal of wind, but fine and bright. Got on with papers, but constant interruptions make progress difficult. Royal society luncheon. Representative gathering and interesting though rather long speeches. Lemieux was the best. Went on to the Parliament Hill where I invested a sun-dial which had been presented by Mr Ritchie to the Historical Landmarks Association. Interesting and pleasing little ceremony though I am afraid my speech was hardly worthy of the occasion. Maud had a farewell tea party which was well attended. The Lowthers arrived about 4.30. He is delightful but she is a tiresome woman. I suppose she means well. Small but interesting names? for them.

Friday May 20 Fine and warm. Got on with papers. James Lowther presented the new Chair. Proceedings went off very well and the speeches, possibly too numerous and lengthy, were on the whole excellent. I said a few words. Most interesting and significant event. Maud started off for home. We shall miss her very much. We left for **Toronto** after dinner.

Saturday May 21 Comfortable journey and got to government House for breakfast. Lt Gov says he is better but he looks worn and seedy. I invested a Memorial tablet to the men of the Royal Dragoons who were killed. A well arranged and impressive ceremony. Drove in state to the races. Immense crowd and quite a good reception. Good days racing and very pleasant. Saw a lot of people whom we knew. Big dinner GH. Jockey Club and a few others. Very successful day and although the sun was hot there was a nice breeze.

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Sunday May 22 Hot and stuffy but heavy thunder later. Went to Canon Cody's church. Nice service. Annual church parade of St Andrews Cadet. Took the salute after the service. Looked very smart. In the afternoon motored to Sask Peliales? Farm. Lovely site and country but some of the buildings are very absurd. It is of course only a toy and plaything for him.

Monday May 23 Fresh and cool after the rain. Visited Baldwins work. Biggest tin plate makers in Canada. Very interesting. Civic luncheon. Everyone very kind and nice. Empire Day. Decorating statues, Cadets etc. Very fine sight. Over? Seven thousand cadets. Red Cross. Received farewell address. Eve made an excellent speech. Jockey Club dinner. Quite interesting and pleasant.

Thursday May 24 Played golf with the Lt Gov at the Hunt club. Nice round and very fine and bright out in the country. Raining. Drove in state and also drove ? the way back. Big dinner Lt Gov ?? Very interesting ?

Wednesday May 25 Rain in the night. Went out to the Toronto Golf Club on the way we saw something of the work of the Harbour Commission. Big business. Played with the Lt Gov but did very badly. Nice Club house and course. Eve had an attack of lumbago, but went to the Jockey club luncheon and returned afterwards. Rather a dull day racing. Reception at the York Club. Quite a successful affair and very well arranged.

Thursday May 26 Better morning but dull and grey. Went to the Hunt Club, where we found Mr Mrs? GH Beardmore and others. Nice Club House and excellent stabling? And schooling course. Saw some jumping. Luncheon given by Govt at Parliament buildings. Drury? proposed my health. Pleasant and interesting gathering. Garden Party GH very well arranged and the large crowd was well dealt with. We must have shaken hands with between 2000, 3000 and there were as many more. People are certainly very nice and friendly. Really very sad at leaving Toronto. It has played a big part in our life here.

Friday May 27 Arrived **Hamilton**. Excellent reception. Mayor met us and proceeded to Town Hall. Given address and also address and medal from the Veterans of France which was presented by Sir John Gibson. Very cordial reception. Several of our personal friends. Hendrie etc. were there. Drove round the City and visited VON. There is a great deal of unemployment but the ? have got things into good shape for relieving distress. Tea at the Tamerac Club. We also visited the Golf club and then went to the Hendries and said goodbye to them. Left in the evening for **Ottawa** after a very successful visit.

Saturday May 28 Got back for breakfast. Raining. Will do lot of good. The report that the Duke of Northumberland? is to succeed me is officially denied. Otherwise not much news. Office. Swore Mr. Charlton as a PC. Short talk with PM. He hopes to wind the session up next week. Lacrosse match at Lansdowne Park quite interesting. Boy Scout rally. Good show. About five hundred turned up. Very successful little function.

Sunday May 29 Hot. Thunder shower in the afternoon. Church. I am afraid this will be my last Sunday in Ottawa. Really very melancholy. Got on with papers etc. Heard that the Govt had kept the York Sudbury? Seat by a fairly substantial but were well beaten at ?. If the figures we have heard are correct there is no very distinct indication anywhere. Walk with Anne in the evening.

Monday May 30 Fine and warm but less stuffy. Cleared up my room and got everything well in order for packing. Destroyed a number of useless papers, but found a lot of interesting stuff. It is quite impossible ?? looks over old papers the tremendous change there has been since the end of the war and how much easier things are.

Tuesday May 31 Fine and warm. My birthday. Sad to think how fast the time goes. A big storm with thunder and heavy rain came up about 1 and went on for twelve hours. Rain will do a lot of good. Went to the foot ball match between the Scotch teams and Ottawa. The Scotch were much too much for the others but the rain had made the ground very slippery. League of Nations meeting. Small but representative gathering and proceedings went very well. Eddy said a few words and did very well.

Wednesday June 1 Lovely morning after the rain. Got on with letters etc. but the delay in Prorogation is making everything difficult. They are really very tiresome. Eve, Moucher, Oswald and I went to the Experimental Farm. Had a good look round there. Went on past the Hunt Club and came back on the right bank of the Rideau. Makes quite a good round.

Thursday June 2 Nothing doing about prorogation. It is really very tiresome. The Montreal Gazette has got a cable saying Byng has been appointed, but PM wants it to be reported as an Ottawa rumour if it is to be published at all. All the delays have made every course unsuitable. Saw the PM. He still hopes the

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prorogation may be arranged for a Saturday and he seems to think no one was really anxious to prolong the session. Played golf. Had a nice round with Eddy but afraid I only get worse and worse. Eddy and I dined here. The rest went to a concert.

Friday June 3 Lot of rain in the night and prospect for garden Party very moderate. Telegram to say that Byng had accepted. Great relief to know for certain. Went to the Canoe Club to see the start of the eighty mile Canoe race. I was surprised at the pace at which they started. Unluckily rain came on just before the garden party got under weigh. However they seemed to manage quite well in the house. It is just extraordinary how nice people are and I think they are really sorry that we are going. In the HofC an address was moved to be presented to me and all the speeches were most kind and friendly.

Saturday June 4 Much better day but cold wind. Lot of waiting about for Prorogation. It is always the same. Got my speech into final shape. Drove down with four horses at 6.30 All the proceedings went well, but owing to the last of bills they were longer than usual. At the end the two speakers presented addresses and I read a reply. They were really very nice and the speeches made in both houses in moving the addresses were delightful. Left for the **Georgian Bay** trip after dinner.

Sunday June 5 Arrived **Cutler** at 10. Found Mr and Mrs Playfair waiting for us and I should think the whole population of Cutler. Said a few words and shook hands with a number. Several returned men. There were also a number of Indians and Half Breeds. Yacht. Most comfortable and convenient. Got away at once and had a delightful trip. ? cold side but nothing to matter. Anchored for the night about six miles from? Lot of ??

Monday June 6 Got up to Gov At 10.40. Met by Mayor, local members. After short drive went to a school where the Mayor presented an address. Some children appeared and I shook hands, but the children took possession. Visited Algoma Steel works. [Sault Ste Marie??] They looked very efficient and up to date. Went inside? Also visited locks. Most interesting. Very nice lot of people and the place seems prosperous. Got back to yacht to get under weight about one. Delightful run to **Manitoulin Island**.

Tuesday June 7 Very interesting morning at Manitoulin Island. Reception at the dock. Everyone very cordial and friendly. Drove out about ten miles and got some really wonderful views. Nice ? the open lake to Point au Baril and really beautiful though the islands.

Wednesday June 8 Another lovely day. Fine and bright islands It certainly is most attractive

Thursday June 9 Arrived **Copperhead** in good time and found preparations for fishing. Mr Clarke (the St for his son) appeared on a launch. He looked seedy but said he was better. Started off with some difficulty in a big motor coach but it went very slowly? and there was some delay. Really beautiful trip though the Islands We managed to get some fish and Jack got two bass, but the season has not come in. When they are really taking it must be great fun. Luncheon out in the open. Got back to the yacht just before 5.15 and set off at once for **Parry Sound**. Beautiful run. There ended our yachting trip. It was a grand success in every way and it is impossible to say how keen the Playfairs were and we were really sorry to say good-bye. Big crowd at Parry sound. Met by Mayor but no formal address. I said a few words and Moucher and I shook hands with all and sundry. After a drive round the town we went on the train and left for Ottawa.

Friday June 10 arrived GH (**Ottawa**) for breakfast. Very hot day. Found considerable fussing over the appointment of O'Connor on Byng's staff. Went to the office and saw Sir George Foster who has taken over in Meighen's absence. Also saw Sir J Pope and got things straightened out here and in fact all is ready for our departure. Got through several papers etc and had a short walk in the evening.

Saturday June 11 Weather unsettled and showery. Rain will do a lot of good. Left Ottawa at 9 and arrived rather late in **Montreal**. Mild there. Meredith and Dick at the station. Went direct to the hotel and had luncheon. Motored to Bleu Bonnet for the races. Got into State Carriage and drove up the course with an escort of Canadian Dragoons. Quite a good turn out. Although rain was falling it was luckily not very heavy. Found a lot of friends there and people were really very nice. The rain left off and the racing for Canada was not bad. Drove out of the course the same was as we came in. Walked up to the top of the mountain with Eddy. The distance was rather hazy, but nevertheless the view was very fine. It was certainly a very interesting place and full of history of the country. Dance at Ravenscragg. Very smart people but rather a tiresome entertainment. Arrived **Midland** 1.30. Enthusiastic reception. Met by Mayor and council. President of building W. Cody? Citizen? Mayor presented the address at the dock and I

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replied but it was most interfered by an engine with a ringing bell and hooter. Inspected guard of honour and inspected the ship yard. Moucher launched the Canadian logger, a Gov ship. She went beautifully. Said a few words to the assembled school children and had a reception in a shed. Drove round and opened hospital wing. Mr Playfair had given the northern? Wing. Tea at the Playfairs and several people came. Drove to **Pentenang?** and threw first ball in a baseball game. Played golf. Formidable ordeal but got through somehow. Lovely views from the course. ??? will be quite fair. Left about ? Really most successful day. (see back page)

Sunday June 12 Nice ? the day with the rain. Church. Nice service. Walked back with Eddy and took a short turn through McGill grounds. Lady Atholstan gave a party at **Cartierville**. The place looked very fresh and nice and the trees we planted there are all doing well. Dined with the Mesicottes I played bridge. Quite pleasant but unluckily Mr cook got drunk. Afraid it will cause a bit of chatter.

Monday June 13 showery but fine intervals. Went to the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Admirable work going on there. All French. Children look bright and happy and it is wonderful how much can be done with them. Races again Luncheon with the Ross's. Quite a nice afternoon and some fine racing. Farewell reception at the Mont Rozar Club. All our friends were there and I cannot say how nice they were. It was really horrid saying goodbye and I am afraid this is really our last visit to Montreal.

Tuesday June 14 Returned from Montreal by the morning train. Guard of Honour and a lot of people were at the station. Very sad and we were really sorry to see the last of them. Got to **Ottawa** for luncheon. Big English mail. Very disconcerting letters from Penrose. The wives of Cabinet Ministers gave Eve a really nice casket? They came to tea and formally presented it. They are certainly very kind.

Wednesday June 15 Fine and warm. Got through a lot of papers. Saw Mr. Johnston of the Military? Dept and arranged some more details about our trip to Magdalen. The small coal capacity of the Lady Grey is really a nuisance. Connaught Park races. Rather interesting. Went on from the races to a library. Distributed the prizes. Good gathering. Very sorry to see this last of the place. Opened a school at the far end of the City. Quite a good building and the ceremony went well.

Thursday June 16 Nice day Cleared up saving? matters. Saw a number of people at the office. I said goodbye. Sir Percy Sherwood and Commissioner Perry Macleod and Gray brought a message from the YMCA. Long talk with Parker over finances. Played golf with Moucher, Eddy and Jack. Very nice but rather delayed my letter writing. Dinner at the Country Club. Mr Justice Duff presided and it was an extraordinarily good and representative gathering. Nearly all were our personal friends and I cannot say how nice they were. I think they are really fond of us and sorry that we are going. Nothing could have been more friendly and genuine. It makes the parting very sad.

Friday June 17 Lovely day. Very sad to think it is really our last in Ottawa. Got most of the last remaining finishing touches cleared up. Went to the office in the afternoon. Said goodbye to Col La Koche? and gave little presents to Col Clark who has done a lot for us with motors and McGill who has arranged trains etc. also saw Dr Dougherty. Gave him some old maps which Ld Lansdowne had given to me and also the original cable of the terms of the armistice. Boy Scout meeting. Interesting. I was presented with an album of photographs. They were all very nice. Went with Moucher and Oswald to the Experimental Farm. Everything looks very well here. Archibald came round with us. Very sorry to say goodbye. The farm has always been a great resort. Had a final walk round Rockcliffe so had a nice ending for Ottawa.

Saturday June 18 Lovely day and it is nice to see the place looking so well for our final day. Cleared up and said goodbye to members of peoples? office. Saw all the staff and gave them each some little present. Saw some others and went to the Canadian Club luncheon with Sir Louis Davies. Very good gathering and I cannot say how nice they all were. Think I got through my speech fairly well. Went (with) Evie to say goodbye to Lady Laurier. She was very friendly and kind. I also went to see Lady Egan who has just had a very severe operation. She is better but looked shrunk, but was really very handsome. Said goodbye to the Govt House people and got to the station at 6.30. Big crowd and a great number of personal friends it was really horrid and I could hardly help breaking down especially when I came to Sir Robert Borden. It was certainly a good send off. Very unhappy seeing the last of Ottawa.

Sunday June 19 Comfortable night and arrived **Quebec** early. Got up to the Citadel for breakfast. Had a walk with Eddy and then went to church. Nice service. The Bishop preached. The Fitzpatricks came to

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luncheon. They are in very good form. Drove to **Valcartier**. The country is quite a fortnight behind Ottawa but is looking very well. At Valcartier last of the views were beautiful and the sunset was very fine.

Monday June 20 Lovely morning. Attended the closing exercises of the High School and unveiled the memorial tablet. A very interesting and pleasant ceremony. Afterward I went to the station where I inspected a railway car fitted up by the Govt with a forestry Exhibition. Very useful and practical. Got some more fishing materials. Lowther came to luncheon. Long drove to St. Joachims. It is used as a holiday resort for university and school students. Interesting and historical place. Rather a long drive. Looked up at **St. Anne De Beaupre** It is really rather fine but the humbug and certainty of the whole thing are appalling. Big diner at Spencerwood and quite pleasant.

Tuesday June 21 Nice day. Warmer. Got on with some papers and had a talk to Eddy about Bolton and other things at home. Luncheon at the Garrison Club. Very representative gathering. Lowther said a few words after I had finished. Moucher, Eddy and Miss Wright sailed for England in the Empress of France. We went to see them off. Lot of people on board whom we know. Very sorry they have gone and wish Eddy could have come on the fishing trip. Had a look at the Lady Grey. Hot evening.

Wednesday June 22 Fine and hot. Took some medicine, but still rather groggy. Saw General Landry and fixed up a luncheon with him and saw various people to whom I said good-bye and got through some letters. Mr Ross came to luncheon and all the arrangements for the trip appear to be in good shape. Garden party. Quite a good lot of people came in spite of so many being away. Embarked on the Lady Grey at seven and started right over. Distant thunder and the air was much cooler. Yacht quite comfortable. Jack and Pat came with me.

Thursday June 23 Comfortable night and made fairly good progress, but afraid it will be the bad to find when we arrive. However the pace improved and we got in by eight. Landed at once and found Patterson and the other guides. Started off at once but did no good.

Friday June 24 Got away in good time and went straight up the river. It is very low and I am afraid the outlook is bad. I managed to get four, Jack one. One of mine was a Canal pool and all the rest were in unlucky falls. We bought them right down. After a wild morning the sun came out and it was really lovely but not bad for fishing.

Saturday June 25 Weather promisingly fine. Made poor look out for fishing. Got away ? early. Pat got one small fish in the Lower Farm but otherwise we did nothing. However there are a few fish up. Very nice to be on the river. Worked very hard. I had five nice rises but could manage nothing. I went some way up about ? on the opposite bank. Beautiful bit of river. Jack lost two fish in the evening.

Sunday June 26 Peaceful day. Rather more cloud about but glass is steady and no sign of rain. Walk in the evening. Went to pay a visit to Mrs. Patterson. Very formal. We then went up to the Lighthouse. One of the old ladies was there but his sister now died since we were here. Lovely evening.

Monday June 27 Lovely day but poor fishing weather. Jack got a nice fish of 23 and I got one of 13. A good many fish are up but they were not taking well. All the fish seem to go right through. Rather more indication of a change.

Tuesday June 28 quite a change. Heavy showers. Jack and I fished but Pat rested his leg. Jack got one of 28 and I got two 17 – 13. the day was full of ? On the way up we saw a moose crossing the river. Very good view of him. We found the fly box. Great relief to Patterson. I fished little rapids on the way home and got hold of a small fish and the bowman gaffed him but he got off and broke me. However we saw he fish at the bottom in deep water and by tying the gaffs together we got him up. Very satisfactory. We got our first mail bag. Notice about Byng. Coming out on the 4th August. Also that he is going to have two Canadian ADCs and Oswald to be Military Secretary. He has however not heard anything.

Wednesday June 29 Better day but we want more rain. In spite of various drawbacks I had a very good day. 4 fish – 59 lbs. The others did nothing. I lost two more. The river is rising slowly and fish are running but at present only the upper pools hold fish.

Thursday June 30 Lovely day, but very bright and hot in the afternoon. I went up to the top pool and had a wonderful morning five fish and 96 lbs in all. I was practically in a fish all the time. Jack and Pat did nothing in the morning and went up ? Walter had been but did not fish. I fished all the way down but got nothing. The top pool is certainly wonderful but a hard place to fish. The river had quite clearly risen and we may have a good day tomorrow.

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Friday July 1 Very hot. Bad fishing day and in the evening the fish were very sulky. Looked as if they were expecting a change of weather. However I got two good fish 23 and 25. The first in Lower Farm and the other in Camp. As the ship has to go to Gaspé for coal and water we stopped on the shore. Very comfortable in the house. Quite a ??

Saturday July 2 Hot and stuffy. Every sign of thunder but only a few drops of rain came down. Bad fishing day. Had to be content with one good trout. The ship got back in port on river.

Sunday July 3 Very fine and bright and glass rising. Also signs of a break in the weather from June. Afraid the people with ? ?? Very quiet day in the ship. Walk in the evening.

Monday July 4 Fine and hot. Very ? Hopeless for fishing. Jack got one fish and that was the result. Letter from Byng. He proposed to keep Oswald and Sladen? He wrote a very ? and cordial?

Tuesday July 5 another very fine and hot day. Fished up to luncheon. Jack went up above. Unlucky and got one, losing three. I got one small one. Got under weigh soon after 3.30. Very successful trip although the weather was against us. However I did quite well personally getting nineteen fish with an average of over 16 lbs. Jack got seven and Pat one. Nice lot of fish in the river but it got low and clear and with the hot weather they would not rise. The one rain we had made quite a difference as I got four in the evening and five next morning.

Wednesday July 6 Got into thick fog off the Saguenay and had to slow down. Also fine thick/ weather in the Traavero? But got to **Quebec** at 7.30. The forest fires are terrible and cause most of the fog. I am afraid the damage is appalling. Found everyone alright at Quebec but rather damp owing to the heat. It is certainly quite warm. I am afraid it is doing a lot of harm. A friend of Oswalds and Beven is staying here. Seems a nice youth.

Thursday July 7 Still very warm. Sorry to hear that the BofB was dead. Another figure gone. Shall find great change when we get back. Drive in the evening by lake Beaufort and back by Montmorency Road. Long but beautiful sort of country. A black man cut my corns. Quite an artist.

Friday July 8 Very hot and no sign of break. Sir C. Fitzpatrick came to see me. He had had a long talk with Drayton after he had been to luncheon here. I think they both take unnecessary gloomy views. A French legate came in on the Captain ? up to see me. He was the same as came last year. The weather is so hot that it is hardly possible to write. Embarked on the Lady Grey about 3.30 and Evie Miss Saunders, Oswald and Anne. Very hot at first but cooler later. As there were signs of fog we anchored for the night off **Crane Island**. Oswald, Anne and I landed and had a walk. About seventy families live on the Island, but it is terribly dried up. Big thunderstorm and good rain for about four hours. The lightning and the effects on the mountains and more? were wonderful. We saw a fire in the distance but the rain got the better of it.

Saturday July 9 Got into **Murray Bay** in good time. Landing but it was too late to walk far. Sir Lomer and Lady Gouin came to ? Also Mr Turgeon and Mrs Canon. In the afternoon we motored out to a ? on the lake. The place belongs to Sir Charles ? and the Kennedys of Montreal. (whole section not readable) Important news found ??? (more unreadable)

Sunday July 10 Started early and arrived **Tadoussac** about 8.30 Met Lady Price and went to her house and then to Church. Very hot. Saw a lot of salmon in the pool. Nice church service. Lady Price came to luncheon and afterwards we started up the Saguenay. It is a wonderful river and the more we see it the more impressed we are. Beautiful afternoon for doing it. Got to the Ha Ha Bay about seven and had a short walk. Anchored outside for the night.

Monday July 11 Nice steady rain will do a lot of good. Started down the river about ten. Afraid Evie is feeling rather seedy Anchored Margarite Bay and fished but with no success. Several canoes appeared with anglers. They were fishing fly and got a few. They follow the tide and I expect a good deal of knowledge is required. Dropped down to Tadoussac. Luckily we got there in time as a fog was closing in. Landed and went for a walk. Stopped the night at Tadoussac.

Thursday July 12 thick fog. Could not get a start till 2.30 Anne went on shore to the Prices. When we did start we spent an hour packing up the mast and then we saw the Montreal Saguenay boat again. Went to see if we could do anything, but he said she was alright and was getting off with the morning tide. When once we were outside we ? a good view and anchored for the night off the Isle of Orleans

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Wednesday July 13 Landed in time for breakfast. Found interesting mail and papers. Big dramatic program and brighter prospects in Ireland. Walk with Anne after seeing the Empress come in bay. Hot and close and a big storm at night but it did not clear the air for long.

Thursday July 14 Hot and close. ...? The storm. ? mast. ?? (lot unreadable.) some uncertainty about the visit of Armenians (or Americans) who are ? thnkk ? an idea that the CPR are to ? ?? as the mpres, but ?

Friday July 15 Lovely day with ??? to the Levis. Inspected the 22nd Regiment and distributed medals and said a few words in French. Rather a scrabby lot of men. Canadian Club luncheon ? attendance but I am afraid my speech rather ? the party of Americans which the Govt ??? Keefer is in charge of he but is very casual about their arrangements. They came up here for a few minutes and then went into Spencerwood.

We went there. They were very pleased with everything that had been done for them. Afraid Dick is rather seedy. He will try to do too much. Pat was also indisposed. Got a good walk in the evening.

Saturday July 16 Sladen arrived but had not much news. Very sad letter from Mrs. Clarke. I am afraid the Lt Gov is very ill and the doctors cannot make out what it is. It must be something very bad. Dick looks very seedy. But says he is better. Lovely evening. Drove round Valcartier. Makes a very good round.

Sunday July 17 fine and bright. ? but nice breeze. Church at the Cathedral. Nice service. Got on with my speech for tomorrow evening. Talk with Shimwell and got some more matters arranged. Senator and Mrs Robertson came to luncheon. They were really very nice. They shall be going over to England in September and I hope we shall see them. Nice drive in the evening to the Chateau Bigot. Thunder during night.

Monday July 18 Nice lot of rain in the night. But still close and muggy. Spent most of the day in getting my speech ready for the evening. Motor drive along the St. ? road and by Cap rouge. Family looking very well. Dinner at the Parliament buildings. Very good and representative gathering and I must say they are all extremely kind. Very sad to think that it is my last day in Canada. Wish the time was beginning again.

Tuesday July 19 Showery. Got our final preparations completed. Lot of telegrams. I must say everyone is very kind. Distributed various presents to all grades of society. Bandmaster and ? men and Prime Ministers. Fitzpatricks, Taschereaus, Burrell came to luncheon. Left the Citadel at 4.20. really very sorry to see the last of it. Crowd at the dock and very good send off. Lot of people there. Inspected Guard of Honour. There is really ? and I am really sorry. Comfortable cabins on the ship. **Empress of France**. She is all the same but smartened up a good deal. Appears we all the same so we are feeling quite at home.

Tuesday July 20 - 26 Everything alright and comfortable to start with but held up a little by fog off Cape Race. Saw some ice. Quite bright on the Sunday and Tuesday and all our party except myself collapsed. Otherwise the journey has been quite easy. Not a very interesting lot of passengers. Usual sport, games, fancy dress ball etc. Anne won the prize for children dressed as a cabbage and Jack the best for men. He appeared in Queen Victoria but called at 19 30. Miss Saunders won the ladies egg and spoon race. There seems to have been little or no news according to the wireless messages.

Wednesday July 27 got up to the dock soon after 8.30 Coakes from the Estate office was there and the two cars had arrived. Said goodbye to the Emress and got started for home about 9.45. Arrived at Buxton at 12.20. found Eddy in his mayor robes. He read an address. Ver enthusiastic and nice welcome. Moucher, Maud Rachel and Charlie were there. ? and found everyone up against the house. Splendid welcome. Really people are very nice. Talk with Burke and walked round the garden which has certainly come on a lot. Delightful to be back again and on the whole things seem fairly straight. The dry summer has had its effect and everything is very dry and burnt. Rain badly wanted. Moucher Eddy and the children now very well. Maud seems rather restless and wayward. She went back to London in the evening.

Thursday July 28 Got several letters done and telegrams off. Charney one from the King. Long talk with Burke. after luncheon eddy Charlie and I went up to the Shire Yard. Horses look well. Eddys Arab is a nice looking horse. Evie, Miss Saunders, Rachel and I went up to London. at the station we found Lady Lansdowne, Maud, Dorothy and Harold and Blanche and Kate Ryder. The girls were all looking very well. Went with Lady Lansdowne to their new house which seems very nice. Ld Lansdowne looked aged, but he has had several ?? From there we went to Dowleys where we saw the baby. He is certainly a splendid specimen. It is nice to see how really happy dorothy is. We are stopping at ? Belgrave Place. Eddy's house. It is really very nice. Seems strange to find these rather new houses with the children and their families. Dick, Moyra Alix and Kerry cae round. They all are very well.

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Friday July 29 Some rain in the early mornin and cooler. Blanche E came to breakfas. Very nice to see her again. Went by apointment to Brock at 12 to see Lord Stamfordham but he did not appear till 1.15 and then had very little to say. He is workked and tired. Got eveyrting about Bolton straight. Luncheon with Dorohty. They are certainly really happy. Father Macmillan and Ivan were there. Went to Carlton Gardes. Found Burke. Come proposals. Evie made some good progress. Saw Winton. He was really very nice but did not say much about Canada. He says his Colonial Office is interesting. Long talk with Macpherson on the whole things are satisfactory. Saw Ld Byng and certainly liked him. Long and very interesting talk. I think he will be a great.....

Saturday July 30 Saw the Meighens off at Euston. They were delighted with their trip and I htink he has learnt a lot. Saw Ld Lansdowne and had an intereting talk with thim. Went to Carlton Gardens. Evie is getting things straight there. Short talk with Macpherson and got back to Chatsworth in the evening.

Sunday July 31 Looks like a change of weather but no rain comes donw. Charlie delighted to be back there. Went to look at other's grave. Afraid it is not at all well kept but think we shall be able to get it right. Penrose was over from Hardwick. Seems very well and keen. Taylor came to ea. Long talk with him. He looks better and seems in excellent spirits. Miss Wright and Pat also came.

Monday Aug 1 Hot and stuffy. Eveyr sign of rain but it does not come down. Talks with Foster Pegg, Thompson and Penrose. They were all itneresting. I loked boht Pegg and Thompson from the ? Libraries. I had not met him before. Got through a lot of letters. Played golf with harlie and had quite a good game. The coarse is in very good order and came on a lot since I last saw it.

Tuesday Aug 2 Several showers. ? already look fresher but a steady soaking is what is required. Long talk with Burke. The Librarian from the Advocate/ Library Edinburgh and his fe came to luncheon. Interesting people. Played golf with Charlie Anne came as caddie. After tea we went round the moor with motor. Looked beautiful up there. Eddy and moucher went to Welbeck.

Wednesday Aug 3 Talk with Burke and then motored to Chesterfield with ? and Hartoff? They were going to the show. I went to Lodnon. Very ? and dull there. Dined at the Turf with Eddy Chesterfield and Bertie Willoughby. Cribbage at Pratts. The ? there and at last show a year ago.

Thursday Aug 4 Went to see the Byngs off. Quite a numner of people and they had a good send off. Long talk with Macphersons Carey. Saw Ashleigh and Bure. he cannot get to Bolton. Went up to ? Army and Public schools. Very nice to see crsicket again and at the Same time found a lot of old friends. Saw Maud in the evening. Vivian Bulkely johnston was there. I had a talk with him on her suggestion. He said he was devoted to Maud and had been for a year and a half. The main agrument that she was badly wanted help in may ways and he knows her better than anyone. Evidently Maud had told them all the objections we had raised and he said that he had never denied? them. He was really very nice, but rather think Maud might make a happier life for herself. Had a talk with her afterwards. She does not seem really to know what she wants. At any rate they have agreed not to correspond now unless she writes to him.

Friday Aug 5 Woke up with start and touch of gout. Remained in bed all day. Maud brought Arbell round to see me. She is certainly most attractive.

Saturday Aug 6 Better. Managed to get up and found when I had got a soft shoe on I could quite get about. Caught the 12.15 for Matlock. Arbell came with me and was very good. Got to Chatsworth for tea. Afraid Evie is very worried about Maud. Showery but this place looks much fresher. Everyone had been to Bakewell show. Very sorry I missed it. Found Geordie Haddington and his brother and sister. Geordie broke his arm a short time ago but it is mending alright. Think he has come on a good deal

Sunday Aug 7 Still stiff but think I have got the trouble on the move. Did not go to Chruch. ? brought her children to tea ? Lady Bonham with another lady. The ? also came. Very glad to see them again and they both ook well. **Mervyn Ridley** and his wife arrived by motor. He is just the same and it is delightful to see him again. Geodie and his brother left in the morning.

Monday Aug 8 Cloudy and unsettled. Food decidedly better but my foot still stiff. Talk with Hartoff. I think with tme and patience we can get things straighened here. Eddy and Rachel went to Buxto.

Tuesday Aug 9 Bigg?? and the visitors left. Very nice to see Mervyn again. Foot better. Long talk with Burke. ?? came down with the Carlton Garden plans and I think we got things straight. Blanche with her baby she looks a ost attractive. Cricket match. ? department ? The buildign yard easily repeated the Hourse.

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Wednesday Aug 10 Showery. ?? Talk with Burke. ? soon after two for Bolton by motor. Went over Broom (Brown) ? by Hudders field. alifax and Keighley and rached Bolton 5.30. It is really delightful to be back here again after an absence of seven years. The tenants and employees had gathered at the door and gave us a very cordial welcome. Had a look round. Eveyrthings seems much the same. The grass is looking very fresh and green and the river is high. Maud and her car arrived later. Went up to Kitchen garden and had to listen to a long grouse from Rouse. Good thing that his is going.

Thursday Aug 11 Real wet day. Afraid outlook not at all promising. Long talk with Downs. There are a number of important matters to be settled. The King with ??? arrive at 4.50 I met them at the stataion. Seems quite like yesterday that I was doint the same thing. Harry Lascelles, Dick, tom Hampde and Ivan als arrived. Moucher came by the Kings special. Still veyr stormy and unsettled but the glass is rising.

Friday Aug 12 Showery but mild. Got started baout 10 and had an excellent day. Cannot say how delightful it is to be shotting here again. Saw a lot of grouse and htings went well. Charley got his first grouse and had a good day with??? The kIng seemed very pleased and happy. Altogether quite a ? start.

Saturday Aug 13 Weather improved. Shot some in afternoon. Sot R? to Dukes friend Afraid there is not really ? as there is ? The /? Delightful day all the same and ?? The moon? looked well an the weather is very good.

Sunday aug 14 Really an old Bolton Sunday. Brought back may meories. The ? rector Mr. Tomlinson seems a charming man. He had got the Choir much better and practiced quite well. Big congregation. I read the lessons. Dene Penrose came over and will go to Ireland tonight and try to get out as much as he can ? ? The King had an a? telegram yesterday that if he got ??motors fail he ?? all big horses. Hope our ???? provocarive. I ??

Monday Aug 13 Lovely day but rather disappointing. 'we saw comparatively few grouse. We got nearly 250 brace. The Irish correspondence is ot be ?? Hoope there is still some chance of settlement.

Tuesday Aug 15 Hot and close in themorning and ?? Drops of rain later. Saw very little o....

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