

Sunday evening
Aug. 1885.

Dear Mom & Dad,

Great to talk to you tonight!
Wish we'd been there to play Rook
with you! Your good letter arrived
on Friday, and we devoured
it along with our lunch at
noon.

Mrs. McE. was with us from
Monday to Saturday. She was
just great for helping us put
up our pictures. The vertical
blinds arrived on Thursday for
the music room. They just look
lovely over the pated doors and
the windows. That is also the guest
room! And we have it looking
quite nice, I think. Mother was
thrilled with the new curtains - I've
ordered linens & liners for the D.R. &
S.R. in IVORY to match the walls &
they should be ready by the end of this
week. Then the ^{rest of the} pictures will be up
and we will feel well on to
being settled. The drapery people did

a beautiful job, if remaking the
bedroom curtains for our room ^{& width}.
There should be enough length for
your middle bedroom.

We took Mather home via
Georgetown to see Aunt Jean.
We had bought a couple
dresses for Jean at Zeller's here
and tried them on her. One
was just perfect - & one I
will return tomorrow. She
looked very nice - but can only
say "yes" & "no" - and gibberish
inbetween. It is so hard for
Mrs. McY. to accept.

Jan & Cathy & family had us
for dinner last Monday. They
have a swimming pool so
the children had great fun
with all the cousins. Alastair is
Margaret's age, Maureen is 13 & Duff
is 15. They have gone to Disneyworld
in Florida until this Thursday.

Angus is going with Mather to
Toronto to a meeting re. Ann's
school in Port Hope. They are

wanting to move Ann and the other girls into apartments & put the big house full of Mentally Retarded men. Mother is very against this as are all the parents - because they own the house & property - and they don't want the girls disturbed at this time in their lives. All are 55 and older - Mother doesn't need this extra upset.

Monday pm.

We've had a busy day. We are nearly finished putting up pictures! We worked for 1 1/2 hr. this a.m. I tried to use the new clothes dryer but it quit working after 10 minutes for no apparent reason - so I had to hang my clothes outside & ran out of clothespins after Load #2! The Sears people are coming to check it tomorrow. Then we took the rest of the day off and went to Black Creek Village which has a lot of restored buildings in it - like the Western Development Museum - It was quite nice but not as nice as Upper Canada Village

or even Saskatoon! The children
seemed interested, and liked the change.

I am enclosing your itinerary.
If you want anything changed
- just say the word. By the way -
what did the Dr. say about your
eyes - at your appointment the end
of July?

It sure will be fun having you
here. You will like our house,
I'm sure! We really have been
so lucky with houses. I think
we will commute to the airport here
via taxi - It is about \$28⁰⁰ from
Newmarket to the airport - which is
not a bad price - and one goes
straight from pt. A to pt B. - and
going via bus & subway requires too
much transferring of selves & luggage.

The children seem quite settled.
They have friends - but are also
content to be with us & each other.
Both are continually wanting to help
- whether we are cooking, baking or
pounding nails!

I met Mr. ^{Tom} Bigness on Sunday at

Church. He comes from "Harvey"
and is really looking forward to
having some one to "talk" to when
you come. He seems very nice.
Look him up in Olga & Jonas' book!
He says there aren't many Norwegians
around here and he doesn't get
a chance to speak it unless he goes
to Norway. He is a carpenter & cabinet
builder - semi-retired - He only does
custom built houses so I imagine
he's pretty good. He son has the
business now.

The church has been nearly full
all three Sundays. They feel that
they will have to go to 2 services
come September.

We have a Music Teacher for the
Children. She is quite close by and
comes highly recommended - And we
will be paying \$12/lesson (half hr.) I
nearly croaked! But that is the going
rate! I thought \$7.⁵⁰ was steep enough.

I think I better get to bed before
I start wandering & falling asleep mid-
sentence!

Tuesday a.m.

It's kind of a dull, rainy day today and my Dryer still is not repaired. And I have mountains of washing to do! I must get this "big" letter off to you.

Love

Kathleen

Wed. The dryer is fixed! I know that it sounds silly to be needing it so badly - but the high humidity here does not lend itself to drying clothes inside or out! So that is why I sigh with thankful relief now that it's fixed! K