

To Rosalie Longmore from various correspondents

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Poona

Sept. 27-1903

Dear Maynard

I wanted to answer your letter till the pictures came, which has just this moment happened. They are splendidly most-beautifully copied evidently. Many thanks indeed for them, you know as well as I do how they will be valued by all of us. This is my private letter, but of course you will get one from someone in

the name of the species.
The plates are not a bit-
conspicuous & the framing
is exceedingly nice. ^{Altogether}
I personally am more than
pleased. It was curious
that fate should have
brought you to the 52d, but
I know - at least - I think
I do - that you will not
repel the year spent with
the old Regiment - .
Many thanks again. I
need hardly say I shall
write to Miss Wilkin who
has done all the trouble
for us. Will you please

let me know who owned
the originals, so that we
can also write & thank
them for allowing them
to be copied; also what
is the name & address
of the old lady you spoke
of in Southampton who
has the original map,
or some map of her known
also by Moorsom.
When writing I trust -
you will also tell those
who have helped us to
get these most interesting
pictures, how highly they
will be valued & how
much we think of their
kindness. One thing

more, am I right - in thinking
that - your Mother was
a sister of this ~~man~~ Moorson
& therefore also a sister
of old Genl. Moorson who
Commanded at Rawal
Pindi? Tomorrow
I shall show the pictures
to the C. O. & they will
be formally handed
over to the Rep.

Yours very sincerely
L. Doughton

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DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

OTTAWA, CANADA.

18th. December, 1903.

My dear Cousin,

The Maynard's have a failing, a family one, - "putting off till to-morrow what should be done to-day". I have tried to overcome this failing but have not succeeded very well. I ought to have written you long before this in answer to your two kind letters of the 8th. September and 26th. October, but really my hands have been more than full attending to my official duties, - the demands on this Department by Parliament, throughout a long eight months session, having been very great.

I am very glad that my boy Frank has at last written telling you of his life with the Oxfordshire Regiment in Bombay and about the pictures. I thank you for sending on Capt. Dodington's letter which is most kind, and shows that Frank must have left a favourable impression behind him with the officers. The pictures are the three sketches of Lucknow you refer to, your father had them lithographed and a copy sent to each member of the family in Nova Scotia. When Frank was a boy on a visit to my Father and Mother he took a great fancy to these pictures which were hung in my Mother's room and after he went to India and found out that he was posted to your brother's old regiment wrote and asked me to have them copied as he would like to leave

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some little thing behind when the time came for him to take his departure for the "Staff Corps". Louisa Wilkins (Uncle Charlie's daughter) is very clever indeed with her brush and made the copies, which I sent Frank with instructions how to mount and frame and am glad to think they are appreciated by the Officers. The strange coincidence of his having been sent to the old 52nd. in which your father and brother served makes the gift appropriate.

Frank seems very happy where he is with the 125th. Napier Rifles and likes his surroundings very much. I am greatly obliged for what you did in getting your brother to write the authorities in India about his being sent to the Punjab Frontier, I think, on the whole, he is better pleased that matters have turned out as they have, your brother having mentioned his name will, I am sure, do him no harm with the powers that be. Will you please thank him from me.

Now, about the "Wilkins Property". I wish I could write you something satisfactory, but the fact is, at the moment I am without some necessary information to enable me to give you a clear idea of the position of matters. Since receiving your letters I have had several communications from Mr. How, to whom I sent extracts from your letters and I regret to say that the information he gives is quite indefinite. I cannot find out ^{that} any real offer of a dollar an acre was ever made for the lands by a Yankee Syndicate or that any steps have been taken by Mr. How beyond obtaining from several of the heirs a Power of

Attorney to act for them. My own idea is that the land is of little value. I may, however, be mistaken, and a little later on hope to be in a position to give you fuller and more satisfactory news. There may be some timber on the property that will bring in something, but in my judgment this is not the best time to sell and for this reason. A railway, The Halifax & South Western, subsidized by the Canadian Government, is now being built all along the coast from Halifax to Yarmouth and will pass through Shelburne but will not be fully completed and in running order at that point for a year at least, perhaps two years. I have applied for a copy of the Crown Lands map of the County of Shelburne on which I will endeavour to have laid down (approximately for the present) the position of the property; after which I will have plotted on the location of the Railway, which I can take from the plans the Company building the road are obliged to file in my Department, but which have not yet been deposited for the Shelburne section. When I get this and a report from a Shelburne lawyer I know, I will be in a better position to advise. I feel sure you agree with me that if there is anything at all in the property it will come to light when the railway is built or being built at that point.

I have never moved in the matter before having always considered the lands a "Barren Waste", but it is possible, now that railway communication is assured with the outside world, it may be worth while looking after. What I shall now try to obtain is information as to the deed, who the lands are vested in

&c., &c., and I rather fancy we will have to get an Order of the Court should we want to sell, but as to all this you will hear from me again. When I have something definite to go upon it might be well for us all to join in having a regular survey made and a proper plan prepared, indeed this may be necessary before we go much further, and if so I will write at once. I hope I have made myself understood, you may all rest assured that I shall do my best to get at the bottom of the whole matter and if the lands really represent any value will give the best advice I can as to their being held or disposed of. It will be time enough to ask the heirs for a Power of Attorney in favour of one or more persons when we are all possessed of the full facts and it will be wisdom in view of the fact of the building of the railway to continue to make haste slowly a little longer.

We are all well and so are they at Windsor, my sister, Mrs. How, has been quite ill at Annapolis but the last accounts were good. This time last year dear old father was with us, I miss him and his weekly letters more than I can tell and my Christmas this year will have its sad side. My wife's father too has since gone to his rest and like my father, was a very old man. I trust that all with you are well, may you all have a happy Christmas, and with every good wish,

Believe me,

Your affectionate Cousin,

Lady Longmore,
Southampton, England.

A. W. Maynard

nothing is
be done, from
hotel me known.
if it is about 15 mi
in or from

R. L. DE. SM.
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29, COLLINGHAM PLACE,
SOUTH KENSINGTON.

5 Dec 1907.

Dear Lady Raymond

Since your
18th Nov: I only received
1 day in return from
America.

I was up in Washington
a week or two ago and
had I then had
your enquiry before me
should have been pleased
I must have made some
investigation upon it.

I cannot at the moment
speak definitely - but should
say that they have a
Register of Titles in
Kuala Lumpur an inspection
of which would show
the party of which you
speak and any subsequent
disposal of them - after
which it would be
doubtless necessary to
define by survey the
boundaries of what -

remained -

If you let me have
further particulars
and consider some
expenditure in the
matter - warranted I
should be pleased if you
so desire to write out to
a firm in
Halifax on the matter, or
to give you their name.
Your reference to a railway
traversing the land
certainly would seem to
indicate - possibilities of
value. The railway would
no doubt - have power
to appropriate such land

as required, and indeed
may already have availed
of the presented facilities
by advertisement - or
otherwise for ascertainment
of ownership.

Many thanks, I am glad
to say I found my
mother - very well.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
A. W. M. M. M.

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29, Collingham Place, S.W.
19th July 1909.

Dear Lady Longmore,

Allan handed me the packet of papers re Wilkins Nova Scotia property which I am returning you by separate parcel. I fear this was some days ago but I have been out most evenings lately and although I looked at them soon after receipt I am afraid that my opinion on them is somewhat delayed. I fear as matters at present stand I cannot be of such service to you as I would wish. The effect of what I have before me is that there is certain property in Nova Scotia granted to ancestors of yours, which is to be regarded from two points of view (a) the definition of it (b) the title which may be in you to it in part or whole.

According to the map among the papers the property in question is situate in Pictou, Hants, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Annapolis Counties of the Province aforesaid, and the acreage 2500, 1500, 6, 5,000, 772 and 1000 respectively- 10778 acres is quite an estimable tract of country and although undeveloped land in Nova Scotia, except possibly from the point of view of the minerals which may underlie or the timber which may be upon it, ~~is~~ is not of such value as might be assumed, a tract or tracts of this extent are more than worth attention at least from future prospects - however inestimable the present ones may be.

In passing I would mention an apparent error in the map affecting one of the areas viz: the 1000 acres in Annapolis; the map shews this county to extend westwards from Kings to the limits of the Province, whereas I am aware from local knowledge that Digby County intervenes, and I think Yarmouth also - the site of the 1000 acres according to the marking would I think be in the former County, one with which I have associations in the distant past and I am glad to say the present also and almost perennially. Pictou

County I believe is rich in coal; the back lands of Digby from my acquaintance with them carry timber on the surface and granite rocks galore, what mineral wealth may underlie them I should say is more or less unknown; I have heard from an old Indian, whom I know, of attempts at gold discovery, but, so far at least as his appearance indicated, without any very tangible result, but the country has not I should say to any extent been even scratched, although I would not go so far as to say that the ~~the~~ prospects warrant even so elementary a process. But to deal with the title to the land:-

This I understand rests originally upon grant from the Crown which at least in some instances appears upon the Register.

If nothing subsequent appears those subsequent to the grantee must depend on devolution, as to which I gather from papers that your family - the Moorsoms - can lay claim to a one sixth interest.

But as to some of the land - that in Pictou is stated to have been long since sold to settlers, who or their descendants, now occupy, while as to other, there is mention of a mortgage of 5000 acres, presumably the tract in Queens County.

Messrs Drysdale and McInnes' letter of 27th July 1906 contains some statement of the respective grants and the circumstances then and subsequently concerning the ~~the~~ respective areas comprised in them - one circumstance referred to in this letter, quite apart from such title as may be made to lands referred to, very much affects their value viz: the exception of specific timber and minerals.

Assistance locally is that I fear alone which can be of any value - this appears to have been sought to some extent without any tangible result, attributable perhaps to the expense of survey

and demarcation not being accounted as warrantable in the circumstances as at present known. I hope to be in Canada in the course of this Autumn as usual, and should I in the course of my peregrination be in Halifax I will call on Mr McInnes whom I know to talk the matter over, and if possible advance your interest should such be in my power, although I do not know that in the limited time at my disposal I shall be that far to the Eastward. Should you think that I could be of any service I will ask you to let me then have the papers which I am returning, for reference with this end in view.

Meanwhile I may summarise the position to be as follows as to Title:-

- (1) The adequacy of the Grant, which I do not assume could be in dispute.
 - (2) The dealing with the respective areas by the grantees in their lifetime or by Will.
 - (3) The substantiation of your heirship to the original grantees
 - (4) That adverse title by possession or otherwise has not been established.
- And what is an essential to any useful purpose in any of the former,
- (5) The identification and definition by survey or otherwise of the property which is the subject of the claim.

I fear you may esteem the foregoing but of little value towards the attainment of the purpose which you have in hand, but at least I can supplement it by the assurance that if I can be of service to you in this or any other context I should derive much pleasure from such aid as it might be in my power to render.

Yours sincerely,

A. A. Mearns

I have had this typed as I fear my hand is rather difficult to decipher.



Almednagar

Oct. 2nd 1903

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Dear Rosalie,

I expect you are very much annoyed with me for not writing to you after my arrival in India nearly two years ago. I don't think I can offer any excuse for not writing except that I kept putting it off till at last I forgot about it. Of course you know that for my first year in India I was attached to your brother's old regiment

the 15th 2nd Light Infantry
or in other words the
2nd Oxfordshire Lt. Inf.
I did not know that this
was his regiment till one
day I was looking through
an old book of photographs
of officers who had been
in the regiment & I saw
his amongst them. There
is a great deal written in
the records of the Ox. Lt. Inf.
about your brother in fact
more than of any other
officer, which is very interesting
reading. Some years ago

when I was at my grandfather Maynard's house at Windsor N.S. I remember having seen some ~~sketch~~ drawings which your brother had done when he was a subaltern in the 52nd. These drawings my father had copied for me by Louisa Wilkins, & sent them out here to me; I then presented them to the regiment. They were jolly pleased to get them as you will see ~~by~~ from a letter which I will enclose in this. The letter is from the adjutant ~~Chas. Dodder~~ Chas. Marriott - Dodington; he was particularly nice to me while I was with the regiment & is an exceedingly nice chap. When I was staying with you at Southampton I remember seeing a sketch that your brother did while he was in India. I told Dodington about this & he said that he should very much like to get a copy of it for the regiment.

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provided that you were willing I had no objections. I am writing to you partly to ask you if you mind allowing the sketches to be copied, & partly to tell you about my presenting the drawings to your brother's old regiment. You will see by Capt. Dodington's letter that he is rather misiced about my relationship to you but I think I have made it clear to him.

I have been fortunate in
having been sent to a
good native regiment & at
present I am in a good
station. On leaving the 52nd
I applied for a regiment in
the Punjab Frontier Force
but the authorities sent me
to this one saying that
I was to remain in it
till a vacancy occurred
in one of the Frontier
Force regiments. I am still
very keen to go to the P.F.F.
one reason being that I am

badly placed in this regiment for promotion
because there are 3 or 4 chaps ahead of
me who have very little more service
than I have. Father told me that your
brother Gen. Morrison had written to
the A.C. in India about me; I am ever
so much obliged to ~~you~~ him for doing so.
Will you please tell ~~him~~ him I said so.
Please ~~and~~ remember me to Rosalie
Lawrence & your son Jack. The 152nd
are going home this month; they sail
from Bombay about Oct. 25th and
ought to arrive in Southampton about
3 weeks afterwards. I have given Chit
Dodington your address so he may
possibly call on you but I cannot say
for certain. I cannot think of anything
now to add ~~so good bye~~. So will stop.
With much love I remain your affectionate
cousin. Francis Maynard

P.S. Will you please
send Dodington's
letter to my father
after you have read it.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
ATLANTIC SERVICE



R.M.S. Empress of Ireland

July 26th 1908

Dear Mr. Maynard -

I ought to have written to you before this with regard to affairs in Nova Scotia - but since I got back I have been very much on the run round & am sorry to say it has been put off until now. I went down to Halifax - saw the solicitors there with whom Chris Maje had been in communication - from there went on to stay a few days with Madie Ruthford - went with her to Windsor - where I saw your sisters & the Miss Wilkins - then on to Mr. How & took him with me down to Shelburne to see what

could be done there - I think part of the Wilkins property - at any rate - is saleable & of some value - especially the ~~area~~ ^{area} lots near Shelburne. - The land at Junning Cove (575 acres) is not at all what I expected to find from the letters - which gave me the idea that it was largely meadow land being farmed - it is almost entirely timber - no doubt mostly small - but for the most part fairly intact - I should say not more than about 15-20 acres having been taken up by squatters - who are pokee folk in a small way - & have no doubt used a good deal of timber off the property. - The big grant near Shelburne - 5000 acres, with another smaller grant adjoining - I could not attempt to go through - but as far as I can

make out it is all timberland
beyond some 500 acres of bog. &
has probably not been much
cut. & not squatted on at all
- The only way to tell what
these grants are worth is to have
the boundaries run out & the
land cruised. & for this job
I got an estimate from a certain
Mr. Mackay - (from Invercary, &
very highly recommended to me)
of \$100. - Considering the kind
of land & size of grants I should
say this is not at all excessive.
- I saw him & had a talk with
him concerning values & gather
from what he said - that the
big lot (5000 acres) - if at all
what he expected would probably
be saleable at the present time
for about \$1 (one dollar) per acre
- This does not sound much - but
even this would be worth getting.

& of course there is a possibility
of fair sized timber in the big
lot. which would make it bring
a higher price -
- Miss Maynard at Windon
told me she understood some \$800
had been paid as compensation by
the Rly. Co. for passing through the
Punning Cove property - I could
hear nothing of this & understand
from a Mr. White - Solicitor at Shellburne
that the compensation was assessed
at \$25. - & that this large sum
awaits the heirs of old J. Belknap -
& I think there must be some
mistake as to the larger amount.
- possibly it was for some adjoining
property of more value -
- as to Mr. How's position - I
feel quite sure - whatever may
have been the case in the past -
he is now perfectly willing &
anxious to work with the family
generally - to get the matter settled
up. - Then with regard to the
deeds which were drawn up by

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
ATLANTIC SERVICE



R.M.S. _____

Mr. White - ¹⁹ signed by Caum
Maynard - Sadie R. & others
making over their interest in
the property to Mr. How (which
appears to make Mr. & Mrs. N. interested
in the property to the extent of one
half). - This he told me was
drawn up simply with the idea
of getting sufficient power to
deal with squatters, cutters of timber
etc. - but with no idea of ever
taking more than Mr. How's share
should the property be of value.
- This Mr. How told me in Mr.
White's office. - Also I do not
think those who signed the
documents - really had any
power to deal with the property -
in any case a letter by brother

has from Mr. N. states ^{emphatically} ~~emphatically~~
that they have no interest beyond
an equal one with yourself &
your sisters etc. - Sadie R.
- Mr. How certainly used these
papers - possibly with some effect -
to keep people from taking land
& timber at Gumming Cove. - He
must have taken some trouble
to look after the affairs when
living at Shelburne. & certainly
up to date can have got no
compensation for it in any shape.
- I mention this so certainly we
in England were under a
misunderstanding as to his position.
- Thinking he knew a good deal
more about the property than we
could find out - whereas I feel
sure he knows us more about it
than I do at the present time.
- I wrote very fully concerning
the whole matter to my mother
from N.S. - about a fortnight ago
& asked her to get explanation

to the members of the family interested
on one side - so that direct I got
home he could decide the best thing
to be done - personally I think
there is sufficient value in the
property to make it worth going
ahead with - also I gathered from
my talk with Mr. White - that
there would be very little trouble
with regard to proving the title.
- I spent the evening with him
& it was really most interesting
as he knew all about the Wilkins
family from the earliest times - his
family having gone to Shelburne
at the same time as old J. Wilkins -
- My mother or myself will
write to you again after we have
met & I will then send you a
plan I have from the Crown Lands Office
of the Shelburne property
- Should we go ahead & sell this
it would then be worth finding out
about other grants - but I think

most of them are no longer Wilkins
property - I enquired about some
2500 acres in Picton - this has all
gone years ago - I think we
should probably find that the
same applies to a big part there
was near Sejke.

- I much enjoyed my visit
to N.S. & making the acquaintance
of your sisters & the other members
of the family - in fact from the
day we landed at Victoria until
sailing on the 24th we have had
a perfectly delightful time -
- With kindest regards to Mrs.
Maynard & believe me

Yrs. v. sincerely
W. A. Longmore

Middelburg C. C. S. Africa. L. 69/7

17th May 07.

My dear Rosie

Yours of April 27th glad to
hear of you. and that you are getting
sounder. As regards the *Noth Scolia*
acrus. the matter was given into in
1864. I corresponded with Halifax
Congress. then on the subject. but
nothing came of it. I don't want to
throw cold water on your aspirations.
but really think the acrus. as ordinary
as the "Humboldt Millium". that is -
as far as getting hold of them goes -
you if found, and then likely then
will be difficult in proving them,
and I am 4 pence, no doubt, considerable.

I think it would be throwing good
money after bad. - if you are very
true. and can't see what you would
I will help. but do not think
4 pounds would be wise - as that
was paid 43 years ago. I should not
be of opinion that would be better
than now. I see "Mr. Justice Lawrence"
reported in today's local paper. as having
just sailed for England. he would be a
good man to ask on the subject. -
I am sorry I am not of your way of
thinking in the matter; what the
public view, generally, may be I don't
know -
Hope John and family have arrived all right.

Must look out for Captain Stewart
A. S. C. and his wife when they arrive here.
A little cold to our party, wind. but
bright and sunny. on arrival of going
to the Victoria Falls. Zambesi. in
July. Bulawayo and the Malopo
Luis, Rhodesia &c. perhaps visit
Victoria. Johannesburg and Johannesburg
to see our friends of the Launce. at latter
place. Travelling in this country is
expensive. will have to be hard funds but.
I am glad to see how low the
doubtless, or whether it is called,
"Guthrie" perhaps, continued for this
year at accept. - also, as I thought,
that it is available. Half mile he called
on to pay up for his late Charles defilement.

I heard from Linn, with yours, yesterday.
He enclosed a letter from Doc. but I had
heard from D. a week or two ago. —
All well here — A good church, but
beyond that, we, that is B. & myself,
do not think much of the country.
A cutting behind India, or some
Kashmir, 50 years or more ago to
this last.

Our best love.

Your affectionate brother always.

L. Johnson

the timber on the land, and no doubt if Americans are there taking out timber, the land will be of considerable value, and well worth looking after, and protecting, if not sold. If there is a large saw mill near the property, I fear much of the timber has already been taken out.

My Father, on leaving the Army, received a grant of 1,000 acres, he never looked after it, and the consequence was that most of the valuable timber had been cut from it, and sold by unscrupulous people; we however managed to sell it a year or two ago for about \$3 an acre. I went up and saw it when I was out there, and got on the track of the man who had cut much of the timber and forced him to buy it.

In the case of these lands, to look up titles, have the land surveyed, pay lawyers expenses &c will take a lot of money; of course, if it resulted satisfactorily, the expenses could be paid out of the sale of the lands. If anything is done it should be done at once, or the land which no doubt has already been badly robbed of timber will go on being robbed, and will thereby become less valuable every

year. I wonder my Father-in-law, the old Judge,
had never said anything about these lands, he
could have thought very little of them, and I am
sorry I cannot give you any help in throwing
light on the matter.

I thank you for your good wishes as to my rubber
venture turning out well; my only hope now is in
this. I have had a hard and anxious year of
it; and last year the State gave me of the poorest
cocoa crops it has ever given, and this has very
seriously hampered me.

I feel the separation from my girls very keenly,
and they feel it also, but we all go on hoping that
it may turn out right in the end. My little Eddie
is just recovering from a serious illness, diphtheria,
I was very anxious about her, I hope she will soon
recover her strength.

Hoping you are all well.

Yours sincerely,

H. B. Myers.

Mr Myers married
Sadie's Aunt - ~~Reminds~~
Wilkins, daughter of my
Uncle Lewis (see 2^d page)
& has an interest - for his
3 parts, his wife is dead.

I have not time to write
 more to night. I wish I
 could throw more light on
 things. I told you before
 that Grandfather did not
 think the land worth
 much. I must say
 A. How wanted
 them it is funny
 he waited till
 Grandfather died
 & then asked me,
 a girl, under age, ⁶⁹ I may
 see Harry ¹⁹⁰⁶ next year.
 See Harry's application
 Scrib.

SI HILDA'S,
 CASPEREAU.

I hasten to answer
 as well as I can all your
 questions about the Wilkins
 property. I only remember
 relinquishing my right to
 lands in Shelburne county,
not elsewhere. I fear that
 on investigation you will
 find those all others are
 now. Grandfather always

Talked to me of every thing:
& I feel certain that, had
there still been any other
lands, he would have told
me. They probably have
been disposed of long ago.
The very farm the Chas.
Wilkins family now
occupy may be part of
them. I am going through
your letter to answer all
questions. I believe I signed
away all interest in Wilkins
lands in Shelburn Co. —
said interest to be especially

divided between Mattie How &
the Chas. Wilkins family.
That is what I meant
to do.

I do not think my father
had anything whatever
to do with Uncle Martin's
will — he could not have
been an executor — if he
was, this is the first I
have heard of it.

I do not think the Mayes
gave up their interest.
Mabel knows nothing of
it. I enclose Uncle Harry's
address, so you may write to him.

I cannot remember hearing
of Martin S. Wilkins
I think you are wrong
in our statement in your
letter to L. Sturge. You
speak of Martin J. Wilkins
as the son of Isaac. I
remember him well. He
was Grandfather's brother
& son of Judge L. M. Wilkins.
He was your mother's brother.
I do not believe he was
attorney General of N. S.
In his latter days he was
^{prothonotary}
~~Prothonotary~~ at Halifax.
Besides Chas. & Lewis there
is a daughter Charlotte living.

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ST HILDA'S.

GASPEREAU.

Nova Scotia

March 1st

Dear Aunt Rosie

I enclose a cutting
from our daily paper
referring to a government
survey of the forests of
Nova Scotia. I do not know
if the Shelburn property
was included in D. Fenwick's
last years work or if it
remains to be done.

If you have not already
got all the information
you want, it might be
advisable to write to him.

In haste & with much
love — Always affec^{tly}ly

Sari Rutherford.

Did the Maynards
not say that Martin
told them of the
large sum of money
paid by the railway
company? Why not ask
him about it?

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ST HILDA'S,
GASPEREAU.

Nova Scotia
July 19th

My Dear Harry

Thank you very much
for writing so fully about the
Shelburne land. I am glad
you went down to see it.
I am sure there could be no
difficulty about the title, &
\$5000, would be quite worth
while trying to get. I must
say I think it strange
about that \$830! What can

have given rise to the report.
I am writing to-day to
the cousins at Windsor
telling them what you say
We expect to get off to
the sea-side - somewhere
near Weymouth, in about
a fortnight. To-morrow Lalie
& I are going with Mrs
Townshend to a circus at
Kentville - a great event.
I hope this will catch
you before you sail & that
you will have a safe &
pleasant voyage. Give Aunt

Posie much love from me.
I have invested about \$3000
in the Dominion Bk. so
you see I lost no time in
acting on your advice. It
pays such splendid interest.

I shall think of you all
in August enjoying bores.
I am afraid we are anchored
here for some years.

With kind remembrances
from us all -

Yr. affec. cousin
Savi.

Wmason

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Nova Scotia

Canada

June 4th 1913.

My dear Cousin Rosalie

We received your letter
of the 23 of May this afternoon, &
I shall answer it - at once. Mr. Paris
married a dear young friend of ours
Connie DeWolf - Our sister Isabel has
had charge of her ever since she was
a little child, and Isabel is now
living with Mr & Mrs Paris, in Viking
Alberta, (out-West) Viking is about three
thousand miles from Nova Scotia -

Mr. Travis visited N.S. last April, and came
to see me at Ravenswood - our old home -
where we are still living. Mr. T. was very
much interested in our Plaster property,
and I understood wanted to buy it.
But we were then negotiating with
another party, and have since sold
it to the latter. My sister, Ellie & Nancy,
mentioned the woodland in Shelburne
to Mr. Travis, and he said, "he might make
some inquiries in the matter. We told
him we would like him to find out
all he could about the property.
We knew for an instant understood
he was going into the business in the

may he seems to have done. Our dear brother
Charlie did all in his power to help find
out-everything, but he met with little
encouragement. We have Grandfather's
Old Family Bible with dates of marriages
and Births of this family, and also
marriage, and births of our father's
family. We could send copies of
the same, I miss your dear, good
Sister Isabel's loving, affectionate
I have a good many, and it is
a pleasure to read them over again.
I am so sorry they have had so
much trouble in their family. please

give my love to Lovie and Rosie.
Dear Cousin Isabel was very good
to Ellie and me, indeed I think she
spent her life in doing good to
others. I must now end as I
want to try and send this by
the evening mail. With love

Your affectionate Cousin
Louisa A. Wilkins.