

nice person and a beautiful singer ; she is considered the finest singer in Toronto. They both sing splendidly, and lead the choir at the English Cathedral (St James'), where I heard them last Sunday. He has been very good to me, and so has his partner Mr Hewit, both having introduced me to most of the influential firms here, and if I fail in getting into one, he expects to take me into his own office ; so you see I am all right.

The gentleman I mentioned to you in my last is a Mr Arthur, of "Smith and Arthur"; they have a very large place, and do a very extensive business in the wholesale grocery way. Well I called on him yesterday, and gave him a specimen of my writing and figuring, in the shape of two pages of a cash-book, Cr. and Dr. side ; he called on Mr Hewit and told him he was extremely well pleased with my writing, and he fully expects to be able to take me in a fortnight or three weeks at the most. In the meantime I am going to join Mr Stewart, who has gone for his holidays to a place sixty miles north, where I will get any amount of shooting and fishing, and as my money is running low, I want to get out of the town till my situation is ready.

I am up every morning at 8 a.m., and to bed every night at half past 10 p.m. Every day since my arrival I have rowed over to the island (I told you about) and had a bathe, as I think it does me good ; I can swim now five hundred yards, so you see I am learning. This is a very pretty town, and there are some beautiful walks. We have a nice park, which is approached by a splendid avenue of old trees one mile long, and in the evening it is deliciously cool. Close to the park is the College of Canada, and you have no idea what a splendid edifice it