

Sir Arthur Currie,

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Phyllis, as you can certainly exchange a great many interesting and illuminating experiences with each other. We are looking forward with keen delight to their return. You will, of course, have heard why there was no possibility of their meeting you in India owing to the change in their itinerary.

You have all missed a very fine winter here with an abundance of sunshine, just sufficient snow to encourage the winter sports, and no excessively cold weather. Owing to the extreme dryness last Fall, it would have been better if we had had a little more snow. March has been a real Spring month, the snow disappeared rapidly, the sun was bright and the temperature reasonable. I returned to-day from three or four days at Woodlands over the Easter week-end. They were perfect days, no snow in the fields and most of the ice had gone out of the lake which was as calm as a mill pond in the bright sunshine. It was a great change and we thoroughly enjoyed it, and did not know how much we were bound up in the old place. We have rented the house for the summer, which leaves Mrs. Ross, and those of us who can go down, free to go to Perce again. Phyllis probably will have told you all the new moves at Perce.

Affairs at McGill have gone along very smoothly. Professor Adams' lectures drew capacity crowds at Moyse Hall, and he also delivered a very interesting address at the Canadian Club. I attended the first lecture and promptly went to sleep. However, what I read of the address next day in the "Gazette" seemed to be very intelligent and I was ashamed of my mentality. He has improved at each address and has made quite a serious contribution to the questions he discussed.

I have also come to learn in the last few days that Shag is the most potent moral and uplifting influence at the University - probably because the Principal is away, and there seems to be a universal demand for his reinstatement as coach to the football club. The hockey team were in great shape this year and performed prodigious feats of valour, and I think should have been in the final play-off, but perhaps it is just as well they did not get quite so far.

The professional hockey series has had its ups and downs. I fortunately changed my Maroon tickets to Canadiens, and there is no question that they are the finest exponents of the game and play the better team game, as well as showing the greatest speed in skating. They vanquished Boston by 3 games to 2, three of which went to over time. They have also defeated Chicago in the first of the final for the Stanley Cup, and play the second match here this week.