

that old General Robertson was always flattering himself with receiving something and would be annoyed. He did not seem to pay much attention.

Lady Holderness invited me to dine with her on Monday next. I entertained myself for a long time with several persons, with Mrs. Tyson, who spoke to me about the illness of her brother, the General, which she did not believe to be dangerous. She then gave me the history of General Robertson's love affairs, whom she blames, and thinks that his wife had just reason to consider his conduct extraordinary, seeing that he followed Miss _____ everywhere like a young man, and spent whole hours under her widow to have the pleasure of seeing her.

General Christie set out to-day. There was a Mrs. Hall, who was a young Dutch lady, connected with the Vanderduin family, but does not live with her husband, who allows her £500 or £900 (*pièces*) a year, on which she lives comfortably. She is no longer young or pretty, but is amiable, and has had the good fortune to be well introduced here, I suppose by Lady Holderness and Sir Joseph York.

10. *Tuesday*. Lieutenant De Chamban (Deschambault) of the 44th, arrived from Quebec and brought me letters dated the 14th February, from Colonel Hope, Mabane and Mathews, which give me an idea of the confusion reigning in Canada. It appears that Hope is behaving well, perhaps from the influence Mabane has obtained over him; the Chief Justice is unmasked as a fool, and Lord Dr. [Dorchester] observes a silence so profound that the best friends of Government do not know what to think and that knowing he had asked for Smith as his Chief Justice believe that all the latter does is by order of Government. However, all the Canadians seeing the Quebec Act in danger, have united on Mr. Hope and the true friends of Government, which has restored the balance. Colonel Clewes, Dr. Brown and Deschambault dined with me; the latter gave a natural enough recital of all that had passed in Canada, and especially of the obstinate silence of Lord Dorchester. Colonel Clewes read me a part of a letter from Mr. Lingen [Langan?], Sir John Johnson's secretary, which gave him great praise for his conduct in the committee and the Legislative Council, where he was in opposition, that is for the repeal of the Quebec Act.

There is a certain Hogdon [Ogden?], a lawyer, formerly of Jersey (New Jersey), a great rebel and very much the friend of Smith, who has obtained for him an office in Canada. He has behaved badly since his arrival in that country and has declared himself Judge Smith's champion. I hope for the good of that province they will not remain there long. Finlay, Green, Holland, Caldwell, Collins and Smith were in opposition.

11. *Wednesday*. Met Lord Sydney who was coming from his office. I acquainted him with the contents of the letters I had received from Quebec. He said he had never a good opinion of Smith, but that Lord Dorchester had asked for him and had made himself responsible for his conduct. He told me further, that every one, except Mascres and a person who was no longer in the country, spoke well of Mabane; that Lord Dorchester, although he did not speak so highly of him as I, spoke well of him, although he did not believe him to know much.

I met Lord Harrington in the park, with whom I walked for a long time. He asked me to come in to rest in his house. I accompanied him, and he introduced me to Her Ladyship, with whom I chatted for half an hour. In leaving His Lordship asked me if I were not engaged, to return at five o'clock and dine with him. I excused myself. I am happy to have made his acquaintance. Deschambault and the Davisons dined with me. The elder Davison seemed a little serious, no doubt on account of his business.

12. *Thursday*. Went to breakfast with Lord Sydney, with whom I found his son. I made them read General Hope's letter. His Lordship told me that he had never had a good opinion of the Chief Justice, but that I might be persuaded he could do Hope no harm; that he knew no one of whom the King had a better opinion. I said how fortunate it was that he commanded the province. He agreed and shortly after began on other topics, especially on Prince Ferdinand, the present reigning