

for eight years. Two or three days after getting there I had to fly back on account of Dad's worsening condition. Then after the funeral I had to go back to New York to drive the family home here. This recital of events is intended only to explain my present desire not to embark on any more trips, except to Toronto, until our return to the West.

Now I know how much you have looked forward to seeing Kincardine and Col. Clark and how much he desires another visit ~~to~~ from you. I really do hate to disappoint you and him and were it not that family circumstances practically demand my presence here and that I am awfully tired, nothing would give me greater pleasure than another jaunt to Kincardine. There is also the problem of having our children looked after here. Unfortunately there is no trustworthy person around whom we can employ to move in and look after them while we are away.

I hope you will understand all this and believe me when I say how much I regret having to spoil your plans. So much has happened recently that I did not foresee!

Yours sincerely,
Rayer.