

Recd 25/1/57 Mrs MAM 139 ~~London~~ ~~to~~ ~~ex~~ ~~London~~ Box 3; Delhi, Ont. Can. Jan. 14/57. this am zero, deep snow

Dear Wesley, Yours of 6th. left Sydney on the 8th. reached us here this pm. I figure that if I get this off to-morrow the 15th. you will get it on the 22nd. We are glad you are enjoying your sojourn in Sydney so well. glad you find the cost of things are reasonable, and that the freight cost of what you want to bring with you, will not be so dear as the new price, you would have to pay in Canada. We were interested in the Shark-proof swimming pool, a strange sight to be sure. We are also glad that you are enjoying the fellowship of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Y.P. and the variety they show in there meetings.

We are going on day after day, in the ordinary run of old folks who are retired. Your Mother, is some better to-day, can move about the house, I can safely leave her here alone while I go up to the P.O. This not so all the time, I must keep close watch night and day, last night was very cold I had to get up and light the bedroom fire. The snow is deep outside as you seen it many a time in the past years.

Mrs G.E. Quance and Margaret brought us a fine warm dinner which we did justice to on Sunday the 13th. indeed they gave us so much that we just finished up the goodies to-day.

You know that Margaret is teaching in the new part of our Public school. Elinor and her husband live in Toronto now, have a nice baby boy. Bruce Lehman is working for the Delhi Utilities firm to west of Corner's Irrigation Works.

We note that you expect to arrive in London England on the 12th of March '57. We trust you will come direct here from London. From March 12th. to April 12th² would burn up about one month in England, why?? I have explained that it is very important that you get here as swiftly as you can, with no delays en-route. ~~the~~ England is in a very poor condition, has to borrow money from U.S. and Canada. to cover interest on her National Finance. Not at all a place to tarry in when you are in a hurry to get home to Canada.

The rest of the family are well so far as we know, they had a pleasant Christmas, in each home.

Fred was here a few days ago, to see Mother and I. we told him of your homecoming, he was very much interested, I asked him if you could get a job here, and he said, " Oh something will turn up " So that is how the pulse beats here, not a very rosy outlook eh?

Now I guess I'll get busy getting the supper ready, more anon. Now Supper is over, 6-40pm. now it is 2 below zero.

I guess, you ^{can} get one more letter to us before you sail, these people you correspond with from England, write here, just begging letters for money, I leave them on the file, you will get them when you get here. there is not much news from here. Delhi is now a town, has a Mayor, Ralph Wilson, Reeve, E.W. Phillips. Deputy Reeve Lyle Coyle, and 6 councillors, most of whom you do not know.

Our New Church, has 2/3rds of the roof, on, will probably will be covered in by the end of next week.

Mrs R. Stuart, (nee Udene McLean) called on us last week, on her way back to SARNIA where she is teaching.

Now I will close this letter for lack of further news good sailing, and a swift trip home. As ever, your Father.

William M. Leonard