

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 3, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh Lodge, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N.S. July 3rd, (1896) My dear Alec:

By all the laws of justice I ought to be writing Elsie instead of you tonight, as I had a nice long letter from her this morning and still none from you. But I am too sleepy for two letters tonight and after all I flatter myself you want my letters as much as Elsie. Thank her for her nice letter about the boat race. I am so glad she is having such a good time. I hope you see that she is dressed both appropriately and nicely and that her joints meet. And don't you wear your afternoon clothes in the morning, it's not appropriate.

Lina, Douglas and I are at the Lodge tonight. Maude McKeen is keeping Daisy company at the point and Duncan is coming here to sleep. I have been on the go every moment since I got up. I had breakfast by myself and was all over the place, down to the Lodge and back again before anyone else was ready for breakfast. It really is wicked to be in bed these exquisite days. Then I took Lina over to Crescent Grove, rowed there and back, revisited the Lodge and home to lunch. Then we dressed and went over to Miss McCurdy's to a tea party, then took Mrs. Guillem out for a row and finally came on here.

Why are you not here. It is a great shame you cannot enjoy this beautiful weather.

Lina got her bicycle up without any difficulty as part of 2 her luggage. She says she has had a good time today and everyone says how well she is looking. I wish she would be satisfied and let me go to sleep but I believe she wants to talk when I get through writing. I miss you so much.

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Now having said my say I will close. Tomorrow is the Fourth, I don't know how to celebrate it. Our flag is always flying so I cannot see what more we can do. You I suppose will have a lovely time and a bad headache too, I fear.

Much love to my little girl. Tell her to look after you.

Ever yours.