

Victoria, BC

8 Dec. '00

Dear Frances,

As you can see Marston Court has returned my October letter to me after nearly 2 months. I expect they thought about you "out of sight, out of mind". Anyway you can now have a glimpse of my Yukon adventure.

Things here are getting busier for Christmas. With the Presbyterians we rang handbells at the Colwood retirement home, on Wednesday, & tomorrow (Sat.) we go to another one, Mt. Tolmie, so we have to leave here tomorrow morning at 8:45 am. I will be in Mary

Waddell's car! They are a nice bunch & have a different approach.

Tomorrow afternoon Marie & her friend Maxine & I are going to make our annual trip to Butchart's Gardens for the Christmas lights there & the carols & steamy plate of stew to wash you up. It is a ritual. The



② Grandson of the original owners of the Garden, took over the reins last year & has made the place famous for its birdwatching displays, but he has just died suddenly, & we don't know who will continue it.

On Sunday afternoon the Gaelic choir are bidden to a shower as one of the girls is going to have a baby. I will tell you about that

in my next letter.

I hope you have opened this letter immediately & are not saving it for Christmas. And I hope you are going to have a very happy congenial Christmas in your new home.

Much love to

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