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Dear Cousin Francis:-

I like your cheery opening letter salutation better than the sterotype one I am using, but here goes. One is somehow a slave to habit in spite of the desire to break into new territory.

Instead of having such an extensive list of overseas correspondents as you seem to have dug up, I have just returned from a trip to the British Isles, land of our forefathers, and while there had the pleasure of meeting some, a very few only, old acquaintances and relatives, as well as a whole host of new arrivals there since I left the scene over 52 years ago. One relative was born five years after I left Ireland, is now Senator Douglas, in the Irish Parliament at Dublin. Time changes surroundings very quickly, doesn't it, so far as the human portion of it is concerned. I saw once again the old homestead where I was born and the location of the old Francis home, which was close by. The old home buildings in both cases are gone, and the place that once knew them now knows them no more. Such is the record of the passing years.

I too have a book written by Senator Hayden, now dead, but formerly of the Canadian Senate, on the pioneer settlement of the District of Bathurst, which now comprises the counties of Carleton, Lanark and Renfrew. This book is very interesting and is well written. Hayden who was a lawyer knew his subject intimately. I met George Francis a short time ago in Ottawa, where he lives

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at 82 second Avenue. He is son of Jonathan Francis, (son of James Francis the original of Kilmarnock). This man might be able to supply you with some additional information regarding his and our ancestors in that section of the world.

Alex. Fraser, with whom you have been in correspondence here died a few months ago. He was a good old age at the time of his death, lived a busy, good and very useful life, and his passing leaves a blank in not only his family circle but this community that will be difficult to fill as completely and quietly as my friend of many years, and close neighbour did. Edwin Kearney, a brother of Graham's died a short time ago. He was a lawyer and had lived in Hailebury for many years. And so the present generation pass on and a new one, takes its place, as I found it recently in Ireland and England.

I am a wee bit afraid that the Muldoon trunk of letters will be off the map long long ago. I have two or three of the old letters written by my grandfather Pedlow to James Francis his brother-in-law. These are very much treasured by me. There were no such things as postage stamps in those far off days. The recipient paid the delivery charges which were marked on the outside of the letter (there were no envelopes in those days either). The letter was carefully folded and sealed with sealing wax. Postage charges 2/6 or 3/- marked in ink indicated the charges to be paid. A few years ago, one of my grandchildren, who lives at Long Island, New York, collared all my old stamps, so I am cleaned out completely, except for a few modern issues. I did have a complete set of the jubilee stamps included among them was one of the half-cent issue, which are very scarce. I am enclosing a few stamps that may be of interest to you. These are all recent issues.

I am still as you may guess in active service, may be a candidate in the coming Federal election if friends can induce me to be foolish enough to accept nomination, am still an undergraduate, and have ceased to reach after the moon. So there you are.

If you do decide on making the trip to Canada, I

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shall be very pleased to have you come a chat for a while
over things and persons of mutual interest. Of which
there are, evidently many. Sincere regards,

Yours faithfully,

Cousin,

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