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My brother Cecil's
9th birthday.

Dear Gordon:

Congratulations on your recent honour
and trophy award!

On September 11th I boarded the train at
Georg (9:00 P.M.) and rode all the way to
Vancouver. I had a two-day visit there
with cousins, then flew home early last
Monday morning. For me, it was like a
tonic. I was in dire need of a trip like
that one.

En-route, I got a bit of proof-reading
done on the ship-coming book. I had a charming
~~young~~ well-educated young lady (B.A. in psychology)
as far as Edmonton. She was most helpful
with the proof-reading.

The Canadian VIA's No. one train of 12 coaches,
runs from Toronto to Vancouver with no changes
in equipment, locomotives & coaches, only servicing
along the way. Three more coaches were added
at Jasper.

The sleeping car coaches are all named MANORS.
like Sherwood Manor, McDonald Manor, etc. I had
a lot of fun on the train telling people "to
watch their manors." At my age, one can
get away with that kind of behaviour.

My cousin in Burnaby is married to a retired
secondary school math teacher. I told him of the
wonderful math teacher I had in Grade 10 at
C.C.I. She was exceptionally good at

expounding on a theorem in Geometry. She was not only a math teacher, but also a magician, after thoroughly and clearly making her presentation at the blackboard, she would say: - "now watch the board while I go through it again."

My book is progressing at the printers. I am behind on final proof reading. On Friday I took the last half of the final print outs to C.D.C.I. west, and I have asked Peter Delanty to take a class of students, spread a few pages to each and have them finish up my proof work. It would do the students good, to apply themselves to such a task. Some of those letters will give them a bit of an insight into what W.W.I war was like.

This week, I have been busy catching up on sleep, my mail and a lot of other things.

My lake front park plan is going ahead, next Friday Mr. Wayne Deveau, and a couple of others are accompanying me on a conducted tour of the Welland Canal's harbor, Port Weller.

While the train was being serviced in Winsing, I had the privilege of climbing into the cab of these two powerful diesel locomotives. I sat in the driver's seat, with the array of controls in front of me. What an experience!

With this park installation, I want to sit in the "driver's seat." I understand the operation of all the "controls." Someone else in that position, would likely "put the train off the track."

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