



Interesting  
& indiscreet

Bagshot Park,  
Surrey.

Aug. 14. 1911.

Dearest Lénil,

I wish you  
with all my heart many  
many happy returns  
of yr. birthday & all  
happiness & good luck.  
I hope you'll spend  
the day very happily  
& in good health.



Postage  
paid



I do wish you would  
let me have those  
opera glasses back to  
have them changed  
if the sight is not  
quite right or not  
strong enough, or in  
any way not quite  
right..

The heat continues & the  
shortage of water is  
rather alarming - also  
no ice is to be had  
just now..

Politically the outlook  
gets worse, & also these  
strikes are terrible.

I am afraid the  
feeling in the country  
is general discontent.



All sorts of rumours  
reach me wh. are not  
at all pleasant - I do  
also wish the King would  
give up going to India.  
Lt. Ritchever who was  
here was very strong on  
that subject, also that  
he could not understand  
the Duke being allowed  
to go to Canada during  
the King's absence.





Sagehol Park,  
Surrey.

I wonder the King  
is not petitioned  
on that subject. I  
am sure he has no  
idea of what the  
real feeling is about  
it. I am told my  
privately that the Queen  
is not in favour of



Handwritten text, possibly a date or reference, in the top left corner.



a Regent as she wants  
to be that herself !!!

Mr Louise is here  
since last Saturday -  
not looking at all  
well. she goes tomorrow  
but returns Thursday to  
Sat: night & then takes  
up her abode in a

little house she has taken  
for a couple of months  
at Cambridge - I must  
understand during that  
when she has speculated  
plans of her own to go  
to in Scotland ! ? -  
She tells me she has  
been much urged to  
go to Canada to reside  
there !!! (considering



that she was not very  
popular there this  
strikes me as odd -  
she says she will go  
over any how later on  
to see us there !!! -

how much more all my  
warmest good wishes  
& blessings dearest friend

Ever y<sup>r</sup>. devoted

Louise Margaret.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA.

Oct. 22. 1911.

Thanks so much for your letter. Goodbye  
for the moment  
Y. Christal  
say!  
I must leave,  
It was quite  
horrid saying goodbye  
but I think we kept  
a smiling face all  
through it, we must  
have looked like a  
ghostly grin!



Our receptions were  
most enthusiastic  
& I have there have  
never been such

crowds of ~~the~~ people  
here before.

We are settling down  
gradually. it is very  
difficult tho' as

practically nothing has  
been done what was  
promised six months  
ago - & the house is  
very dirty & dilapidated  
& really looks as if  
no one had lived  
in it for years!!

I must think how  
<sup>their predecessors</sup> Lord & Lady Grey  
the boys managed?



Bells & lights are  
out of order & the  
whole thing most  
neglected.

The "city" (we don't talk  
of town here) is rambling,  
some fine official  
buildings, the rest  
wooden villas & huts  
& infamous roads.



We are off in a few  
days to Montreal for  
a weeks functions!

I was present in  
the H<sup>se</sup> of C. yesterday  
When <sup>BORDEN</sup> H. Borden made  
his admirable speech  
on the gift of Canada  
to our Navy &c. &c.  
It was most



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
OTTAWA

splendid & moving  
when at the end the  
whole Govt side ~~got~~<sup>rose</sup>  
up to cheer Borden & then  
they all sang God  
save the King - the  
opposition all joining  
in. (with only one exception)

It was a grand  
& historical event.

Post just going.

All best love

J. devoted  
Lm.



West End of Long  
St. East End

W. End of Long  
St. East End



GOVT:House,Ottawa,Nov:..1911.

Dearest Leonie,

I wonder if you will mind very much my typing  
you a letter instead of writing it with my fingers ?

I only learnt to do so on the voyage out and am not good at it yet  
yet-so please forgive the many mistakes I make.

We are settling down very slowly as we found the house wanted  
so much doing to, most of all perhaps <sup>m</sup> the servants quarters  
and basement, but in time it will be very nice I hope. and  
the house is most comfortable and all the rooms a very good  
size. It has been rather fun rearranging the rooms.

Today I have been to visit two hospitals, and am going to  
have a look at all the charitable institutions in turn.

I think so often of you kind friend and hope you are well,  
I suppose you are now back in town ?

All our staff seem very happy and splendid in doing all  
they can to be of use and most anxious to do the right thing,  
they are very good about leaving cards and calling which  
<sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ hard work as everybody seems to spend fortunes in paste  
board here. it does seem a terrible waste of time.

the Duke is very well "unberufen" and goes out for walks  
or Golf whenever he can.- Yesterday we gave our first  
dinner party, we had some rather heavy people to entertain



New York, Nov. 1911.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I received your letter of the 14th and was glad to hear from you.

You are better interested in writing to me than I am.

I only learnt to do so on the way out and at present at 10

yet please forgive the many mistakes I make.

We are settling down very slowly as we found the house rather

so much doing to most of all besides the servant matters

and basement, but in time it will be very good I hope, and

the house is most comfortable and all the rooms are very good

also. It has been rather fun rearranging the rooms.

Today I have been to visit the hospital and am going to

have a look at all the charitable institutions in town.

I think so often of you kind friends and hope you are well.

I suppose you are now back in town?

All our staff seem very happy and satisfied in doing all

they can to help me and are anxious to do the right thing

they are very good about leaving cards and calling when

it is hard work as everybody seems to spend time in

doing their work. It does seem a terrible waste of time.

The Duke is very well and happy and has not been out of the

on his 18th birthday. Yesterday he gave out his

first party and was very happy and gave out his



but I think it went off quite well. one lady was either a little mad or very hysterical we could not make which maddy she was suffering from? We started off the Welte-Mignon which was a great help, and besides that it is the most delightful thing to have.--

The staff seem already very popular and are constantly asked out to meals. I like Mr. Ramsay and Captain Long very much, they are both so different and particularly nice. the private Sec: Mr. Sladen is most useful as he of course knows everybody here and his little Canadian wife nice too. In fact we are a very happy little family here. Evie is quite splendid, so energetic, so wonderfully helpful and always with sunshine in her face and in every way most useful to me. --She has not yet found the black bearded man you always prophesy that she will marry, I am glad to say...!!! What fun we shall have when you come out, it will be delicious to see you again, I do hope you will keep your promise and come soon, wont you.

Do write and tell what you are doing

I hope all your family are well and that you have no anxieties.

I send you my warmest love dearest Leonie

ever your devoted

Louise Maynard.



but I think it went off all right. Well, one lady was sitting

little and very quiet. I don't know what she was doing.

and she was sitting there. I don't know what she was doing.

which was a great help. I don't know what she was doing.

most beautiful thing to see.

the still seen almost

copied and are constantly asked out to meals. I like Mr.

Remay and Captain Long very much. They are both so different

and particularly nice. The private Sec. Mr. Stinson is most

useful as he of course knows everybody here and his little

Canadian wife who is a very nice little

family here. I like the little children so much. I don't know

helpful and always with something to be done in every way

most useful to me. She has not yet found the time to

and you always know that she will be right on time to

that in we shall know when you come out it will be perfect

to see you again. I do hope you will keep your promise and

come soon. Love you

Go with love. Tell Mr. Stinson

I hope all your family are well. I don't know what she was doing.

I send you my warmest regards.

Ever your devoted



*Via Reine*  
*Canada*  
Ottawa, Nov: 13. 1911.

Dearest Leonie,

We are preparing now for our first big functions,

The opening of Parliament on the 16. a large mens dinner of about a hundred, followed by a Reception. And on the 18. the Drawingroom. This will I fear be a frightful crush as people are coming to it from all parts of the country and not a room is to be had now in the City for love or money. It is not done by invitation, but anybody can come who <sup>comes</sup> ~~comes~~ to the door in evening dress or something near it. This is not a practicle arrangement as no one can tell how full it is likely to be. We have settled to sit all the time as it would be too tiring to stand, I for one could not do it. And I dont think people can mind it as they know it is always done by T. Ms. at home.

All the poeple we have met so far have been almost ~~been~~ <sup>very</sup> easy to get on with and they dont seem difficult to please.

It will make <sup>ym</sup> smile when I tell you that I have been described as a good "Mixer", the meaning I need not explain as I suppose it comes from the States, so <sup>ym</sup> will be familiar with it. Another lump of butter we have told of, is that they say our dinner parties are much less stiff than the Greys, it seems that she always sent for people to talk to and I walk about and sit down to have a word with all our guests, like I do at home, at the balls and large parties later on I shall have to get people brought up as I cant run round and look for them.

Yesterday it was quite hot in the morning and to day it is freezing, it has been rather a severe change. I shall have to <sup>Keep</sup> indoors today as I am inclined to cough, and I cant afford to <sup>be</sup> laid up now just before the big functions. There is an old flame of the Dukes here, who told Evie that he is much handsomer even now than he was when he was quite young!! She is a







Miss Gorden, and was the "BELLE" of Montreal in old days.

You will have heard that we go to Toronto soon, we shall have a very busy time there, a huge programme has been made for us, I only hope it will not be too <sup>cold</sup> already then. then we go to Hamilton for a day which will also be very full.

This reminds me -- how very stupid of Ld. Hamilton to get into such a hopeless mess, I really am very sorry because he is so nice and to wreck his life is too silly.---- but I suppose the lady is very artful and tenacious.---

I wonder what people at home say about the changes in the Cabinet I don't fancy it can have pleased anyone??? --not even Mr. ~~Mc Kenna~~ himself ???.

We have had endless bothers in getting things right in the house here it was all in a ~~mess~~ and no Department under any special head, and no one responsible. And the waste of money quite incredible and wicked. there <sup>was</sup> so many pockets into which it flowed en route that nothing has been properly kept up, <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ is really disgraceful, as the annual grant is very large and the house as well as the estate ought to be in perfect order. The Minister of Pub: works is most anxious that this is to be changed, and in time I hope we shall get it all put on a businesslike working order. --Quite entre nous we none of ~~a~~ us can think how the Greys managed, to let things go on like this.

I am afraid that when you come you will be surprised how little there is here at Ottawa to show you, except the Govt: Buildings and their splendid situation there is nothing beautiful about this town to show. The city is growing fast but they run up tiny little wooden shanties which are far from being objects of beauty. The worst of all is that the roads and even the streets are so bad that one can hardly drive



and for motors they are worse , but people dont seem to mind  
and certainly dont bother to improve them. and another terribly  
neglected thing is the drainage which is in a shocking state,  
this is a real cause for danger and although there was a frightful  
outbreak of Enteric fever here last year there is nothing  
being done for it.

I really <sup>have</sup> inflicted you with very long letter so I must stop.  
And also beg you wont mind the many mistakes I still make with  
this machine.

I do hope you are very well and having a pleasant time ?-

I heard that you had enjoyed the Wagner Operas and that they  
were well given , how I would have loved hearing them with you.

With my very best love, Dearest Leonie,

Ever Your loving and devoted

*Leonie Langford*



Ottawa, Nov: 22. 1911.

Dearest Leonie,

It gave me so much pleasure to get your nice long letter and I thank you so very much for it. Our two big functions<sup>and</sup> went off very well and were both very <sup>good</sup> shows. The Duke read the speeches from the throne very well indeed, one in English and then in French. I had two little Pages on both occasions to carry my train and they looked awfully nice and added much to the show. Lady Minto first started having pages, which I think was a good thing and I would have had to trail my ~~train~~ <sup>train</sup> behind me which does not look well, and no one else wears one not even at the drawing room, except a few who did it to please themselves. We were very much struck how well ladies were dressed for it, and I think nearly all must have had new frocks made for that evening. the ladies are not expected to wear feathers and veils either, but out of the 2,000 that came past only about four had none. It was the largest Drawing Room ever held here, never more than 800 have ever come before, it was a most wonderful tribute of loyalty and really most remarkable. People came from all parts of the Dominion to attend it. They all made such good curtsies too, (I am told they had practised them hard) the only thing was that we found rather a great absence of beauty and jewels. I went to the Hse. of Commons to hear the debate on the speech from the throne which was very interesting. Sir Wilfred Laurier made a very personal and bitter attack on the new Prime Minister and on some of the other Ministers which struck one as a little out of place on that occasion.

I think so often of you dearest Leonie, I hope you are well and having a pleasant time?--We have had rather a shock this evening as Daisy cabled that Gustaf has to be operated on for appendicitis-- I do hope all will go well with him.--  
with all my best love, Always your devoted

*Am.*







Troubles of a  
Vice-Reine of Canada!

Ottawa, Dec:17.1911.

Dearest Leonie,

We returned yesterday from Montreal where we had a very busy time. We had receptions, visited hospitals, convents, University, an exhibition of arts and crafts, attended a ball, a "Reception populaire", opened the health Congress, and entertained the elite of Montreal at luncheons and dinners and went to the Opera. Our time was not wasted as you see. We met with very good receptions everywhere, people seemed very pleased and were very pleasant and ~~not~~ forthcoming and easy to get on with. We had to talk a lot of French, they are rather silly about that because most of them speak English perfectly and they only do it out of "pose". Some of the ladies are quite good looking and all very smart, and some even had lovely jewels, one or two had tiaras which is very unusual in spite of their great riches. Wherever we went I was given the most beautiful flowers. The visits to the convents were rather trying because the girls all recited or read us the most fulsome addresses and sang songs composed in our honour, it is difficult to ~~get~~ through those sort of things and looked pleased without laughing--- in fact you will not ~~know~~ me again, I have had to cultivate a permanent smile, which I feel looks like a perpetual grin and makes my face ache. And then the amount of "butter" one gets and gives in return is quite a tax on one's brain, but one can't give them enough they swallow as much as one is able to give, it is quite extraordinary. We are now going to prepare for Xmas as we are going to have a tree for the servants and the school children of this parish, unless there is too much illness. The small-pox are going about and we have all been vaccinated, enteric fever is also in the



town. later on our doctor intends to inoculate us all against that . In the <sup>mean</sup> ~~mean~~ time he is in bed with a slight attack of appendicitis, and poor thing he will have to get operated on.

I am happy to say that Gustaf is recovering very well from his operation, and is up and going about a little already. It must ~~be~~ have been a great worry for daisy for all that, and not at all good for her just now, luckily she is always very calm so I hope it has not told on her health..

The tennis court in the house here is a great help when the weather is bad and one cant as yet go in for winter sports. Even the Duke has taken to the game which is a great thing for him and a change from his daily rather tiresome walks .


Did you hear that my French maid is a great failure as she has the temper of all the devils put together and abuses all the other servants -- it is really very bad luck that people wont tell the truth when they give characters to ~~servants~~ one is so taken in and it really is not fair on one . A second maid is coming out to me now , I have given the french one another chance but it is no use, she is not improving.--

We have deep snow again but it is quite mild with it so ~~We~~ dont think that it will last.

I do hope that you are very well dearest Léonie ?and I hope you will spend a very happy Xmas with your family .

I send you my warmest love

Ever your devoted





GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

March 22. 1912.

Dearest Leonie,

Most grateful thanks for your dear letter, and for the stockings you so kindly sent me to try. Alas, they are too transpiring for me as my bandage for my bad leg shows through too much, it is a great pity as the smaller size fit my good leg alright, but the larger size <sup>might do</sup> ~~but~~ is just a bit too small in the leg on account of the bandages I have to wear. So very reluctantly I must return them to you with very ~~my~~ many thanks. —

I am so glad you are having spring weather, here it has turned cold again, and yesterday we had another, though only a mild blizzard. But the ice is so bad, I have not skated since our excellent Pro: left. —

The Duke is a good deal better but the pain has not left yet, but he walks much better, and he looks well. —

We have another week-end party coming tomorrow from Montreal.

And next week the Lieut: Governor of Ontario and his family come as he has to be knighted by the Duke. We are arranging luncheon and dinner parties for them. They are nice but very middle class sort of people, very narrow minded, and very goody goody, so I expect I shall have to retire to my upper chamber for a cigarette!!!!!!

Next week we are going to begin "First Aid" Lectures here, Capt: Worthington is going to hold them, and we have asked about 25 young ladies to join the class. As the skating is all but over I thought it would be a useful and interesting way of filling up the time.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
OTTAWA

I arranged similar classes both in India and at Aldershot and they were a great success. The A.D.C.s are much hurt that they are not allowed to join.!!!---

I have just shown the stockings to Evie and she will try them I think and let you know the result.--

I have been out to look if the ice was any good but it is all flaking off so it is no use for skating.--

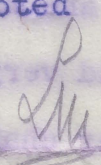
We are much amused at Lady Warwick's failure, and one can't help being pleased at it. The political news from home are very bad and now the Bill has passed after all, and is a very serious state of things, and may lead to worse ones.--

I wonder if you have seen Warlich?--Please do not forget to ask Mrs:Guinness to show you old Altman's collection of pictures and his other fine things. I know you would be delighted if you saw them.

Now it is past and lunch time so I must end. with all my best love

Ever dearest Leonie,

Your devoted





GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

April 18. 1912.

Dearest Leonie,

I thank you so much for your dear letter wh: I got last evening. I am so glad that your son is getting on better at last and that you were able to leave him to go to New York, how very glad you must be, I hope that the improvement will now go on steadily and that his quick recovery is ensured.-

One can think of nothing but the awful disaster of the "Titanic" that is such an awful horror that words cant express what one feels about it.-

The day is dark and we are having heavy rain wh: will do a lot of good to the country. For two days now we have been able to play Golf wh: really was very pleasant, but today the wet stops us again, we are going to see some pictures instead by an amateur Canadian which does not sound very promising .

I expect the Duke has told you that every night this week we have to go and sit through amateur theatrical and musical performances wh: are very poor ,Ld. Grey started them for the amusement of people in the winter months, and he asked poor old Sir John Hare to come over and judge them, he is here now but has been ill and not been able to go to any, but Lady Hare I hear is horrified at the badness of them. I do think it was rather hard lines to drag the old man over here for such rotten performances. We have had some very interesting people here staying with us



lately, Doctor and Mrs. Grenfell were both very pleasant and he most interesting about his work on the Labrador coast. Then we had a big railway Magnat here, Sir Donald Mann, he is quite a ~~sea~~ self-made man and it was wonderful to hear him tell me all about his work and how he begun life as quite a poor little lad working on a farm, and how he little by little got on. And now he is one of the biggest men in this country. We have quite a lot of people coming this week, first of all for the week-end, and then for the ball we give on the 23., and then another week-end party and that finishes us off before we leave here. We have had already 70 guests staying with us here, and our parties have been very successful and given us the chance of making the acquaintance of many very prominent people out here, they have all been pleased to have been asked and a great number said that they had never been inside this house before.--

I am afraid I have written you an even duller letter than usual so please forgive me.

So I end with my best love and all good wishes

Ever dearest Leonie,

Your devoted

Louise Magnat



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

March 21, 1914.

Dearest Leonie,

It was very nice getting your dear letter this morning, very many thanks for it. - The Duke has no doubt kept you informed of all the ups and downs about the Bulkeley's affairs. I think the line we have taken about them is the only one we could. From a letter I had from her today she has taken the line of being very grateful that the Duke has allowed them to stay over in London as her mother is so ill, this I quite expected as she is very clever and without making a row this was the only way to take the Duke's wishes. I must be quite honest and tell you that although I feel she must leave our Household, as she is so very much disliked by everybody, I do feel sad as she was such a great friend of mine and a very good lady-in-waiting. But she has played her cards very badly and has brought all this on by this <sup>old behaviour</sup>. She has made such an enemy of Patsy too that it is really not possible for her to stay on. I hope therefore that all this will lead to her and his resigning, and it would be so much more pleasant if they did this without a row and on their own without being made to do so. He has always been such an excellent Controller out here that it would be so ungrateful to have to send him away. Patsy is quite excited and if she had her own way would wish us to give them both the sack at once. I can't quite make it out, but from what I can gather P. must have complained to the King about E. <sup>when I was ill</sup> as he wrote to the Duke that E. must go, as she made Patsy's life very



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
MONTREAL  
difficult and that E. was very much disliked by all his household.

I have asked Katherine Villiers about this and she says she had not ever heard it. <sup>Montreal</sup> I think Major Wigram had something against E. in India and he must have told the king things which he now makes the most of.

There are of course so many wheels within wheels in all this affair that it is difficult to make them all out, and it is best perhaps not even to try to do so. But it is quite clear to me that go they must.

In the mean time the Duke has written quite clearly to T.B. that E. cant come out whilst her mother is still alive and when the end does come she cannot either, as she must keep away for two or three months of deep mourning, and as poor Lady Lilian is still alive it makes her coming out to do waiting more and more improbable. Her coming now or in deep mourning would be very much criticised and both for her as well as from our point of view.---In the mean time I have had letters from her expressing much gratitude to the Duke for allowing her to stay in England under the existing sad circumstances!! it is pretty clever of her to take this line!!!---

I am afraid I have been a great bore telling you all this in such detail but I wanted you to know exactly how things stand and what my view of the situation is.--- It is astounding to me how badly she has plaid her cards all round, and is cutting her own throat in doing so, in fact she has quite lost her head, and her selfishness has absolutely done for her !!!!!-----

*I need hardly add that I have never once in my letters to her said that I wanted her to come out here. ---*



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

W.R.  
Sept: 22. 1914.

dearest Leonie,

I know you dislike my typing but beg you will let me do so all the same!!! We have a wonderful return of heat i is 85 in my sitting room now, and I think my hand would stick to the paper if I wrote with pen and ink!!---

The horrors of this war make one quite speechless, no words can express one's feelings!! especially all the barbaric things the Germans are doing, it <sup>is</sup> simply beyond belief, and to think that they are the people I came from makes me sad beyond expression, I do mind and feel it all most terribly. But it seems impossible that such a War and such sacrifice of life can go on, it seems too too awful, and besides the world cant go on paying as it does!!!

I have today cabled a very large sum of money over to the Admiralty and War Office as the gift of the "Women of Canada" for hospital puposes, which I am proud of being connected with.- I must tell you also privately that I have had a good deal of work and trouble about it, as the diffrent Cities were not unanimous, and I went to Toronto and Montreal to speak to the ladies Committees, and had to pour oil on the troubled waters, but at last they have all agreed as to the disposition of the money. ---

You will hear all about the troops in camp at Valcartier from the Duke so I will not say anything about that. It was my first visit to the camp and I was very pleasantly surprised how fit and well



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
OTTAWA

the men looked, and I have rather a critical eye for that sort of thing, the only difficult thing are the untrained officers and non-commissioned officers, but they will get more training at home of course before they are sent to the war.----

Our staff as you know is a wonderful jumble now, I can't say much about them as yet, they are all very willing but quite green as to their work and duties.---

I do hope you have good news of Norman? -It makes one quite ill reading the casualty lists and one glances at the names with *fear* as to whose name will come next.----

Poor Gay Plymouth I do ~~feel~~ feel most deeply for her, I dare not write to her yet it is too heartrending.---

Next week we go to Montreal for a few days, as there are several ~~thin~~ things we have to do there.---Both <sup>the other day</sup> at Montreal and Toronto, I went to see the Red Cross at work and found both men and women very busy and business-like, here we also have rooms in the City where much work is done.---

With my best love & hoping that we may meet again soon & will not have to stay out here too long  
Ever devoted Leonie

J. devoted Amy.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Oct: 10. 1914.

Dearest Leonie,

Oh, the sadness and the horrors of this war!!!

it is quite unbelievable that in this century people could do such things, and I feel sure <sup>we ordered</sup> made to do them which is so terrible, I cant help being sorry for the men, it must be so awful to have fight if you want <sup>h</sup> or not. The suffering they inflict and <sup>the</sup> suffering they go through must be beyond belief. --- If we could only get the Emperor or Crown Prince <sup>as prisoners</sup> it would do such good, and bring them to their senses. --- It is despairing sitting here, one wants to be ~~do~~ doing things. People here have hardly realized that there is a war going on, and now that a handful of men have been sent out, they think they have done all, and more, than is wanted of them=== I do hope you hear from Norman and he is well? - It is a great sadness to me that I could not see our boy before he left, we hear ~~th~~ that he was ill and had to <sup>be</sup> sent to Paris for a time, a few days I think, but <sup>was</sup> back at <sup>Head</sup> Headquarters. His little wife is at Bagshot and Lady Hilda Murray is there with her, and she works and helps to look after ~~the~~ Belgian refugees, we have 14 or 15 there, and they also help to work for our soldiers, and the children go to school and are learning English. --- I wonder if you have heard from poor Mensdorf sinse he had to leave England, he must be very unhappy poor man, I am very very sorry for him. ---



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
OTTAWA

You will have heard that Worthington has also now left us, I do hope he will be able to send us out another doctor as to be left to quite incompetent men out here is very frightening, as we know from bitter experience that they are hopelessly bad!!! And the thought of another horrible cold and interminable winter out here is very trying.—

When I get more than usually depressed I think of all the poor people who really suffer and who have had such <sup>terrible</sup> ~~terrible~~ <sup>trials</sup> then one feels ashamed to be worrying over ones own small trials.

If only I had more to do, one longs to do things, either for the soldiers, the wounded or the refugees, that would help so much to know one was of use.—

We are so afraid that people will expect us to entertain them this winter, they don't really care about this war and wonder why we do, and think they have a right to be given dinners and all sorts of amusements and we don't feel we can do it !!!!—

Besides without a staff it, almost impossible to do so, still I fear no one will think of that or make allowances for it.—

I hope you are well, I was so sorry to hear you could not sleep! I know what that is! —

Best love & devotion  
V. devoted  
V.M.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Dec. 11. 1914.

General Lönne,

Oh, dear how  
sad it all is - nothing  
but sorrow & suffering -  
but it is simply  
wonderful in that  
spirit of self sacrifice  
Mothers & Widows take



their losses — it  
must all mean  
something very  
splendid — I prepare  
for another better  
life. —

I do thank you so  
much for writing  
to me. —

You will be glad to

know that the Duke  
has at last got a  
mil: sec: & A.S. Co.  
& a lamp troller —

The Duke was terribly  
hard worked & looked  
so worried & tired  
often, I was quite  
anxious — now he is  
himself again. —

Oh, how long is this  
awful War going to  
last??



One spends most time  
writing letters of sympathy  
& then the answers  
come - all so heartrending  
but one & all so  
resigned & brave it  
is marvellous!

Bless you dearest

Gr. Mott

Ly.



(The Duchess  
van Sennar born)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA

Nov. 20. 1914.

Dearest Lennie,

It was good of  
you to write - my thoughts  
are so very very often with  
you - What a splendid  
letter you wrote!  
Oh, the sadness of all  
this war!

Your Ambassador & by  
Spring Rice have paid



was a little visit wh. was  
pleasant - they are both  
so charming & I think  
he has helped the Duke  
by interviewing a number  
of people here -

We are getting a staff  
again & that also is a  
very good thing & the  
Duke looks much less  
worried now - he was

not looking well & I was  
watching him with  
some worry - but I hope  
now it will be easier for  
him to carry on his  
work. -

If only the Russians  
came on quicker, I  
think that would help  
very much -

It is simply too  
terrible to think of  
the strain & hardships



our troops are enduring  
with such wonderful  
pluck & determination -

I am ever & more  
& more thankful that  
Germany was my home  
only so few years of my  
childhood!!!

Bless you dearest friend

Em. f. Schott  
Em.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA.

Feb. 18. 1915.

Dear Mr. Lemie,

I thank you  
very much for yr. letter  
& my interesting letter.  
You seem to be wonderful  
in all you are doing  
& are able to do!  
It is lucky for you -  
one wants to be



doing something all  
the time & here it  
means doing nothing  
but knitting & that I  
do almost all day -  
I have now a machine  
wh. I got out of home  
& am learning to make  
socks on it -

The Duke returned with

to Winnipeg this morning.

It looks now as if the  
War would be very long  
yet & the struggle will  
go on now by sea as well  
as by land - no one  
seems to get quite the  
upper hand in either  
Army or Navy - they are  
all as it were on the  
same level. - One day  
one thinks we are getting



on in the Russian, <sup>then</sup>  
we get a nasty setback  
by the G's coming on with  
more vigour! -

No news fr. here - all  
are well - Ld R. K. will is  
quite prehistoric in thought  
& manner & somehow  
does not fit in here at  
all!!! He is still my  
devoted tho' to Julia &  
writes every mail & he should  
me one letter fr. his <sup>beginning</sup>  
"my dearest Dick"!!



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

The others all laugh  
at him behind his  
back. When the men  
tell each other stories in  
the smoking room (they  
told me) Mr. R. H. knows  
the room if he thinks  
them "not quite nice"!!!

The others of the staff  
do quite well. Waff  
is nice but my Scotch



my like humour, tho'  
he has perhaps more  
sense of humour. —

I am so glad for both  
your sakes that Mr.  
Lister has been given  
a command that will  
help greatly I am sure.  
as inactivity just  
now is terribly hard  
to bear —

Patsy goes on skating day  
after day — & the staff both  
male & female like it  
also to the point of a  
passion. —

I often feel my forbearance  
having no one I can  
talk to about anything.  
The Duke is either busy  
in his office, or writing  
letters or reading the Papers.  
& we both pore over newspapers  
when I don't knit! —



Post going - this may  
never reach you - & go  
to the bottom of the  
Atlantic and there by  
y. sub marinus!! -

Adios you dearish

J. Hooker  
Lm.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

April 15. 1915.

Dearest Lionel,  
You have  
written me such sweet  
kind letters - I was  
very I know to even  
think, still more to  
say what I did!  
One's heart & mind  
are so full of this



andress - these horrors  
that we can't really  
say anything -

I hear the big Bankers  
think the War can't  
last beyond Sept:  
as the expenditure  
of all the belligerent  
nations is so colossal.

if only it could be so!

The Duke proposes  
Parliament is postponed  
today, & I go with him -

In the 18<sup>th</sup> we go  
to Montreal - I have  
not left Ottawa since  
last Oct:!! -

How you must  
have done of you to  
write me as you  
did!



It is quite impossible  
for <sup>the DUKE</sup> P. to go home -  
Miss Yerke talks of  
doing so & then I shall  
be left quite without  
any body, & Miss Y. has  
to write endless letters  
for me -

Best love

Ever f. devoted

Wm.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Dec. 30. 1915.

General Ginnie,

I thank you  
a thousand times for  
the book wh. I  
like quite particularly,  
it was good of you to  
send it me. And  
then I thank you for



your last long letter -  
I think you must have  
misunderstood me - I  
do work - do all I  
can to help & give -  
no more - I really am  
not as idle as is  
thought at home. -  
Patry is quite happy

now skating - singing -  
painting at times -  
When the time comes  
we shall send her  
home to remain there,  
& we will follow -  
When we can, when  
our time here is over -  
But we do not wish  
her to go over for a  
time <sup>only</sup> when here -



Mother was here & gave  
a most successful concert  
for the Red X & made  
over £1000 here at Btham  
alone wh. is wonderful  
for this little town - she  
made herself my  
pleasant in the house  
& the result was that  
she gave Patsy singing  
lessons !!! & now P. is full  
of fire! -



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

The Duke is well except  
for a cough he can't get  
rid of & an irritable  
throat wh. always  
worries me - he works  
my head & has many  
difficult nuts to crack.  
Politicians are terrible  
people !!!



Ed. Richmond is my  
upset - and at his  
father's death - he  
also had the goat, we  
did not know how to  
help to cheer him up,  
but he'll's visit  
came just at the  
right moment - wh - was  
my pleasure for him -

We have deeper snow  
than we have had the  
last few winters - only  
the first there was even  
more still - this is  
our fifth here. It is  
very cold too & walking  
most precarious of ice  
& snow - I have had  
a tiresome fall - the  
others too have all  
been down but mostly



on the ice skating - I go  
& watch them sometimes  
or often stay in doors for  
days. -

I hope you know the  
pleasant Irish soft winter  
& the babies of poor  
little China are a bright  
spot in all this sadness  
& gloom -

May the New Year bring us  
Peace! Bless you & your  
kind ever f. devoted My.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

May. 3. 1916.

Dearest Lennie,

I send you  
my warmest good  
wishes for y<sup>r</sup> birthday,  
my thoughts will be  
much with you that  
day - so they will also  
be on the sad  
anniversary when



you dear human gave  
up his life for his  
country in such a  
gallant manner -

The service at Westminster  
must have been most  
solemn & impressive  
& most gratefully  
acknowledged!  
Oh, the sorrow & sadness  
of this War!!!

This morning I got  
your parcel, such a delightful  
surprise - it brought  
me such a sweet message  
fr. you for my birthday,  
& I thank you a  
thousand times for it.

V. returned yesterday  
safely fr. our long tour  
West wh. was most  
interesting & pleasant  
& had there was all good.



Now we are thinking  
of our home going - &  
are preparing for the  
Worshippers' arrival.  
I think they are an  
excellent choice. -

With you and all of  
friends -

Love & devoted

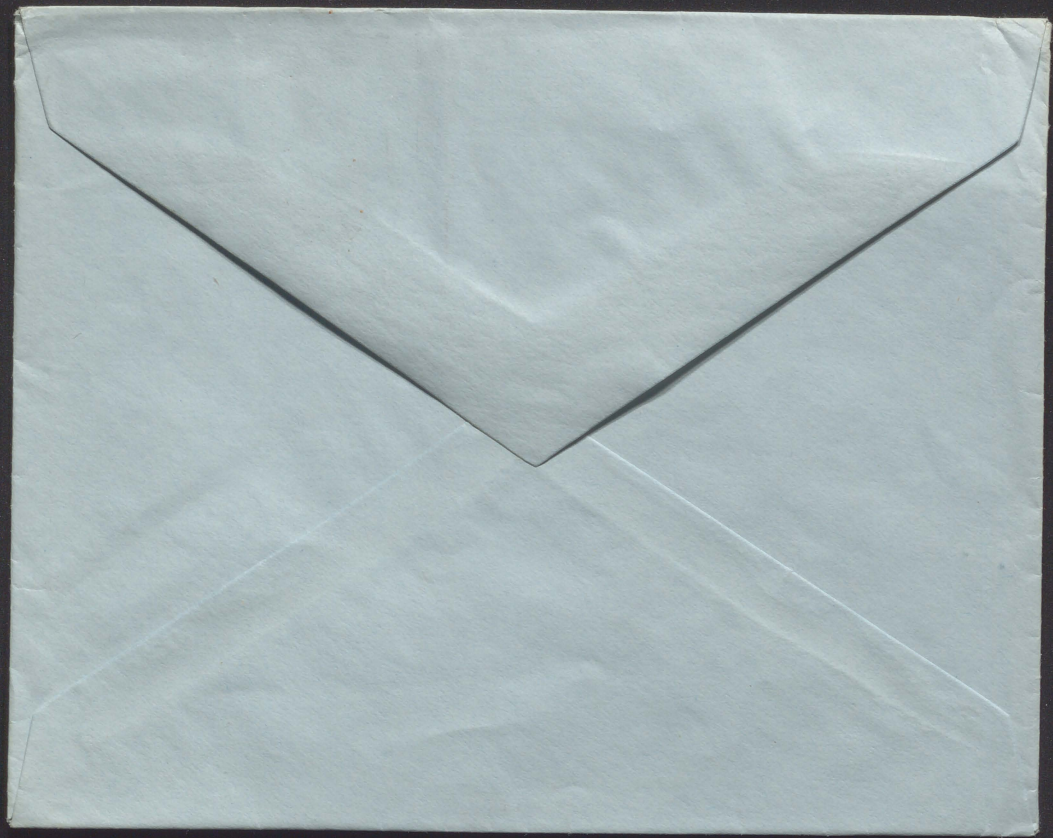
Thy.



Royal Hospital 1904

wishes to buy a place  
in Ireland: dreads being  
under the jealous eye of  
Buckingham Palace







2, 9, 25

1903/47

Dec 27, 03

Jan 1, 04

Oct 20, 07

Royal Hospital and  
Irish County House life  
in 1904  
and about the Duke



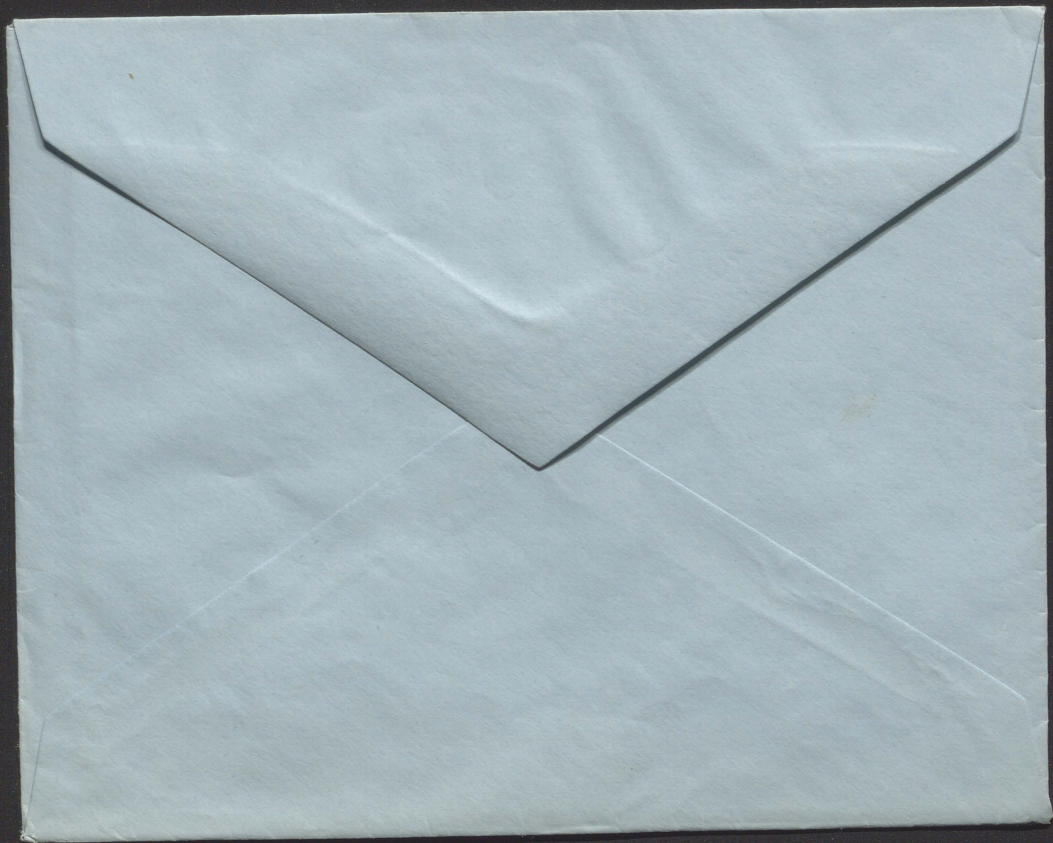




1903

RUDENESS of the  
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.



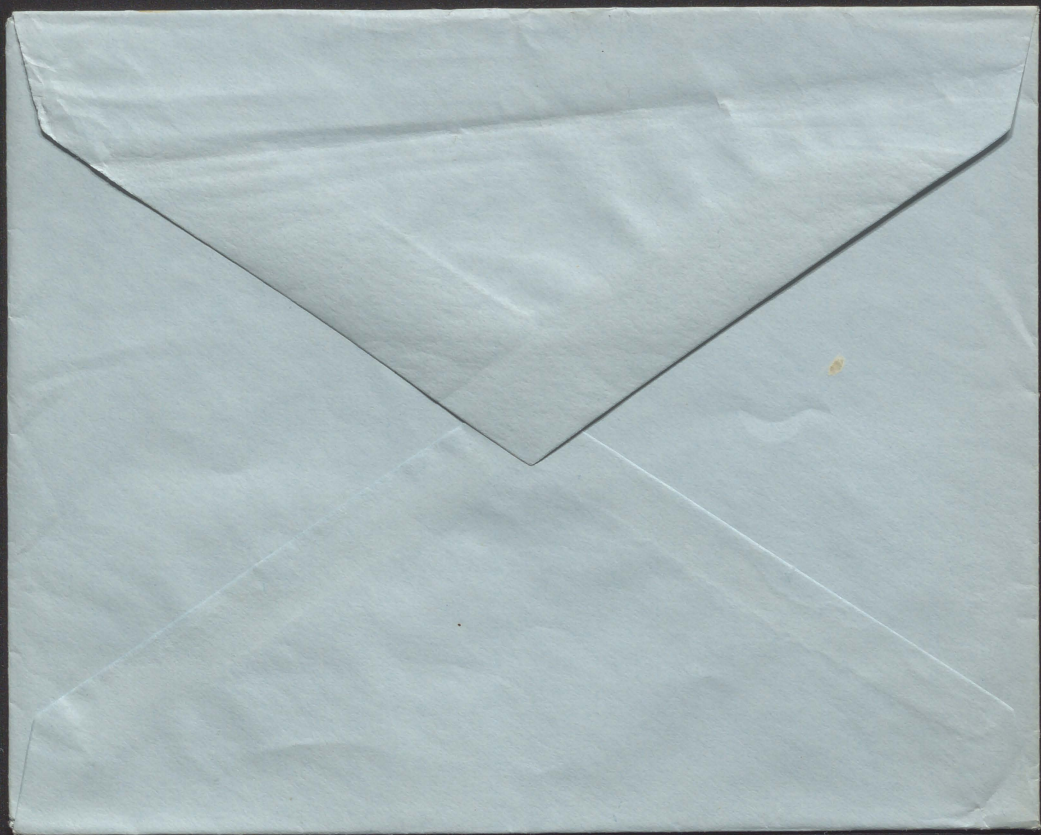




1902  
—

Fashions for  
a Royal Fuchers!  
amusing.



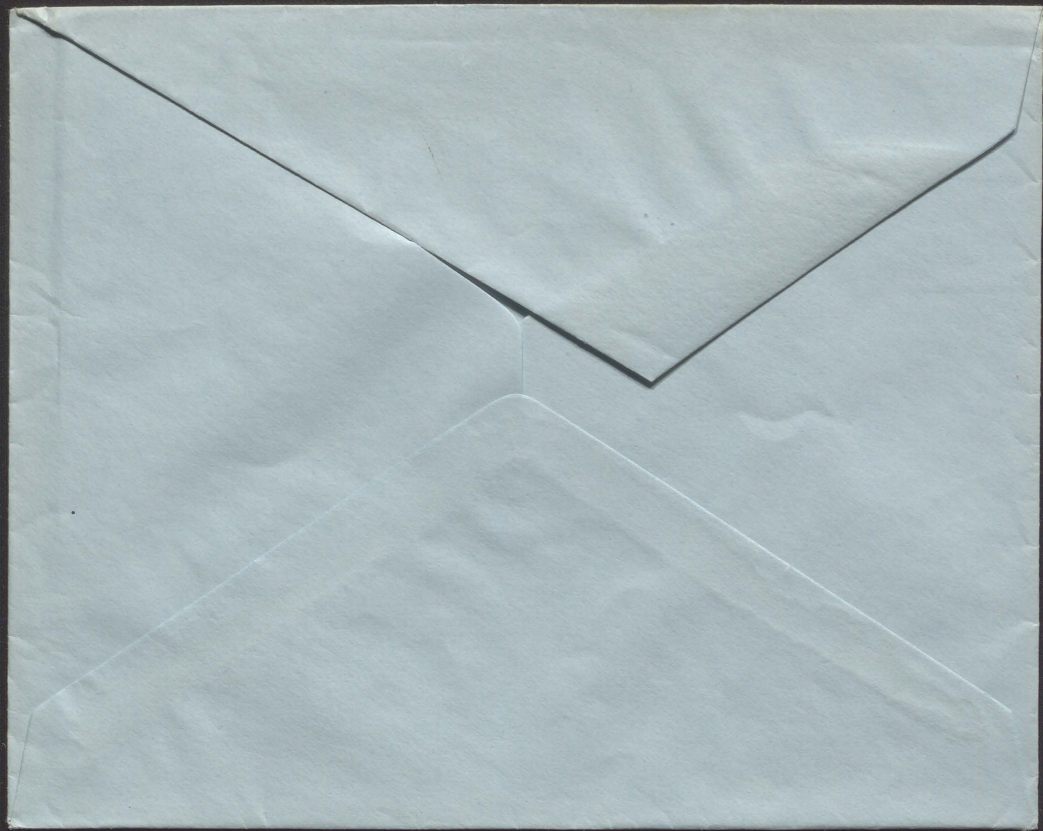




1902

The DUDLEYS arrive  
as Vice Roy of Ireland.



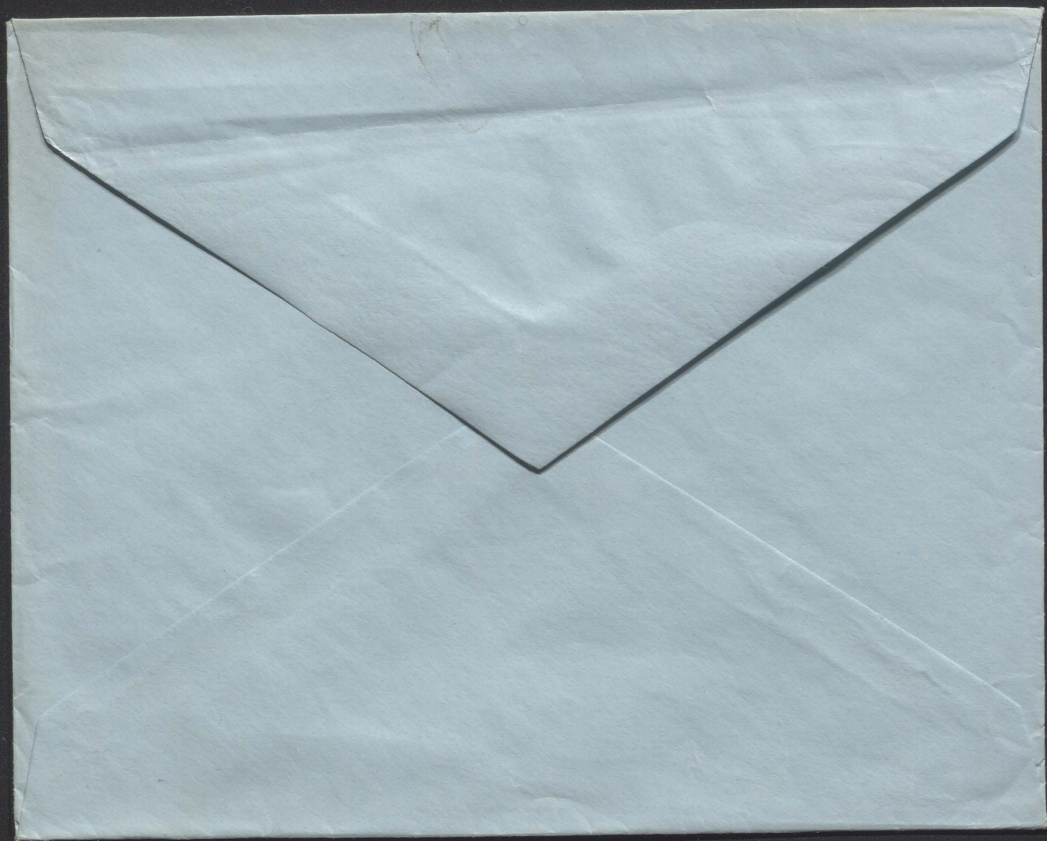




1902

Advice to Lorie n  
Sheet to take to INDIA!  
In the DURBAR.







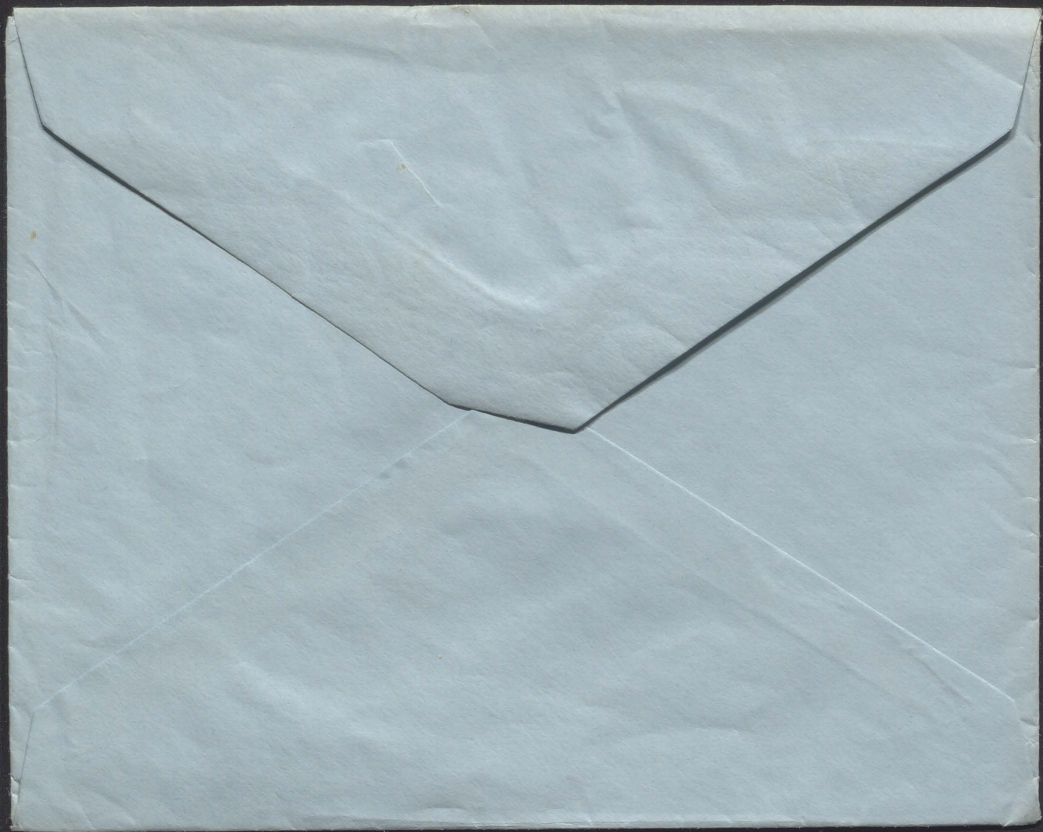
1902? Abbey

Heartrending letter

re Queen Alexandra's  
unkindness to her

@ Ascot.



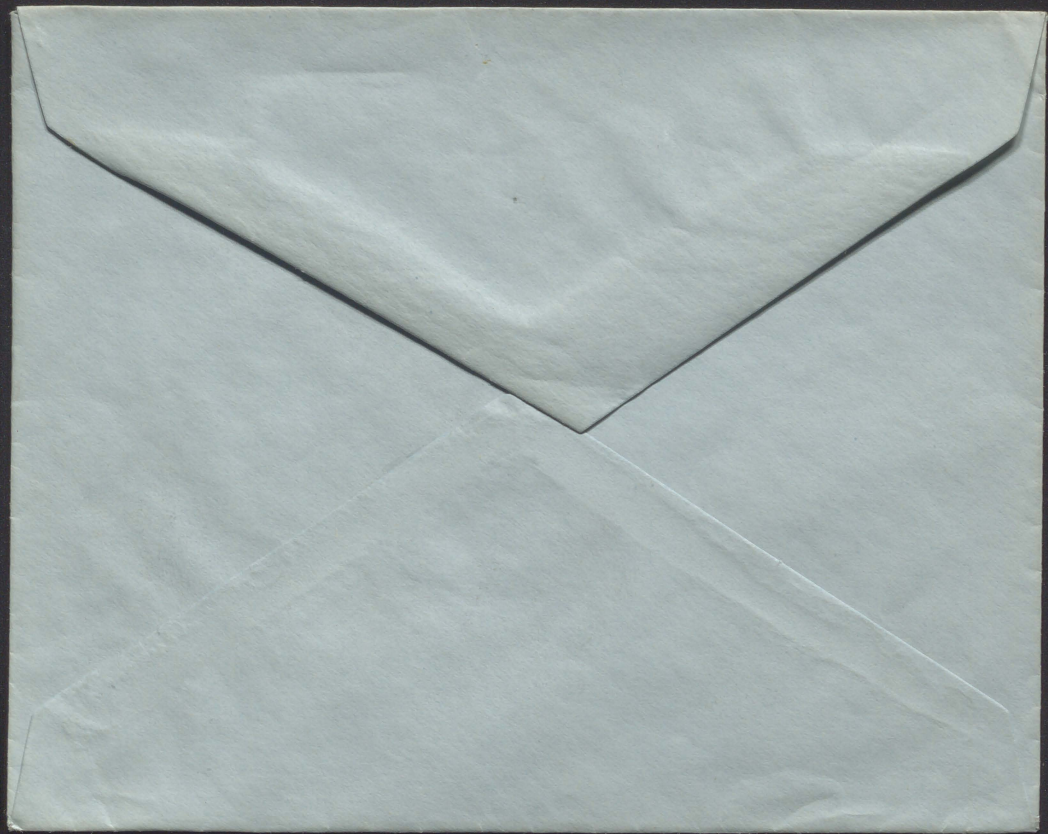




Visit 1905 Jan 28  
to Empress Engine

Flange 1210  
181







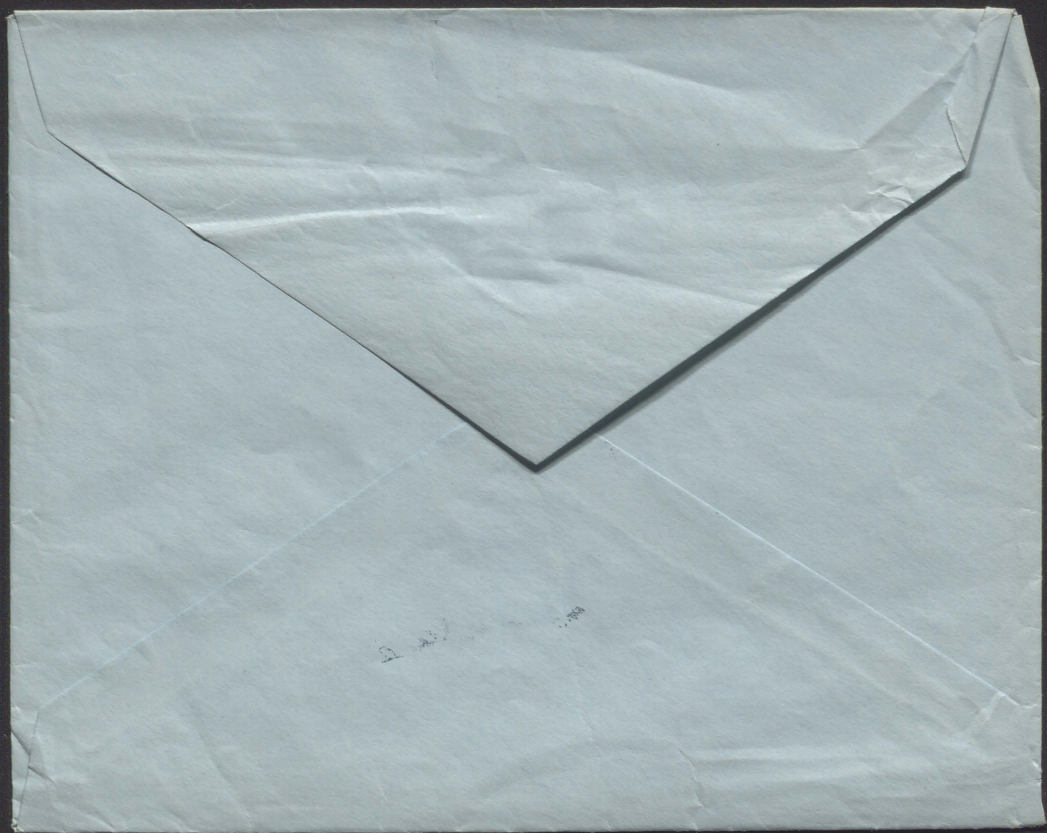
6 + 7

1903 ~~or 4~~?

July 11 + 17

Visit of the KING  
to DUBLIN



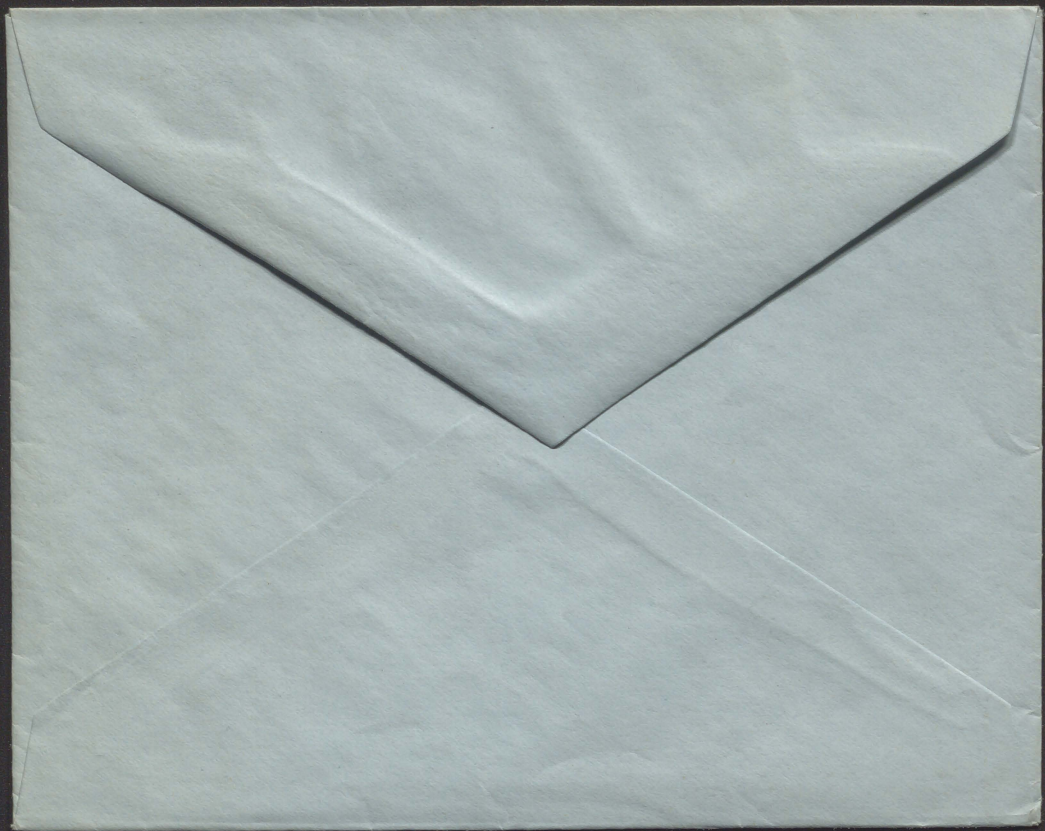




1904?

The KAISER  
at Griedel



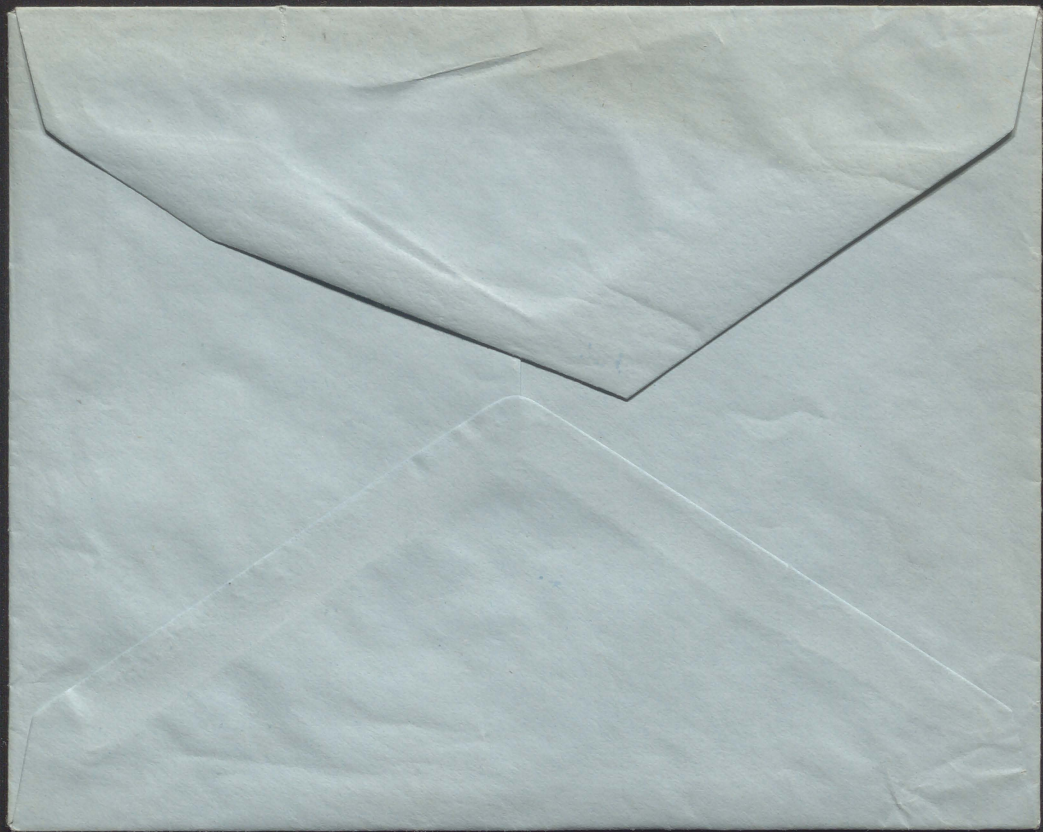




1905  
DARTY'S ENGAGEMENT

1906 June 18.  
BIRTH of heir to  
Swedish Throne.







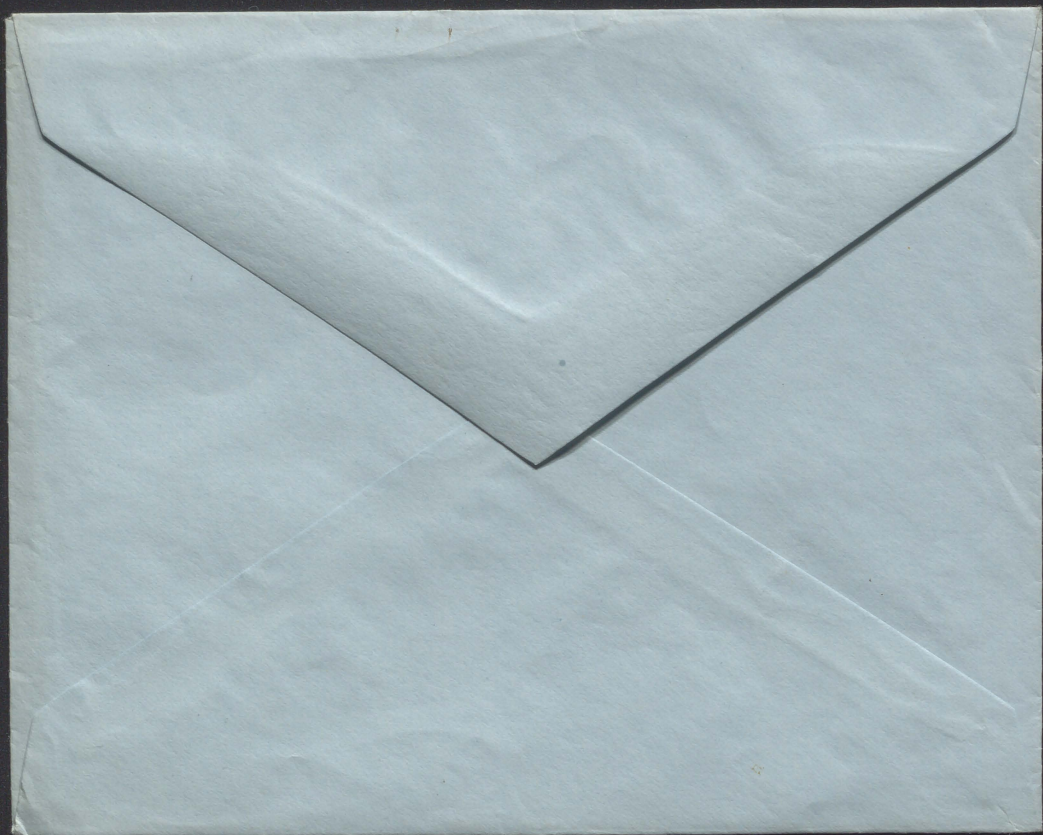
1906

Jan 17

CAPETOWN

meeting the ex-Boers.







20, 21, 22

MALTA 1905

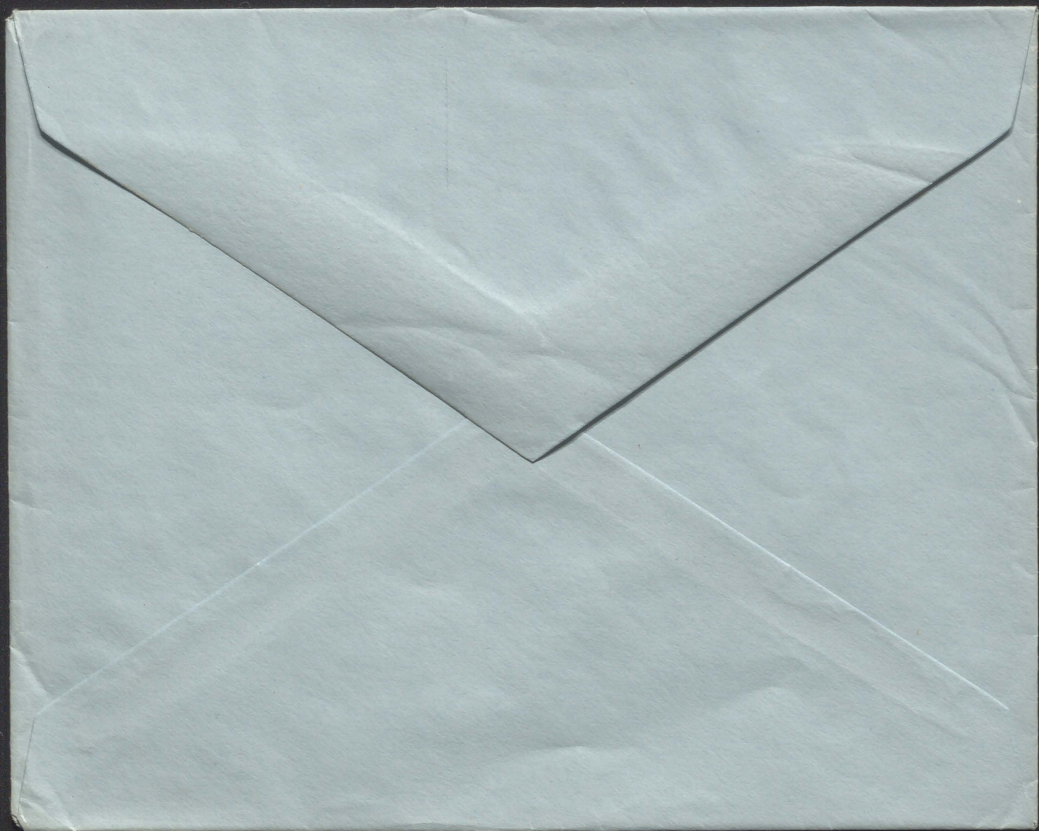
Feb 25

Mar 15

June 25

Re Pers. Daisy's engagement.  
also complaint about the DUKE  
being ill treated by those  
in power







1905

visit to PORTUGUESE  
ROYAL FAMILY







16, 18

1905

Jan 1  
Jan 17

VISIT TO SPAIN

embarrassing welcome to  
Patsy as possibly prospective Queen.

R. Alfonso.





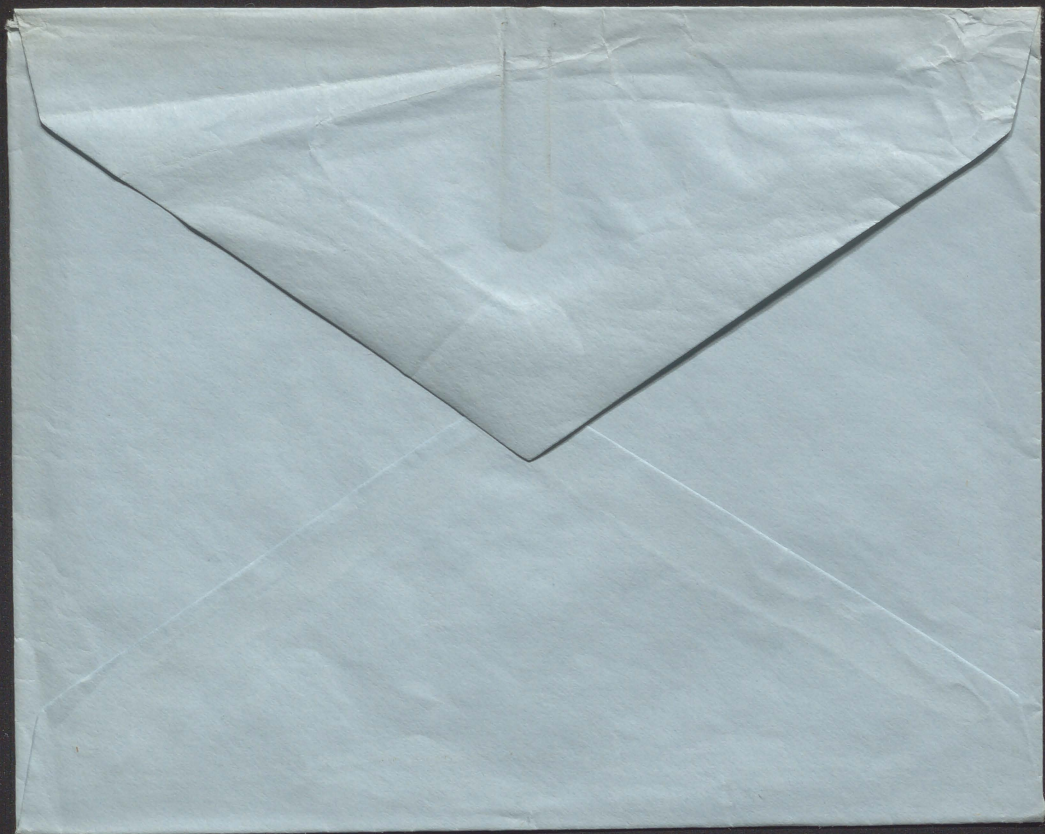


1904

WINDSOR

1904 + ~~1907~~





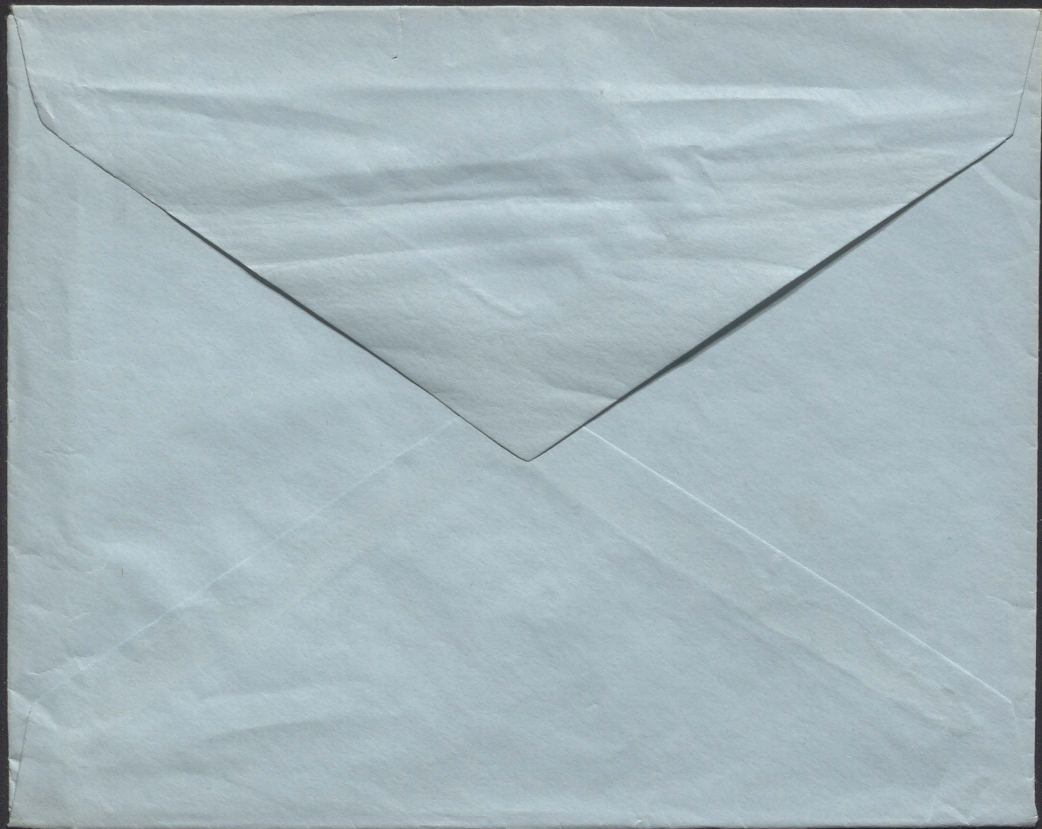


1904

Sept. 4

OSBORNE REVISITED  
and VICTORIAN  
Memories revived.







Apr 19 1904 (Ireland).  
May 30

Outburst re Edward VII  
2 Q. Alexandra!



