

There are more old letters to follow.

Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 1946.

Dear Susan + Geoff. No letter this week. We have had showery weather, but sunshine in between. We enjoyed the day at Jack's - the country is very pretty + the farm houses - it is not far from there where King Charles hid in an oak tree. Ralph has met with very kind people in Sweden - he advertised to teach English, + had several answers, one kindly invited him to his house + said he was glad to repay some of the kindness he had met in England. Another proposed a 5 day cycling tour + said he w<sup>ld</sup> lend cycle + tent etc + they would see something of Sweden besides both learning different languages. The ~~also~~ aluminium firm has given him the 5 days off - The numerous lakes are lovely there + the houses + streets fine. Margaret keeps garden in good order, growing vegetables of all kinds + their fruit trees are loaded with apples + pears.

not quite ripe yet - but English ap-  
ples are nothing like as delicious  
as Canadian ones. I expect the sun-  
shine you get sweetens the fruit.

The bread rationing is turning out a  
failure. People bought up flour when  
rationing was decided upon, & then they  
did not need their Bread Units & they  
were told they could be changed into re-  
-tra points - & so many applied & are  
still applying for points they could not  
be supplied - long queues for these &  
all point paper used up - then those  
who had been supplied bought up all  
sorts of goods that were on points al-  
-most emptying the grocer's shops!!

It was a very silly scheme -

Auntie E. & I went to see Auntie Maggie  
on Tuesday. She is still waiting for  
operation for cataract on one eye - it is  
not ready yet. She has lots of green

cooking apples & gave us some -

Jack is sending some later on -

I had dinner at Auntie's today when  
we returned from our weekly shop -

- ping at Holy Lake. We saw Doris Gard-

-ener's Mother & she asked after you  
she said Barbara was so like me.

I will enclose some of Uncle Leonard's  
letters - he was your <sup>Suzanne's</sup> great grandfather  
that is he was Mr. Cairns' Father -  
I like his letters. The Tynes have at last  
heard of someone who desires suitable  
she was to come last Monday for a month  
on trial. I should have lots of tomatoes,  
but they are so late with the cold weather.  
We buy them 1/6 per lb. Dad brought  
one cauliflower, lettuce & 12 lbs French  
beans. We have had some gales but  
they did not do much damage. There are  
the usual drowning accidents - there  
are floating sort of mattresses & they are  
very dangerous as there is no way to guide  
them & they get carried to deep water.  
The typhoid cases - about 200 - are still  
occurring from the Aberystwyth ice  
cream. The man selling it is now in  
hospital. I wish you could see my great  
bowl of lovely big roses - white, pink, cream.  
- Son, cream & a piece with such sweet  
scent. Auntie Nellie said how they were  
enjoying the card you sent.

Sat - No letter. The crops looked very good

as we went to Jack's - quite a lot of cats  
were stocked but soon the rain prevented  
harvesting, & the gales are bad for fruit.  
Aunties have got an Australian rabbit  
for tomorrow - I believe they are quite good.  
They cost about 3/- Once we could get English  
rabbits for 10<sup>d</sup>!! Now they have disappeared.  
We hear of the damage they do. We  
cannot now get white pepper - it is all black &  
rather sandy tasting. My lettuce have been  
very good & so convenient to get out of the  
garden. I have a fire tonight to warm the  
water for bath. I use as little coal as possi-  
ble on acct of shortage, but I think I have  
enough to see me thro' most of the winter.  
Elizabeth often pops in with several of her  
small friends & neighbours children.  
Today she has gone to a party. It has been  
fine & sunny all day. I hope you are  
all well. So many of the stately homes  
of England have had to be sold - too expensive  
to keep us with taxes so high. Sometimes they  
have to go to pay death duties. Many of the  
old generation looked well after their tenants  
& took a personal interest in their welfare.

With dear love to you all

from

Your loving Mother.