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Dear Mother! Today is Father's birthday, are you celebrating it? He would be 59 now. But you know his age better! I just had to think of him today. How are you all? I'm sure you're all in the midst of your busiest work and not getting to bed until late. Sometimes I get a little homesick when I'm lazing about at 5 o'clock or a quarter past. I would certainly love to help. Vancouver is so beautiful that you sometimes forget all about the big wide world. You can't say you immediately have all the lights and the hustle and bustle; the mountains with their countless lights and the wide streets. I have the big ferries and the many small tug- boats, a 1/2 mile behind Stanley Park, and without the city with its high-rises and no more streets. Stanley Park is a strip of forest, and in the morning the mountain, which is bare, turns red. I live on the mountain, which with the forest with its cabins and I are right in the middle of it all. I have met a girl with whom I go on trips. been together at her place a couple of times. is very nice, 5 girls with a The girls could use it more. But I'm already going back to Toronto. I just have my visa running and will then travel through the States, very likely via California. Inge and Klaus are working hard on their cottage; they are now buying two adjacent building lots and want to build another cottage in 2 years, to rent out or for guests. On one lot there will be a tennis court and lawn and woods. Klaus has his papers now for his engineering degree and is earning quite well. We will go skiing a lot in the winter, since it's only 1 mile from there to Collingwood. A group Christmas at the cottage is already being planned. On Saturday I was on Fulen Island, a district of Vancouver that consists only of farms, especially blueberries (bushes, like currant bushes). You can pick your own fruit and vegetables there and then get them very cheap. A pound of blueberries 75¢, a pound of red Transparent apples 5¢, beans 5¢, plums 5¢. So I'm living almost entirely on fruit and vegetables. It's an exceptionally good year here, whereas in Ontario everything froze. Since I've been here, it has only rained once. How is the situation with workers? anything from Canada then? Any stories? Do you have any plans for the future? that you don't write to anyone from the group, but I can't help you there. Warm greetings from Dorle