

14 April '97

Dear Frances,

Your phone call was most welcome + I hope this brings you up to date with us. The situation is just the same + we mosey along with soups + "Ensure" + Maurice is a very good patient. You didn't realize that we had to go into Emergency on Maunday Thursday (as MEMD would have dated it). Instead of going shopping at 10 am that morning we had to take off to the hospital, * and * at 5.30pm they wheeled him off for a operation. They assured us there was nothing life-threatening about the operation, but this time his system isn't taking the shock of it all too well, + we can only hope for some recovery.

About 2 months ago our nice Sylvia who had come + cleaned for us for so long just took off + never reappeared. The agency have no idea what happened, + we just hope that wherever she is doing now has been a good nurse. We've had 2 casuals visit us, + until the new regular one comes on Thurs. I've said no thank you to any others. Most of our rugs have been sent to be cleaned anyway, so in Bedelia's Chunky style

with Maurice at the wheel!

I have been just mopping around for the most part, on the bare wood floors.

Today my car is going off to be sold. I cannot cope myself with the hassle of selling her privately, with all the phone calls + nibbles that would entail, so this is the only way to go. Our life is going to be very different from now on.

Marion + the family have had great confabs about Ed. + he is to be moved today (probably already) to a rather palatial care home in Victoria. He is elated + we all hope it will work well. These places are very expensive, but from there he will ^{be} on a list to go to the Vets care home (for Old Soldiers).

Charles Palmer died on April 3, + I understand from Brenda Morley there was a beautiful musical funeral service + lots of people attended. As suggested, I sent a donat to the Conservatory of

Maurice on behalf of the Old
Boys of St. Georges (+ I could
have added "the Ass. Mat.")

Apparently Charles had to have
an appendix (or something) operation,
also around Easter time, but
2 days after it he died. He was
81 (a year older than Robin).
So really Maurice has done
fabulously to survive his
operation at 90 as well as he
has.

Your Conservative Govt. has obviously
been in office for too long, & it
is high time for a change. We too
are expecting a federal Election in
June, but probably Jean Chretien
will get back in. We have had
plenty of sleaze in B.C. but don't
hear so much about it in Ottawa.
I haven't enough news to go over
the page, so

Very much love to Jane
The Old Warrior is still perking.