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Dear Frances,

By now you've got your new Government & possibly set for the course for Century 21. But the usual pattern is that Labour doesn't stay in office long. By now I don't really know how I would have voted in the UK.

Here, we have a federal Election June 2, with all kinds of issues, like gun control, medicare (which is far better wonderful in Canada) & of course the Never-end-un problem of Quebec. To crown it all unexpectedly there are devastating floods in Manitoba with people's homes being drowned in oozy, polluted river water, & the politicians are all trying to use the situation to their advantage.

But I find I don't bother much with TV news now - I pick up what I can from very poor newspapers.

You mentioned the talks on family values. We have heard lately quite a spate of children being terribly badly abused either by their own parents or by foster homes, or by other children. I suppose this has always gone on, but wasn't much reported, and I know you have awful cases in Britain also.

Maurice & I are pepping along. He struggles quietly along & I try to ply him with sips of this and that. I've found he really quite likes a milk shake which I now create with the yolk of an egg, evaporated milk & frozen yogurt (a sort of ice-cream) all whisked up. This takes all day in small sips, but is very much to his taste. Also chicken broth.

twice recently Sandy & Joan  
have phoned me which is very  
comforting to know that you people  
are so concerned. I think that  
for the moment life here, nutritionally  
& otherwise, is as good as may be  
expected. Thanks to Maurice's  
gardening care previously, we  
have 2 geraniums blooming on our  
balcony, plus 2 yellow wall flowers,  
and the Park is beautiful. Like  
your University Gardens (which I  
explored last time I visited you) the  
blooms this year are quite  
exceptional.

I do hope you will persevere &  
get "God's Fool" - I really think  
it would mean a lot to you.

I don't have enough news to  
go over the page, but very  
much love to you, & your thoughts  
for us both are much  
appreciated.

Love Sam