

8 June '97

Dear Frances,

Your many phone calls (from you & Sandy & Joan) have been most comforting. Marion rang me shortly after 5 am yesterday, (having been got hold of by you & Sandy) & I spent the whole day with her. That was a wonderful thing to do, and today I've been much better able to tackle the jobs one has to do: The Salvation Army will get all his clothing & some of it will be wonderfully warm & cosy for the street people come the winter. How different clothing fashions are in Montreal from our West Coast! I have also had a grand wash day, soaking things in ammonia (your advice) to get them pure & white for the Salvation Army. And I feel Maurice is still with me, as he used to be before he got sick. I have much

to be most grateful for. Many people have much longer-term illnesses, & our problems were <sup>for</sup> only just over two months. There will be a notice in tomorrow's local paper, but hardly anyone nowadays takes a newspaper, I am now looking over photographs, & have one or two really nice ones of Maurice. You have a good one of Hugh, & I will get mine framed as the photo frames we have here seem to be falling apart. I'm not going to rush at making changes in the apartment.

Marion has plenty to worry about over Ed, & now he is to have an operation (a Big Op my dear) but I think his will be for a growth somewhere inside. She & I have an arrangement ~~that~~ that we phone each other every night & that makes me feel much more secure, & she says it's a help to her. Now Ed is

free for surgery - an obstruction in  
the bowel - & I pray it will be a  
real success. (Sorry to be repeated myself,  
I had an interruption).

Today has been India Day on the  
radio, celebrating 50 years of  
independence, & I have found it  
very interesting but I would have  
no wish to go there.

On this note I will now close  
& fairly soon will be off to  
bed

Very much love &

Dave