

Victoria, B.C.

21 May, '01

Dear Frances,

You must be feeling, as I do, very remote from the family, & very sad for all that Joan must now go through.

Robin has sent me quite a long e-mail (via Marion) describing the funeral events & I learned that David went into this by car & that they also picked up Kathleen.

Robin mentioned that the French language was everywhere - James & family, Simon & family, plus Monique (Joan's cousin). You could have held your own! James has promised to write to me about it all & I look forward to that, but was grateful that Robin had taken the time to write. Maria doesn't have a printer to print

incoming messages, so I can only read
them on the screen.

This weekend has been wonderfully sunny,

Yesterday we had the Highland Games

& our choir had to be there most of
the day. The Heavy Events were the
big draw — men with huge heavy arms.

They put the shoch & tossed the caber,

& a new twist, they rolled a car

over & over by A to B. I was

really tired after all that & have spent

today at home doing chores, & very

grateful to have some time on my own.

I'm sure you will have heard from David

the news of Corbe Muller, but of course

he had never before met the Waddell

family.

Very, very much love to

Gene