

Victoria, B.C.

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Dear Frances,

Unbelievably this is the start of autumn (Fall to us), still very dry here. And now schools go back & all the winter things start happening. I've been listening to a radio discussion this morning on whether homework is a good idea or not which carried me back to Riggo's days. I confess I quite liked homework, but I don't think you did!

I like to think that now & then you are taken out on drives into the Oxfordshire countryside — this year I've had no time to go blackberrying which I've always regarded as a ritual. Tomorrow is the

Open of the Art Show of 4 artists of which Marion is one. So I must put on my finest attire as I am invited to the Tea. They are showing their works all through September in a Senior's Centre

in Seavich which is a beautiful house
in a beautiful setting, an old family
home. It is well appointed and always
so well kept up. Of course they have a
"classier" kind of membership there than
we have in James Bay, but we don't really
do too badly in our motley neighbourhood.

Today I have just made a batch of
Soup - 5 cartonsful, & each one does
about 3 or 4 servings. It is a good
way to live & I find a carton of soup
makes a very good present if visiting

Someone who isn't well.

We are to have a new organist/choirmaster
at St. John's but he hasn't arrived yet. We've
had rather a series of mishaps with our
organists lately & I can't even remember their
names.

Lots of love & I hope you are still
hanging on to your rope!

X X X From Jane