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She is now so tired she can hardly push one foot ahead of the other, but she must go out and with my help get all the different broods into their different barrels, as she has just finished feeding them for the last time tonight. Then she must go to the barn and look after some chickens that are coming out. She has 3 hens set on hen eggs and the chickens were peeping under one this morning. It is now quarter past 7. After that she has sponge (for bread) to set and the beds to make. That is only a sample of what it is like every day. Don't you think she has reason to be tired and worn out? You may ask what are we doing. Well the girls after coming from school have gone out to the pasture to pick berries for Mama, as that is about all she can eat. (School was held in July, so that August and September were holidays and family helped harvest crabs.) And what about my humble self? Well, after helping Ma in with all the quacking torments and bringing water, I must hunt up the cow and milk her. Then I think we will all be very thankful to go to bed. The \$5.00 you sent me for tuning the piano? no, we were compelled to use. I will give you a list of all I can remember, except postage and collection (church) money. Pair of boots. Pair of blinds. Paint. Codfish. Meat. Whiting. White wash brush. Paint brush. This is all except some items I can't remember. Received MacKay's bill for the wagon. She would like to pay him as soon as possible. I would like you to send me enough to tune the piano, as we have now got it moved. Lennie is still getting lessons from Emmie MacKinnon and Ma sends her eggs every week to pay for them. Emmie is eating and drinking all she can of them, and taking strengthening medicine. P. S. Heard today there was a registered letter in the office. We will get it when this is mailed. Will be glad to get it as we are much in need of it. Venie's letters end here, in the family history, Jean Carmichael MacDonald • Venie's daughter • wrote: A few years after this Catherine Armstrong died, I think of T.B. or perhaps chronic anemia. Venie had finished her schooling Grade 10 at that time. She went to St. Joseph's hospital to train as a nurse. This was the Not long ago Mr. Moseley took sick in the post office and died after a few days of intense suffering. His death must have been a sad one, as it is said his son went from one faint into another. Mr. Forbes conducted his funeral service but did not hold out a shadow of a hope for his safety. Times appear duller in Sydney than ever. Uncle Kenneth says it is well for those who did not buy property there when there was hope of the Iron Works. He thinks it will be almost starvation by winter. The Jost Brothers made an assignment last week. Your loving daughter V. Armstrong

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