

For then I would not have left. I believe one of my brothers has left for California, as it is believed that there is gold to be found. I do hope that Mary has a safe travel to America, I have heard that many have died trying to immigrate. Hopefully the Pealers do not try to find me, I am in enough trouble with them as it is. The business and industrial fields seem to be booming here in America, I hope that I will be of service to these people. I am also a bit concerned, certain companies have refused Irish employment and I am starting to wonder if this is a good place to raise my children. Some of the locals look at me with great disgust, they can tell I am from Ireland. I have heard that the Canadians are fond of stiffing the merchants here in America. I fear that they may try to do the same to me in my business, hence I do not think I will be hiring many Canadians, if any at all. Occasionally I worry if Mary is alright back in Ireland. Our leading crop for the entire country has fell with a terrible disease, and I hope that Mary does not starve. Although I know we have the money saved up to support ourselves, it still concerns me. The disease has affected our crop for 4 years now, I am starting to wonder if it will ever come to an end.