My dear Uncle,

Yesterday I received your letter, and upon reading it, I became wild with excitement, and found it almost impossible to realize that you were asking me to accompany you on a trip round the world. Needless to say, like all young people, it has been my most cherished ambition to do so, and I find it very difficult to realize my good fortune and to express my thanks to you for such a generous offer. I am certain however that you will find me an appreciative and enthusiastic traveller and companion.

It is very thoughtless of you to suggest that I should give you an idea of the places that I especially wish to see, as our time will be restricted to a year, your business not permitting a longer absence.

You suggest that we leave Lyttelton about the beginning of March, next year, on our great adventure, spend a few days in Wellington, where I should like to see the new floating dock and Houses of Parliament; then by train to Auckland, a city I have not visited, but I have heard that it is well laid out, has a beautiful harbour and many interesting features to visit.

From there we could embark in the M.S. Arorangi for Suva, Hawaii, and Vancouver. As I have never
travelling by sea, let us hope for a smooth passage, as it would be a pity for anything to spoil our opportunity for making new friends and taking part in the tame, exciting activities on board ship.

I am so looking forward to seeing the tropical islands with their palm-trees, orange and lemon groves, and their quaintly dressed people. The climate there being so warm I will enjoy wearing my daintiest and coolest frocks.

At Hawaii I can imagine being able to feast our eyes on whole fields of pineapples and wonderful sugar plantations; the Royal Palms at the native Royal Palace. Alas! we must not fail to see the famous Aquarium and native surf-board riding I have read about.

Hence to Canada, don't you think? After Vancouver we should commence one of the most interesting parts of our trip, crossing the Rocky Mountains by train, where I have learned that the railway lines are laid in great circles and figures of eight twisting up the mountain sides.

After that the trip across the prairies might probably seem uninteresting, however, we should reach Winnipeg, the centre of the Canadian Wheat Trade, then on to the Great Lakes, which we could cross by steamer. I have heard that the largest lake is vast enough in area to engulf our little country, if put to the test.

We must not miss the renowned Niagara Falls, near Buffalo, an American city, as they are doubtless one of the wonders of the world. I expect that the city of New York will almost bewilder me, with its enormous skyscrapers and everlasting noise of elevated railways, tram-cars, under-ground railways and immense amount of other kinds of traffic.

Then would come another sea-voyage, this time in one of the largest liners in the world,
belonging to the Cunard Company, and then the first we should see of dear old England would be the south coast, then the Isle of Wight, Wight and then Southampton Southamptons and on to the city of my dreams, London! Where I expect to see hosts of places, the names of which I have already become familiar with at school, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, to mention but a few, and just think how I shall love the beautiful shops and theatres.

It would be lovely to tour England and Scotland by car, don't you agree, Uncle? and see some of the historic towns, castles, cathedrals, and abbeys, most of the latter ruins by Henry VIII's orders.

I believe the lovely Lake District, and indeed the whole country side of England appeals irresistibly to all home coming Britons.

I dare say we shall regret very much leaving the home country but we must not miss seeing some of the sights of sunny France on our way home. Could we not visit Rouen on our way to Paris? If only to see the beautiful Cathedral, and the spot where poor Joan of Arc was martyred. In Paris we shall visit the pictures in the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles, the Arc de Triomphe, and as you kindly suggest I expect I shall spend some happy hours in the Rue de la Baix.

I feel it would not be right to leave Europe without seeing one of the great Memorial Cemeteries where lie so many of the bravest and best of the Empire's manpower, who fell so gallantly in the Great War.

After leaving Marseilles we shall see the south of France, the Bay of Monaco, Geneva, the headquarters of the League of Nations.
At Rome let us go to the ancient Colosseum and other famous Roman ruins, St. Peter’s Cathedral, Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius, then to Naples where we embark on a P and O liner for Australia, seeing a little of Port Said and the Suez Canal; it would be lovely to cross by moonlight, the lakes through which this canal passes. A too short stay at Colombo in Ceylon, but we could visit some temples, tea plantations, and Handly if time allows.

I do hope we will be able to see something of the capitals of the Australian States, especially Sydney, and its magnificent harbour with its new bridge, one of the most wonderful engineering feats in the world, and so home after what promises to be the most interesting and enjoyable experience of my life.

Again, my dear Uncle, in conclusion, may I offer you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for making it possible for me to live through the wonderful year of travel which I shall look forward to most eagerly.

From,

your ever loving niece,

Naida.

Information from General Reading and Geography lessons.