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The Arlington

Estate of JAMES W. McKAY.

Edward Hawkins, Buffalo, N. Y. Sept 1 1861,
Fort Erie, ont.

Dear Sir, I was more amused
than disappointed a short time ago,
when I was over in your burg, and
thought it would be pleasant to call
old acquaintance like you and your u
I had an idea that you were running
The Victoria Hotel, so I called there.
Before the outside ^{screen} door was opened
I heard a voice inside, calling out in
a not very wellcome voice, — "Well? what
is it?" "What is it?" I stepped inside the
hall. when the lady again said, "What
is it, I said I was calling on Ed. Hawk
or Mrs Hawkins. The young good looking

or his wife. The lady then said to a young
fellow. show him where Mr Hawkins lives
on the other corner, on the way over
to see old Ned Hawkins. I couldnt help
smiling at the reception I got from the
young Mr Hawkins. something in my appearance
~~must have suggested to her. that Jimmie~~
have been looking for a "hand-out" or
something. and I thinking the Victoria
was a Hotel were I could get a cigar
or a drink, was surprised at my ^{reception}
not thinking the Hotel could be so ^{exclusive}
or high toned. my mistake was that
I should find you or your wife there
and have a hand shake of old ac-
quaintance of nearly 50 years. so I give

up the idea of visiting in Fort Erie
Hoping you are both well, and have
not got so high-up as to forget old friends
I am yours Truly

Alf. Ellerby.