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Kortway Ferry, B.C.

Dear Father,

I received your note from
Medicine Hat at MacLeod town
three days ago, & was glad to know
that you had been successful in
your western tour, & found some things
of interest to me. The fossil plants
from near Calgary should be
Laramie & probably well up in that
series. I have been able to make
one good haul of fossil plants
this summer in Alberta basin
folded in west of the main front

of the Rockies. The plants include
 several Cicadaceae forms & a few
 ferns, but no ordinary broad leaved
 trees. One of the Cycads is I think
 identical with one collected by M'Clure
 & Sargent in last winter, a
 few miles from the Place R.
 The flora probably about the same
 beyond as the latter. It includes
 also specimens of the pine like trees
 before found on the Sus-Cha, pretty
 well preserved & probably useful
 in affording new light on that plant.
 The juniperous beyond with associated
 conifers I have since been able to
 recognize in a number of places on
 both sides of the mountains.

I am now on my way
 northward, & will probably
 work my way through the Kicking
 Horse Pass & thence to the
 end of the railway & be back in
 Ottawa by the end of October
 or thereabouts. The season has I
 fear got on too far to enable
 me to do what must still be
 done here & get out by the
 Columbia River as at one time
 intended.

I wish this as the packs are
 being made up for a fresh
 start & so must be brief

& with much a view to let you know
where I am.

If you think of staying on the other
side some time of the year Southern time
I think you would find it both
cheaper & pleasant to stay in one
of the numerous pretty places on
the Continent than to return to England
swollen & dirt in the winter or early
Spring. If you think of doing so I
would be glad to give you any
information I can about those things
I see.

With love to all

Your affectionate Son
George