

Victoria B.C.

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Dear Father,

I have arranged to start tomorrow morning for Nanaimo with the intention of spending Wednesday there, & going over the Journal with Mr. Richardson. I thought it worth while to do so that I might pick up the thread of his work there with him on the spot & explain.

Mr. Fred. Wray I start for the Fraser R. ferry by steamer to Yale, & thence northward by Stage to Soda Creek. There I hope to find a small pack train of the C.P.Ry. with which I shall go westward to the Cascade Mts, & then north eastward to the junction of the Fraser & Blackwater Rivers. Thence if time serves on to St. George - Quekay use all the way of the Ry. depôts

4 Camps; & I hope covering a  
considerable stretch of ground to answer  
to the general run of the mountains, which  
would be at other times a difficult  
country to penetrate. There are numerous of  
drift lignite in one part of the region —  
whatever that may amount to — & I  
fear you richly fossiliferous Creek —  
whatever that may turn out to be.

I hope the editing of the remainder of that  
report has not been a cause of much  
trouble to you. I have often reproached  
myself for leaving it to occupy a part of  
your Summer holiday.

I could not get a Remington gun  
of the kind wanted either in San Francisco  
or here, & so finally have bought an English  
buck loader which though costing considerably  
more is a better arm.

When you get back to Montreal finally, I should  
be much obliged if sometime when you see  
Mr Grant you would ask him to make by salary  
payable here ~~to the end of~~ to the end of September, that I  
might be able to get some more  
this in case I do not get time  
I come down <sup>your office</sup>  
- & him by <sup>of</sup>