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W. J. H. B.  
Victoria B.C.  
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Dear Father,

I have a number of  
letters from you to acknowledge,  
the latest bearing date April 7.  
I had a letter from Mr Selwyn  
some time since confirming the  
arrangement by which I was to  
devote this season to the structure  
of the Island, & mentioning the  
sum of \$2500 as the wherewithall.  
This is not large for this expensive  
country, but I think will do  
if not frittered away in small expeditions

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as I find on enquiry I can probably  
hire a sloop or small schooner  
for Sowerthens about \$200  
a month. Since receipt of  
the letter, however, & on my return  
from Leach R, I got a telegram  
dated Ottawa Ap. 20 stating that  
instructions for Sowerthens work  
have been mailed, & saying to stay in  
Victoria till receipt. I do not of  
course know what the change may  
mean, but must soon get off.

I hope I may be able to devote  
at least a good portion of the  
summer to the Island Coast.

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I note what you say about the post-protection bill for Manitoba, but should not like to apply for any appointment under it. I am sorry Cameron troubles you by writing on the Report question. I can quite understand his fumbling about the Col-rovers. How did the Ottawa Govt. get hold of the balance of the copies? Laurel only wrote for 250, & I told the Herald people when there & those on the distribution list were supplied to turn over all remaining to Dawson Bros, who were to hold them on sale for the Commission.

It will not be necessary to open the new Grasshopper papers to get names to which copies of the paper should be sent, now that you have received my list. It might be well to open them however in case of any additional enclosures. Nothing some sort of reply should have been sent. It is best to keep the envelopes however in case the proper addresses are not given written as sometimes has occurred; the post marks them being useful.

Your affectionate son  
George