



^{George}
Victoria May 30. 1879

Dear Father,

This is Friday & we
cannot get away from here for
the north till Sunday morning
next. We - that is to say Self, Curtis,
Keifer, Harbatsky, McLeod, Gordon
& others - sail on the Olympia
for Port Essington at the mouth
of the Skeena. We then will then
ascend the Skeena, cross the Babine
Passage of 50 or 60 miles & go by
Canoes on Babine & Stuart Lakes
to Fort St James, where we shall
reel the pack trains now on their
way up from Kamloops. McConnell
has gone off this morning by the Fraser
River route to Quinsnes, to travel thence

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with the packs to Ft St James.

He takes up all heavy luggage, instruments,
& photo. apparatus. It is necessary to
travel light by the Skeena route owing
to the long portage. From Ft St James
Crambie & McLeod may probably
descend the Parsnip & Peace Rivers
while I go through the Pine Pass with
all the pack animals, meeting
them at Denevegan. Subsequent
plans are still a little uncertain
but if self & McLeod get back
to Civilization before the end of
December we will be lucky. From
Ft St James I may probably be
able to write & the letter may reach
you before the middle of August.
From that time it is quite uncertain

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Whether I shall be able to get any letters out, so please
do not expect them. When I get to Battledore or
~~Edmonton~~ Edmonton in the Autumn I shall telegraph
if the wires are up. I cannot well receive any news
from home till next Autumn, probably in October.
It will not be worth while writing to here or sending
papers, you might send a few letters & an occasional
paper to Edmonton, but it will be better to keep the
Illust. news, Nature & such things till I get home &
can look them over there. It is probable that a party
may meet us from the East & Mrs Fleming could tell

you the latest date for sending anything in by them
via Winnipeg.

Wallace is a most interesting book. I shall mail it to
your address before leaving here. If there is likely to
be any difficulty about getting a copy when I return
please order one for me. The same remark applies
to Thompson's depths of the Sea which with all other
information must be on hand if I am to do anything
with the lectures.

With love to all
Your affectionate Son
George