

Serge Ottawa Jan 17. 82
Myer

Dear Father,

I wrote about the
offer to William yesterday, so
much depends on the kind of
work he is to be put at that it is
difficult to form an opinion.

The sum mentioned is certainly
small especially for that
western region, but speedy payment
is I suppose probably to be expected.

The heads of parties on the Fort.
C.P.R. surveys need to get about
\$200- a month.

I don't know anything particular I
can do for Rankine. He asked
me about cattle ranges. I told him

know when I had part of my
 work done what would deserve
 good tracts. This I can do before
 long. At the same time I can at
 a loss to know what he intends
 to do, even supposing the fort. should
 give him a range, which appears to
 me unlikely. He must have Capital
 to put cattle on the range & must
 for a live on it if he intends to
 pursue it for any time. Would also
 require to build a house & provide
 himself with mowers, hoes &c
 & if he all might find it a much
 slower way of getting rich than
 practicing medicine. If he would
 only say what he intends to do it
 would be much easier. I cannot see
 why he expects to be started with

Capital. He has got his profession
 & might very well make his own
 way with it as we & I have done
 & not otherwise. If he
 wishes to speculate in land he had
 better go to Winnipeg & open a
 Land agents Office, but there are
 already I am told about 150 of
 them there & certain to be a
 crash soon. Besides the idea
 of any one going into land speculation
 on borrowed money is ridiculous.
 If he wishes to go farming he must
 do as the Selwyns & others have
 done go & live in the country &
 devote himself to manual labour.
 A gentleman told me today that

Mr. Cochrane's men have left
 his range & that some of his cattle
 have wandered as far as the mouth of
 the Red Deer River. This may be an
 exaggeration, but shows at least how
 white we it is to have a range
 marked out. There is also some
 risk that the Indians may get
 some trouble in Kelly's Cattle, some
 rumors that some of the best
 is already gone on this winter.

Yours affectionately
 Sam
 Sarge