

Raukine

Aug 18

End Track

Aug 7th

My dear Father,

Since last writing time has rolled on much as it is wont to do. Eternally up and down line with these impudent and ungrateful reprobates attacking one on all hands for medicines & giving one advice. I am getting thoroughly tired of it.

The past two days I have spent most pleasantly with D-Edwards at Lu'appele, which is a most beautiful spot, a natural townsite. although likely to be left out in the cold by the C.P.R. The valley is a wide one skirted on either side by deeply scored hills.

2) and covered in places
with trees, which add much
to its picturesqueness. On the
flat through which the river
winds, are the old Hudson Bay
Fort on the S. side, together with
several ~~casinos~~ hotels and stores,
and on the N. side the ~~Fort~~
Barracks where over a hundred
men are at present stationed,
with Major Walsh in Command.

Saturday afternoon we had
a cricket match, a most
amusing one for the h.w.t.,
at ~~some~~ William, over
of course being the latter,
and consisting of a number of
pleasant fellows, some connected
with the numerous land
who have tent offices and
other with the Indian Department
H.B., besides Dr. & myself,
Capt. Steele, Colonel Griebach

Major Walsh are the officers in charge of the police, and very pleasant sociable fellows they are. In appellation itself has long been a prominent centre, some six or eight trails converging here but seems likely now to go back as the govt and police buildings will be moved to some point on the line, which runs 12 miles S of it, and its splendour will then depart.

The time is now very rapidly approaching for your association meeting. I hope I am sure that it may be an unqualified success, and am only sorry that I cannot be present to participate in the festivities and honours of the occasion. It will be a great help & pleasure to have William with

you, & may prove a good
opportunity for him to advance
his own interests. Mr Flemming
who came to end of track this
morning with Sir Jno Rose &
a party of other gentlemen
spoke of his intention of being
present, and joined in the
wish which I am sure is a
general one that the whole
affair might go off without
a flaw.

kindest remembrances to George
when you write, also to all
at home or at metis

Over your affec. son
Rankine