

like as well, from before  
I have been three days ago on the

St. Michael Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 82.

My dear Father,  
Our trip so far and  
up to date has proved a very successful  
and enjoyable one. I received from

Major Cozier's desk, with whom I had  
the pleasure of dining tonight.

Major Cozier is a very pleasant fellow, is  
in charge of the police force here, and  
has succeeded in making himself  
very comfortable in his quarters here

where he has been in charge for  
several years. He is quite at home  
in St. Michael and has many here  
who have known George during his

previous stay in this part of the  
world, besides which there already  
met several fellows whom I have  
known elsewhere, in Alaska & other  
parts of the eastern world. McConnell

with whom we were in his camp  
has just completed his season's  
work and starts tomorrow in  
yukon about with his two men to go  
down the Sakhatewan until he strikes

the railway, which he expects will  
be in operation for a couple of weeks or  
more as he proposes keeping a track

the very pretty route. He gave us an  
 very interesting account of his journeyings  
 and he showed me amongst other things  
 a letter from G. of date July written  
 from St. Etienne & containing more news  
 than I have yet had from him.

We reached here after a six days  
 trip across the plains from Wabash  
 making 175 miles in that time & will  
 probably run southward to the  
 boundary where I want to explore  
 my ranch returning here before  
 proceeding eastward again. On our  
 way I shot a very fine antelope the  
 head of which I have kept & will  
 send east if I can manage it to have  
 mounted - Old Kentsing, if still  
 working for you could I suppose do  
 justice to it: it would make a handsome  
 present for any friends in England.  
 We passed Mr. Brydes en route for  
 Winnipeg & have just missed seeing  
 Sir Alex. Galt who left here a few  
 days ago to return east via Ft. Shaw  
 & the Union Pacific. This is now the  
 great centre for ranching and little  
 is talked of but cattle & the relative  
 advantage of different sites & locations.  
 The country itself is very attractive in  
 appearance & seems admirably  
 adapted for the extensive development  
 of this most remunerative industry.  
 I have seen no part of the RR. which

New River  
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3) I like so well. Jim Cochrane  
passed here three days ago on his  
way to Calgary to take charge of  
the Cochrane Ranch. Alfred Baynes  
Shear, has like his brother gone into  
land business & set up at Calgary  
which seems likely to assume  
a good deal of importance as a  
commercial centre in the N.  
The news is as you may suppose rather  
scarce commodity here, the  
only supply being from Binton  
and I have not the pleasure of having any  
of the Association's proceedings  
and do not doubt that it will long  
leave pleasant recollections with  
all those who were privileged to attend  
it. Major Mills' notice by the  
papers has been as good as his  
word in reference to the College  
funds, but the bequest will not  
be I suppose fall due during Mrs M.  
Mills' lifetime. The school is a shabby little  
of its place situated in a valley  
at the bottom of a small island formed  
by the Old Man River, a tributary  
of the Belly, the latter being

attempted by way of improvement  
 since it is intended to move  
 the Police headquarters & with them  
 the "town" to a more eligible  
 site early next year and  
 with love and trust  
 to all  
 your affectionate  
 J. P. [unclear]

I have been on part of the [unclear], which  
 of this over-remunerative industry  
 adapted for the extensive development  
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 Sir [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 thinking I have your interest being  
 the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 present for my friends in [unclear]  
 gratified to it: it would [unclear] [unclear]  
 working for you could [unclear] [unclear]  
 mounted - [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 good [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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 J. P. [unclear]