

Potters Hotel
Winnipeg
May 17th 83

My dear Father,

Your letter of the
10th has come duly to hand.
Many thanks for local
news, good wishes & which
it contains.

You will no doubt have
received a telegram which
I sent on Monday evening
last, asking that two or three
things which I require here
might be forwarded by George.
I have not heard as yet
whether or not it was in time
to catch him before his de-
parture for the west. If not
very likely some other opportunity

2) for having them sent on
my offer. I should like
also to have here the little
Gazetteer which you presented
to me a year or more ago
and which might be mailed
to my Wimpsey address.
In view of the annihilation
of New Guinea, the Madagascan
discussion and other foreign
developments I need some
such books for reference.
It seems likely that I
may remain here during the
remainder of the summer.
Covernton, who left ~~here~~
mainly on account of his
health has not picked up
as he expected and now
talks of abandoning practice
here altogether. I have made
him an offer to buy out his

3) stuck in trade, which if
accepted, will place me
in permanent occupation
of my present comfortable
quarters. This will prove
I hope a convenient arrange-
ment for the present, since
my numerous interests &
ventures throughout the
U. S. necessitate my
presence here during the
summer. Next winter
I look forward to spending
either in pursuance of
studies at Vienna, or
in seeing something of the
world at large from the
standpoint of a ship's
surgeon, or on my own
account.

George & young Rudolf
are I suppose now nearing

4) Winnipeg. Several letters
and many friendly
enquiries are already
awaiting his arrival.

Our Rancher Secy & Manager
passed west a day or two
ago, but will remain
in Regina for a week so
that Rob can if he prefers
it, go out at once with
them and see all operations
from the first start. This
course would probably be
of most advantage to him.
First payments on stock
will now soon fall due
and I should like, if con-
venient, to have the \$1,000, the
loan of which was promised
to me, paid in to my
account on or soon after
the first of June. It might

5/ be deposited in the Merchants Bank to be credited to my ac here, or if you prefer it I can draw at sight draft for amount.

This afternoon the opening of the Local House took place here, & proved to be quite a brilliant affair in a small way. Lieut-Gov. Atkins acquitted himself manfully and delivered, in inaudible English and unintelligible French, a lengthy and impressive "Throne" speech. L. Lewis and other militia officers were decked in gorgeous apparel, and the whole ceremony was countenanced by a large representation of the elite of the City.

b) Another local event
which is exciting some interest
at present is the opening
of a very neat little opera
house, where we are to have
shortly a week of Shakespeare
under Keene's guidance.

Our fine weather, of
which we have had
several continuous weeks, has
at last broken. Today
is cloudy and wet &
tomorrow bids fair to follow
suit.

The first gold bricks
from the Lake of the Woods
mines arrived in Winnipeg
a few days ago and
were duly admired
by a number of spectators
and stock holders. There seems

likely to be not a little
interest taken in the
mines during the summer
since very favourable
returns are confidently
looked for.

I shall always be
glad to receive from you
and papers or periodicals
of interest, and shall
hope to be able to reciprocate
occasionally by forwarding
some of our local publica-
tions.

Your affectionate Son
Faneur.

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