

Rau River

Nov 21 - 85.

My dear Father,

My pleasant
intention, as I think you are
aware, is to settle my
camp eventually at the
western terminus of the
C.P.R. (Vancouver as it
is to be called) where I
do not doubt the rapid
growth of a populous &
wealthy community.

The C.P.R. will have large
workshops &c. there, and
any one securing the

2) Medical appointment,
which will be on their
bestowal would have
at once an important
basis to work upon I
from Mr. Stephen, with
whom I had a short chat,
the day before yesterday, sug-
gested that the best way
of getting at any result,
would be if you could
mention the matter inci-
dentally to Mr. Van Horn,
who is the authority im-
mediately concerned.
It all be ablyed if you
can do this, next time you

3) happen to meet him. He will not of course promise anything, but is a man who will keep such a request in mind, especially as he has a very great respect for you, both on personal & scientific grounds. The arrangements now existing, if any, are probably of a temporary character. Were there anything definite and worth while to be had there, I could come out any time next summer or autumn, abandoning the rest of my present plans. This however is unlikely, & what is more probably attainable is future favourable consideration, after locating there.

Have you noticed that the Imperial Govt is offering a subsidy for a fortnightly mail service from Coal Pt. to Hong Kong, tenders to be sent in next summer: a most important step, recognizing as it does, the Imperial value of the line. I am trying to persuade the P. & O. Co. to take it up, & I think it will succeed. They already have a similar service from H. K. to Yokohama, & could easily extend it by putting on a couple more boats, having P. & O. running there would give the place a great

4) ^{at once,} name, and with
their enormous Indian
& eastern connection,
would ensure a large
majority of returning Indian
military men & civil servants
many of whom now travel
via America, choosing
this route across the
continent, ^{in pref. to any other.} This apart from
traffic from Japan, China
& Australia -

With all good wishes
Yours affectionate Son
& Pantheist -

(over)

P. S.

— at Pattersons the other
night I met young Howland
Carruth in Toronto & Son of
Sir W^m Howland. Who is he,
can you tell me? I know the
name very well, but cannot
place it, & did not care to
ask. Pattersons sent very
kind regards & hope to see a
great deal of you & Mother
next summer —

J. H.