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My dear Father,

I never had much opinion of the money value of the Coal lands along the railway. They are too extensive to be bought for individuals & at the present time the thing is absurd. The Govt mine is actually below at the moment that claim. They have large contracts with the C.P. Ry but not enough to keep going on. A company is organizing to work the southern side of Banff beyond Calgary. The Stair (Medicine Hat) mine purchased with machinery &c are not in operation & the C.P. Ry has a shaft 145 feet deep only down on a 9 foot beam of light timber than the Medicine Hat shaft at Crowfoot, near Blackfoot Crossing. For my part I would not give \$500 dollars for a square mile of the best Coal land near Medicine Hat. The shaft I speak of as they have put down by the railway is not working. I think they are wrong holding it as a

Check in case anyone else should try to
 raise the price for them. Excuse the rather
 disjointed character of the above. The work
 properly unless it can be disposed of to Credulous
 foreign Capitalists is in my opinion of no
 present & by distant prospective value.

Yours

Guy

George
 Jones