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Middle Fork Old man R.

My dear Mother,

I got back here yesterday afternoon from a trip to the north which I had estimated would take at most six days, but which occupied instead two weeks, valleys opening out in all directions among the mountains, which had to be examined. Tomorrow a rest day. I propose leaving again, crossing the mts by the S. Kootenai Pass, travelling north west of the mountains, & when I write again it may probably be C in

a month or more) from somewhere on
 the Bow River near Calgary. I have to
 leave to write more at the present moment
 than this note, as Mr Garnett who has a
 ranch near here, is going across to
 Pender Creek this morning, & it will save
 a week in transmission to get the letter
 off at once. Weather continues very fine but
 for much smoke in the air from
 forest fires across the mountains as to
 interfere greatly with work. Possibly this
 is the last letter you may receive before
 you leave. If so let me wish you a
 pleasant journey. It may likely be some
 time in October before I finally leave this
 part of the country, & I am not yet sure whether
 I will be able to go out down the Columbia, or
 via Calgary & the C.P.R. You appreciate me
 yours.