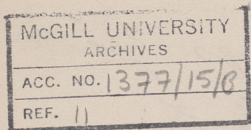


Croft B.C. <sup>George</sup>  
25 June 1885



My dear Walter,  
We arrived here today after  
a somewhat tedious voyage from  
Victoria, owing to Calms, & fine  
hot summer weather. This may be  
considered as the critical point  
for summer work. I am here  
I hope to leave in the morning  
& to work round the Coast by  
Cape Mudge, Mouth of Beha Inlet  
& Texada. Then to return here  
after say two or three weeks  
engaged in working above round.  
I hope by that time to have  
quite a mail from the last  
winter, after receiving which there

could be fewer & less regular  
 chances of getting letters as I  
 will be working up toward the  
 North End of the Island.

I think I told you I had  
 chartered a little schooner for  
 the season's work. She is  
 named the Carolena & is  
 32 tons, very well built &  
 satisfactory so far when and  
 is available. She is much  
 more roomy than the schooner  
 I had when at the Queen Charlotte  
 Islands, & a better sailor.  
 She has a neat enough little  
 cabin with a couple of bunks,  
 & which is now decorated with  
 clothes, guns, instruments, charts



& miscellaneous things you'll  
 kinds. Besides myself &  
 Dowling I have four men  
 who so far have turned out  
 quite satisfactory. One is  
 a son of old Dr Tolmie's  
 who has nothing better to do.  
 The cook is a dandy boy  
 who is a great rhymer &  
 a very good cook with the  
 bargain. The other two are  
 named Mathison & Beeton  
 the former is sailing water  
 & the latter seaman & the  
 outfit. If we get reasonably  
 fine weather, without too much  
 rain, I think the summer

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will be a pleasant one, &  
I hope perceptible from a geological  
point of view.

With love to all at home

Yours  
George