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BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL,

BANFF, ALBERTA, Aug. 25 1895

My dear Mother,

I write from here to report progress.
On nearing Calgary, where I branch off for
Edmonton I found that there were but two trains
a week on that line & that the first did not
leave till Monday (tomorrow) Thus I decided
to come on to Banff & here spent Saturday &
today here rather than at Calgary. Tonight I hope
to return to Calgary. The weather has been
fine on the whole & the trip out very pleasant.
Mr Fred White of N.W.C. on board the train
& others I knew. Here I find our Minister
Mr Daly & his wife & many others I
have met somewhere or other. Practically here
spent the two days loafing. The hotel here is
chiefly patronized by people drifting too & pro.
Yesterday several people staying a day on the
way to Japan. Today an influx of people

On the way back to the Eastern States from
 a trip to Alaska. A large family from
 Stoughton who have found that it is easier to
 spend part of the summer at Banff than
 anywhere else in a temperate climate.
 There is a possibility of its becoming rather
 the thing for people from China to spend
 a few weeks here. The park is very
 much improved since I was here last. —
 New roads opened, burnt wood cleared
 out & things trimmed up a little every
 here & there. The woods are all very
 good & well kept & it is quite a
 pleasure to drive over them. I fear it
 may have been very cold in Matsi, as
 I see notices of cold weather in the Post
 in the newspapers. Here in the mountains
 it is always cold when it rains & a
 few light showers today left some new snow
 on the tops of the mountains.

Yours Sincerely,
 John Scrymgeour