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*Chinese  
thoughts on this.*

Lytton, B.C.  
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Dearest Anna,

We reached this place yesterday after doing 49 miles of road on our hand-car. The scenery was grand and we had a delightful day. We are remaining over Sunday at Lytton which is a moribund little town with an all-pervading odour of dirty Indian and old boots. I never saw a place with such quantities of old, boots, rags, lobster cans and bottles lying about. Fortunately it is one of the most windy places in the mountains so that the atmosphere is constantly

being renovated. For a place of the kind the hotel is very good and we have an "ample superfluity" of food - salmon three times a day and six or seven kinds of vegetables and fruit at every meal - tomatoes, corn, carrots, butts, cabbage, water-melons, apples, &c.

This whole valley is very dry, but with a little irrigation fruits and vegetables grow remarkably well. As a rule the gardens are badly kept except those owned by Chinamen who are capital gardeners. The Chinamen in fact strike me as very useful members of Society,

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and it would be hard to  
get on without them in this  
western country. Many of  
the Indians too are hard  
working fellows, but I can  
not look at them without  
being saddened. They have  
such a dejected, left-behind  
dazed look and are very  
different in appearance and  
bearing from the red-men of  
the plains. They are little  
men like the Chinese from  
whom it would often be  
difficult to distinguish them  
if they sported pig-tails.

To-morrow we expect to  
get as far as North Bend  
where there is a fine hotel  
belonging to the C. P. R. and  
if all goes well ~~we~~ we shall

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set to Tale and leave for the  
East on Sunday, George  
returning with us as far as  
Shuswap Lake. William will  
either go on with me or follow  
the next day so as to catch  
up to me at Winnipeg.

I see by a Victoria paper  
that Markgraf is dead. How  
the college ranks are being  
thinned! Poor man! he had  
his faults, but like most men  
had good points too. I hope  
it will be possible to get a  
good man to take his place.

I suppose I shall not hear  
from you till I get to Winnipeg,  
but shall look for a letter  
there. Your loving Bernard.

Have you any idea of going to  
St Andrews from Metis? Think the  
matter over.