

The Keeper
Holland.

July 10th.

Dear George,

I am enclosing
a few of the local stamps,
some of which may prove
be new to your collection.

I trust by the way that
you continue to add to
said collection from time
to time as opportunity offers,
as it seems a pity to neglect
improving so good a nucleus.
A little attention would soon
make it really valuable.

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We are here near
the extreme north of Holland,
having travelled 40 miles
or so from Amsterdam through
the hard sea Canal which
interests this peninsula. Every-
where the surface, although as
flat as the palm of one's hand,
is fertile and productive.
Plenty of cattle, - all oddly enough
black and white, - and a hard
working thrifty protestant peasantry
draw the back bone of the
country's resources, & produce
amongst them an immense
quantity of Dutch cheese &
butter.

I trust that your
expedition to Athabasca
landing will prove pleasant,
interesting and useful it is
sure to be - You will I suppose
be absent some five or 6 weeks.

From here we go through the
new Kiel Canal to Copenhagen.
Thence probably to Harway -

With all kind wishes
as always, Yours sincerely,
J. Franklin.