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(To Dr. H.V. Ogden from G. Cantlie)  
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My dear H.V.O.

And now fate points to our nearer proximity to each other - and also I trust to our nearer relationship - It is, in short - I am going to Chicago that pestiferous hole of rank speculation to be nothing less than a speculator too and add to its fumes - I had decided ere the New Year to leave Montreal and its curbed business - and on consulting my various friends on the subject, I stumbled across a friend of friends - namely, the Hon- D. A. Smith & this was his advice -

"Go to Chicago to continue in the business I have been trained in - there to <sup>mine</sup> in and he will supply all necessary funds - which is too tempting an offer to reject don't you think?

Funds mean a seat on the board of Trade there - in value about \$8000 (or was when I was there) and when I start on my own hook is to provide sufficient capital - what think ye of it? Lets hear soon - Don't suppose I am going to Chicago to commence business on my own hook at once - No - I intend if I can't get a remunerative situation - to go in to one of the largest houses there merely for practical experience for a year or so - and when I have got into the workings & intricacies of the place - strike out on my own responsibilities - I have no fear except on acct. of my health, but as Drs. Buller & Howard say that's all right I am contented, and if I break up - why it can't be helped. I have a cousin (there innumerable) too in Chicago - Alex Geddes by name - who has one of the largest businesses on the board of trade and one of the wealthiest in that line and I am just awaiting a reply from him daily to clinch the matter & hope to have it tomorrow - All here advise me strongly to go as the prospects here are not by any means happy - and under D. A. Smith's regime I am a fool if I don't succeed - I have no time & less inclination to write you a screed - will contain myself until I cast eyes on you which I think will not be long as I hope to shake the dust off my feet here about 1st Feby - however - can't say for certain on that date. Took tea at the Francis' last evening all O.K. had two hours chat with Mrs. (she in bed) Buller is crazy with love or something of a more sensual type to my thinking. "Sarah Barnum" is positively the filthiest most degrading thing I have ever seen - Bought a copy of it just for curiosity but ----- My first trip ex Chicago will be to Milwaukee to see you - or vice versa - whichever you choose. Then then au revoir - Write me soon - I will exchange again before "going west"

Yours ever

G. Cantlie

If you want anything let me know in time will be glad to do all I can.